

KARLA-LOUISE KIRWAN

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am a dedicated educator focused on fostering a passion for learning. I create a positive supportive environment where students can excel. Organised and creative, I tailor lessons to meet the diverse needs of students, with a strong belief that education can transform lives, with an eagerness to contribute and grow within a school community.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Loreto College, River Valley, Swords, Co.Dublin, Ireland Oct 2024- Dec 2024

- **Levels Taught** - 1st, 2nd, 5th years- Junior Cycle & Senior Cycle
- **Digital**- Photography
- **Fine Art**- Lino printing, painting, life drawing/ observational drawing , 3D construction
- **Design**- Architectural design
- **Extracurricular Activities**- Portfolio Guidance

Ardgillan Community College, Balbriggan, Co.Dublin, Ireland Feb 2024- May 2024

- **Levels Taught**- 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Transition Year, 5th, 6th year- LPL2, Junior Cycle, Transition Year Program, Senior Cycle,
- **Digital**- Photography, Canva Software
- **Design**- Graphic Design (album cover design, typography, logo design)
- **Fine Art** - Mural Paintings
- **Craft**- Ceramics
- **Extracurricular Activities**- Art Club, Portfolio Guidance
- **Community Initiatives** - Mural work for local Cafe

St.Joseph's Secondary School, Rush, Co.Dublin, Ireland April 2023- May 2023

- **Level Taught** - 1st Year
- **Craft**- Ceramics
- **Extracurricular Activities** -Portfolio Mentoring Program - TY and 5th Year

Our Lady Immaculate Senior National School, Priorswood, Dublin 17, Ireland April 2023- May 2023

- **Level Taught**- 4th Class
 - **Drawing**- Mapping of landscapes
 - **Paint and Colour**- Mixing natural pigment paint / Collage
 - **Print**- Foam board printing
 - **Fabric and fiber**- Textile exploration
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EDUCATION

National College of Art and Design Sep 2021 - June 2025

BA Education Joint Honours and Fine Art (including teaching qualification)

- Specialisation in paint
- Special Educational Needs placement & module completed

St.Joseph's Secondary School Rush Aug 2015 - June 2021

Junior Certificate & Leaving Certificate

- Attending and participating in mentoring programs, after school art clubs and Student Voice Initiative
- Leaving Certificate results available on request

WORK EXPERIENCE

Butterflies Creche & Montessori, Lusk, Co.Dublin

Feb 2019- March 2019

- Engaging students in learning through play
- Aiding montessori teacher to complete observations
- Structuring art activities that revolved around fine motor skills

St.Joseph's Secondary School, Rush, Co.Dublin

Feb 2022- June 2022

Supervision Teacher

- Supervising classes of absent teaching staff
- Disrupting class work on behalf of absent teacher
- Monitoring classroom behavior and ensuring students are following code of behavior policy
- Supervision and set up of mock examination

Special Examination Supervisor for Junior Cycle State Examination

- Collection and drop off of examinations from main exam centers
- Provision of reading aloud for candidates with waiver
- Timing and alerting students to time restraints
- Monitoring the candidates during examinations

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

- Ofqual Level 5 Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL)
- SEN Placement in Clontraf Remedical Clinic
- Bullying/ Harassment in the Workplace Certificate
- Photography: First Steps Certificate
- Tusla Child First
- Mentor Program with Prosper Fingal- Musical performance with adults with intellectual disabilities
- SUAS Educational Development Mentor- mentoring younger students in public speaking.
- Exhibition of artwork in the Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA)

REFEREES

- **Ms. Nuala Ni Murchu**- Principal of Ardgillan Community College, Balbriggan, Co.Dublin
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- **Mr. Darren Byrne** - Deputy Principal of St.Joseph's Secondary School, Rush, Co.Dublin
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- **Dr.Isobelle Mullaney** - School Placement Director of the National College of Art & Design
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VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

- **Aidlink Ireland- Education & Development Immersion Programme- Uganda, Africa 2019**, raising money for local farms, female sanitation products, education facilitates, clean water pumps and attending secondary school in Uganda
- **International Volunteer HQ- Rome,Italy 2022**- Teaching english & art to children between 3-17 years of age in a community re-homing center for women and children the victims of domestic abuse

INTERESTS

- Travel
- Hiking
- Visiting Galleries