**Dr Lorraine O Connell**

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Originally from Co Donegal, Lorraine studied Music, Theology, and Education at Mater Dei Institute of Education, Dublin. An experienced post-primary teacher, she initially joined the staff at Blackrock College before moving to Assumption Secondary School, Walkinstown, where her taught Music and Religion and conducted the school’s prize-winning choir. From 2001 until 2004 Lorraine was Music Assistant with RTE Cór na nÓg where her duties included the general musicianship training of the young choristers.

Lorraine was appointed as a full-time member of staff at DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama in September 2008 where she teaches musicianship and lectures in music education. She is the co-ordinator of the Junior Musicianship programme.

Lorraine has a keen interest in the field of Music Education and in the education of music educators. In June 2000 she was awarded an Advanced Diploma from the Zoltán Kodály Pedagogical Institute, Hungary, after 2 years of study there. She is a member of the Kodály Society of Ireland and in the past has been involved at committee level in the organisation of several International Summer Courses run by the society. In addition to teaching on such courses, she has also taught on several children’s music summer camps throughout the country.

Lorraine completed her PhD in the area of Junior Certificate Music in 2012.

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