

Speaker Profile

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Jacqueline is particularly interested in using ICT to enhance the teaching and learning of target languages. Her thesis for her M.A. was entitled: How Videoconferencing enhances the teaching and learning of German at post primary school in Ireland.

Scoil Uí Mhuirí as twice achieved the European Label for Innovative teaching of languages: 1998 and 2005. Jacqueline's first project for the school involved collaborating with a colleague to guide students through the process of producing a language magazine. The magazine incorporated Irish, French and German. The second project was a collaboration with a colleague in Nuremberg, Germany whereby the teachers and their students used video conferencing and email contact to "make friends" and also to discuss and work on suitable themes and interests.

Jacqueline has been involved in [Netd@ys](#) and E-twinning projects and is now the Irish network partner for a Comenius 3 project called EcoMedia Europe. She co-ordinated a steering group meeting of educationalists from 11 countries in Ireland in April 2007 as part of the Comenius 3 project.

She has recently been informed that her joint application with a school in Germany for a Comenius language project has been accepted. This project will involve students from Ireland and Germany exchanging visits, both real and virtual with the ultimate aim of using their language learning skills to teach National games (hurling, camogie and gaelic football, Olympic handball and Voelkerball)