



# MARY ROCHE

## About me

I was a primary teacher for many years before I began as a lecturer in education, in [MIC St Patrick's Campus](#), THURLES, Ireland. I am passionately interested in creating dialogic and constructivist classrooms where students are encouraged to think for themselves and create knowledge. I became interested in Action Research for my MA (Roche 2000), when I wanted to investigate my practice so as to help my students to [philosophise](#). I then studied my practice to PhD level (Roche 2007) as I strove to create a [dialogical pedagogy](#). This led me to write a [book](#). My work on dialogic pedagogy was adopted by the [NCCA](#). Meanwhile, with my colleagues [Máirín, Caitriona and Bernie](#) I co-authored 3 more books – on [Classroom Research](#) (2012); [Critical Reflection](#) (2016) and [Learning Communities](#) (due Nov 2017). Oh – and I am a bookworm!

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My colleagues and I  
have a website:

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We have also  
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