Preface to Chapter Six, Seven and Eight

The following chapters are linked chapters and show my teaching and learning experiences in various contexts over a six year period at Dublin City University (DCU), from 1999-2004. From February 1999 to August 2002, I worked in the Computer Applications Department. From September 2002, I have worked in the Education Studies Department of DCU. Chapter Six revolves around my work with participants on the M.Sc. in Computer Applications for Education programme (1999-2001) based in the School of Computer Applications. There are two research enquiries centering upon the following two modules: *Computer Applications in Education* (2001) and *Network Information Management* module (2001). In Chapter Seven, I set out how I brought a 'living educational theory' approach to research into the M.Sc. in Computer Applications for Education programmes at DCU and the challenges involved in bringing a different form of research into the department.

I explain my own learning processes as I lent support to a participant on the M.Sc. in Computer Applications for Education, to research into his own practice as he attempted to integrate an online learning environment into a second level Science class. Chapter Eight presents my work with participants on the M.Sc. Education and Training Management (ICT) based in the School of Education Studies. This chapter focuses on the module entitled *Collaborative Online Learning Environments* (2003), formerly called *Network Information Management*. The module name change reflects the altered design of the programme that focuses on the educational use of ICT. The chapter consists of two research enquiries.