

## **Noelle Reilly**

As placement coordinator for IT Carlow's BA programmes in Applied Social Studies (Social Care), I work closely with the social care sector in Ireland, particularly in the South East and Midlands. I am passionate about working towards ensuring that social care graduates possess the skills and attributes necessary to enhance the profession of social care. A key element in the development of these skills is practice-based learning, and it is via the placement experience that students can hone these skills. Prior to commencing my current post, I was training and compliance manager for a private residential organisation, having worked with young people in residential care for several years.

My primary research interest is in the area of mainstream residential services and in capturing the essence of how the care teams work in order to enhance the scant body of published research available in Ireland. My MA explored the experience of social care workers engagement with research evidence within their practice.