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About me

My background in teaching and lecturing has led me to become an education consultant helping educational communities to enhance their practice. I became interested in Action Research for my MA, when I wanted to investigate my practice so as to help my students to [philosophise](#). I then studied my practice to PhD level as I strove to create a [dialogical pedagogy](#). This led me to write a [book](#). I am passionately interested in creating democratic, dialogic classrooms where students are encouraged to think critically. My Critical Thinking and Book Talk approach (CT and BT) was adopted by the [NCCA Ireland](#). Meanwhile, with my colleagues [Máirín, Caitriona and Bernie](#), I co-authored 3 more books – on [Classroom Research](#) (2012); [Critical Reflection](#) (2016) and [Learning Communities](#) (2017). Oh – and I am a serious bookworm with a big love for [picturebooks](#).

My colleagues and I
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We have also
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