

Cultivating Sustainability Through Physical Education and Sport Pedagogy: Advocacy, Research and Belonging

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Ann is the inaugural Chairholder of the UNESCO Chair in Physical Education and Sports Pedagogy for Sustainable Development at the University of Limerick (from March 2024). Ann will focus on progress made, and associated challenges, related to the three objectives of the UNESCO Chair – (1) to educate physical education and sport pedagogy stakeholders in sustainable development and provide an advocacy skillset by which they can promote future-oriented sustainable development across multiple and diverse societies, (2) develop and disseminate an innovative research agenda/portfolio that captures the pressing issues and potential synergies between physical education, sport pedagogy and sustainable development, with a view to directing stakeholders in meaningful research, and policy endeavours in the area, and (3) establish an international and sustainable network across academia, civil society, local communities, practitioners and policymakers that builds stakeholder capacity in physical education and sport pedagogy for sustainable development.

