

Workshop 4: Poverty and the Inclusive School

This interactive workshop will provide a space for participants to reflect upon the impact poverty has on education. It will examine the impact of poverty on children's capability to participate in school, and discuss the role of equity, inclusivity, and social justice in school. The aim of the workshop is to allow learners reflect on their current definitions of success, and how success effects the inclusive practice of schools.

Questions will include:

- Reflections on poverty
- How do we define success as a leader, as a school and as a teacher?
- Care or nurture is overlooked in favour of metrics; can we have both and what does that look like?
- What is my view of success and how is it measured?

Workshop Presenter

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Dr Katriona O'Sullivan is a psychologist and memoirist and is Senior Lecturer in the Assisting Living & Learning Institute, Department of Psychology, Maynooth University. She is the Principal Investigator on the STEM Passport for Inclusion project, featured recently on RTE Changemaker series. She has held research grants from the Irish Research Council and Science Foundation Ireland leading an initiative to tackle digital inequality in education. She also successfully led the largest HEA PATH funded programme entitled *Turn to Teaching* which focused on diversifying teacher education. She has been invited speaker at the World Education Forum, the European Gender Action Workshop on Women and Digitalization and most recently at the UN gender equality workshop.

Katriona has worked with Irish policy makers to develop policies around education and inclusion. She has published research on equality, gender, education, inclusion and STEM. Her first book, *Poor*, debuted at #1 on the Irish Non-Fiction bestseller list. The book, a memoir of growing up in extreme poverty, describes the far-reaching impact of childhood poverty. As one of five children in a home shaped by her parents' heroin addiction, Katriona's story chronicles her journey from poverty, teenage pregnancy, homelessness to graduating with a PhD from Trinity College, Dublin and becoming an award-winning lecturer whose work challenges barriers to education.