



# HEATHER BARKER

Art, Craft and Design Teacher | Artist

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Art, Craft and Design teacher with experience across junior and senior cycle, committed to high quality, inclusive teaching. Focused on fostering student confidence, creativity, and voice within a supportive school community, with a strong background in fine art, visual culture, and digital media

## EXPERIENCE

### **St Kilian's Community School, Bray**

Teacher / School Placement Teacher

November 2023 – Present

- Taught Art, Craft, Design and Visual Studies across junior and senior cycle during placement
- Designed set and make up for school production High School Musical
- 2023–2024: Full time teaching role in Home Economics and LCA Hotel, Catering and Tourism, including planning, assessment, and exam design
- Supported creative projects including Junk Kouture and TY Construction Studies
- Led a LauraLynn Foundation charity project, guiding 4th year students in creating monoprint designs which were developed into cards and sold within the school community

### **Temple Carrig School, Greystones**

School Placement Teacher

November 2025 – March 2026

- Planned and delivered Art, Craft, Design and Visual Studies units across junior and senior cycle
- Designed units focused on visual literacy, curation, and digital portfolios
- Developed formative and summative assessment strategies including rubrics and reflection
- Supported Art Club and organised a Wellbeing Week poster competition

### **Carmona School, St John of God's, Glenageary**

School Placement Teacher– SEN Art Teaching

October 2025

- Delivered adapted art lessons for students with complex additional needs
- Substituted full classes and led a collaborative cyanotype textile installation for a quiet space

## LANGUAGE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Active Language Learning, Dun Laoghaire**

English Language Teacher

August 2023 – November 2023

- Delivered lessons focused on exam preparation, including IELTS
- Developed classroom management and lesson planning skills

### **ATC Language Schools, Dublin**

English Language Teacher

July 2023 – August 2023

- Taught students aged 12–18 and adults across A1–C2 levels

## EDUCATION

### **Professional Master of Education (Art & Design)**

National College of Art & Design

September 2024 – June 2026 (expected)

- Qualified to teach Art, Craft and Design, including Visual Studies, Climate Action and Sustainable Development, and Drama, Film and Theatre Studies
- Completed Visual Arts Practice in ceramics, print, painting, and digital media, with collaborative workshops and peer teaching
- Conducted classroom based research on student curation, supporting visual literacy, student voice, and critical thinking

### **Cambridge CELTA (Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)**

CLIC International House

May 2023

- Intensive training in lesson planning, classroom management, and teaching English to international learners

### **BA (Hons) Fine Art Painting & Visual Culture (First Class Honours)**

National College of Art & Design

September 2019 – June 2022

- Major in Fine Art Painting
- Experience across screen printing, film and media, photography, curation, and combined media
- Research thesis completed and held in the NCAD Library

### **Leaving Certificate**

Loreto Secondary School, Bray

August 2013 – June 2019

## SKILLS & INTERESTS

- Digital media including Photoshop, film editing, animation, and website design
- Photography, graphic design, and digital exhibition curation
- Painting, set design, and mixed media practices
- Supporting student portfolios and creative development
- Active lifestyle including running, hiking, and water sports

## EXHIBITIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

**2025** – NCAD Gallery, Dublin – *Change Lab Exhibition*

**2022** – Lismore Castle Arts, Waterford – *Origins Graduate Award Exhibition*

**2022** – National College of Art and Design, Dublin – *Graduate Show (Blue Spaces)*

**2020** – NTMA – *Positives: Painting in the Pandemic*

*References available upon request*