

Mary J. Leen

Personal Statement

I am a PME qualified teacher of Art and Design with Digital Media. I'm passionate about teaching art and using art to promote student wellbeing. I aim to nurture creative and resilient students who can express themselves authentically and imaginatively. My students have excelled in art, with many securing spots in art colleges. In 2024 I corrected the Leaving Cert visual art practicals.

Outside of teaching, I work as a stained-glass artist and arts and wellbeing facilitator in the community.

I bring fifteen years experience exhibiting artwork and working as a professional artist on Percent for Art schemes for schools and local authorities.

Work Experience

● School Placement

School Placement 2, Oct - Jan 2023 8hr p/w

School Placement 1, Jan - June 2022 8hr p/w

Colaiste Gleann Li Tralee (DEIS School)

Teaching 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th year classes

● Art Craft and Design Teacher

Parental Leave Cover - Nov 2020 to June 2021 & Jan - March 2022 - 18 hours p/w + April to June- subbing

Colaiste Gleann Li, Tralee (DEIS School)

Responsible for running the entire art department including subject department planning, teaching the curriculum, managing all classes, exams and CBA preparations, maintaining adequate art materials in the storeroom. Responsible for implementing COVID-19 health and safety protocols. Preparation and teaching of all art classes online during COVID. I also did homework club and extra art/ graphic design projects for other colleagues.

I ran art therapy and meditation sessions for students.

Due to teacher shortages, I stayed on subbing after my contract had finished. I covered most subjects and taught a diverse range of classes such as: english, religion, geography, construction, and science using only a lesson plan received before the class.

Professional Stained Glass Artist

2009 - Present, Self Employed

● *Mary J Leen Stained Glass Studio Tralee*

I set up and managed a successful stained glass business specializing in creating original stained glass art and Percent for Art commissions for schools. I run weekend workshops in stained glass and facilitate arts and wellbeing workshops

References

Available upon request

Education

● Professional Masters of Education

Art and Design with Digital Media
UL & TUS - (Results Pending May 2024)

● Level 9 Certificate

Arts and Wellbeing
MTU | Cork - 2023

● Master of Arts, Level 9

Professional Design Practice
Dublin Institute of Technology - 2008

● Certificate

Art Therapy
Centre of Excellence - 2020

● Certificate

'Introduction to Children First' Tusla 2018

● Bachelor of Arts:

Fine Art
Cork Institute of Technology | Cork - 2003

Skills & Hobbies

- Teaching
- Technical proficiency in all forms of art and craft making
- Digital literacy and ICT
- VS Ware
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Classroom management
- Communication
- Adaptability
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Stained Glass manufacturing
- Graphic design
- Singing
- Wellbeing facilitation
- Learning
- Managing health and safety protocols

Awards

- Kerry Business Woman of the Year
- Spirit of Cork Award

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