

# BRIDGES

## - Improving work-based learning through employer links (WBL)



### OVERVIEW

Output 1 - BRIDGES Employer Engagement Framework was led by Mindshift Talent Advisory and has been successfully completed by all partners.

Output 2 - Continued Professional Development Programme is being led by Evolve Global Solutions and is currently at T3 stage.

Output 3 - Lead Partner CWEP presented a proposed prototype at the transnational meeting (TPM) held in Dresden in May 2022, hosted by Internationaler Bund (IB)

### Bridges Newsletter – Issue 2.

BRIDGES – Improving work-based learning through employers links. Since the last newsletter all eight partners, across the seven European countries have had the opportunity to meet in person, Dublin, Ireland hosted by the City of Dublin Education and Training Board (CDETb) last December for a TPM (Transnational Meeting).

We would like to congratulate John Hogan - International Desk CDETb on his recent retirement from this post, and for all his dedicated work over the years through his involvement with the Erasmus Projects.

We would also like to congratulate Orla Kehily - CDETb on her retirement also, and wish her and John the very best in the future, from all the partners.



Dublin, Ireland, December 2021.

# Meet some of the Partners

Robert Mitton works as project manager for Evolve (UK).



Robert is an experienced vocational teacher in business and digital subjects. Alongside this, he is project manager for a research and development scheme which is exploring the use of machine learning to automate written assessment marking while working on the use of blockchain and NFT for awarding body certification

Mary Hickie, City of Dublin ETB International Desk.



Mary has recently retired after a long career working in Education, initially as a Chemistry /Maths teacher in a Post Primary school and laterally in the Further Education System. Mary has been very active in the growth and development of the Further Education sector in Ireland. She has been involved in the leadership and management of CDET as a college Principal.

Since her retirement Mary has taken up a position as Head of the International Desk for the CDET, who are involved in many student mobility and partnership projects under the Erasmus plus programme. Mary is especially interested in work based learning and entrepreneurship development in the CDET.

Maria Evgeniou is an EU Project Manager at the Center for Social Innovation – CSI.



Maria holds a Bachelor's degree in Economic Sciences from the Democritus University of Thrace, Greece, and a Diploma in Marketing Studies from the Cyprus Institute of Marketing (CIM), Cyprus.

Maria has been involved in youth programs and projects for years, initially as a volunteer and subsequently as a full-time project manager. As a member as a CSI team, she is currently working on Erasmus plus projects focusing on social entrepreneurship, integration, people with Intellectual or Development Disabilities, sustainability, training methodologies, vocation and adult education.



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Áine Daly - Deputy Principal of Colaiste Dhúlaigh College of Further Education in CDETБ who oversees the Erasmus + Bridges WBL project on behalf of the CDCFE.



Áine is a qualified Architectural Design Technologist BA & started teaching part time in CDETБ (2005) night school.

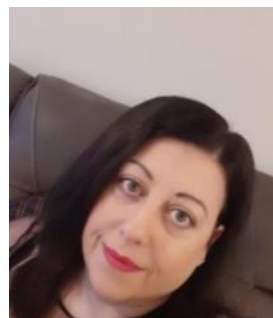
In 2008 Áine took a career change pursuing her career in VET & completed a Further Education Higher Diploma becoming a full-time teacher in VET, while remaining in industry as a consultant & freelancer.

Áine is especially interested in the development & benefits of WBL for learners & Employer Engagement for teachers CPD in bridging the gap between education & employment.



IB, Dresden, Germany, May 2022.

Audrey Manning, CDCFE Department Head.



Audrey joined Colaiste Dhúlaigh College of Further Education in 2014, she had previously been teaching with a private Education provider for over 10 years.

Audrey is currently department head of the work-based learning section which oversees different Traineeships, Skills to Advance courses. These courses are designed to up skill employees in areas relevant to their workplace.

Part of her role is to meet with the employer's, assess their training needs and to implement training that meets the needs of the employer/employees. Audrey is also involved with subgroup for PL&D within the CDETБ as well as team member of CDETБ group working on the Bridges-Erasmus Vocational Education Training project.



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