

# *Transforming Lives Through Literacy*



## **Bernadette Dwyer**

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Bernadette Dwyer lectures in literacy studies at the Institute of Education, Dublin City University (DCU), Ireland. She has worked in education for over 38 years as a classroom teacher, reading specialist, teacher educator, researcher, and author. She also engages in continuing professional development with teachers in Ireland and internationally.

Bernadette has collaborated and performed research with international colleagues and presented at conferences at the national and global levels. She has published numerous reports, journal articles, and book chapters and is a coauthor of *Using Technology to Improve Reading and Learning* (Shell Education, 2014). In 2016, she received a DCU President's Award for her work on the Chekhov e-book Lit4life Project, a joint Microsoft, UNESCO, Mediacraft, and DCU partnership that harnesses the power of technology to address low levels of literacy in global south countries.

A past president of the Literacy Association of Ireland, Bernadette also was a member of the ILA Board from 2013–2016, where she served on a range of committees. She is editor of the Global Literacy column for *The Reading Teacher* and serves on the editorial review panel for *Reading Research Quarterly*.

Bernadette earned her doctorate from the University of Nottingham, UK, and was a distinguished finalist for the International Reading Association Outstanding Dissertation of the Year Award in 2011. She is the 2017 recipient of the ILA TILE-SIG Technology in Reading Research Award. Bernadette's present research focuses on digital, multimodal, and disciplinary literacies, and her current presentation topics include the following:

- Online Reading Comprehension
- Moving from Page to Screen: Changes, Challenges, and Opportunities
- Using Digital Technologies to Improve Reading and Learning in the Classroom
- Scaffolding Authentic Inquiry-Based Learning: Integrating Literacy, Technology, Disciplinary Literacies, and STEM
- Global Literacy