

The Schools' Business Partnership Team

Alison Norman

Regional Co-ordinator – Dublin

Alison has a strong commercial background having worked for the past 13 years in consumer marketing roles in the pharmaceutical, FMCG and telecoms sectors. Her experience in business lends itself to the role of SBP co-ordinator which Alison took up in September 2007.

Breda O'Sullivan, B.Sc. (Marketing), Dip. Adult Ed.

Regional Co-ordinator – Dublin

Breda joined BITCI in 2005. Her background is predominantly in the IT training sector having worked with Cyber House Computer Training for a number of years before setting up her own computer applications training business. She also provided computer training on the VTOS programme for City of Dublin VEC, working with adults returning to work.

Catherine Headon ACIS

Regional Co-ordinator – Kildare Laois Offaly

Catherine comes to the SBP with many years of experience in both the business sector and the voluntary sector. Catherine has been working for a number of years as Co-ordinator with the National Voluntary Childcare Collaborative, an organisation which brings together, the diverse range of expertise of its members to work towards the development of excellence in childcare services in Ireland. Catherine continues her work with NVCC alongside her work with BITCI. Catherine joined BITCI in October 2007.

Celine McGrath, MA, Politics & Social Policy

Regional Coordinator - Cork

Celine has been a regional co-ordinator in Cork since 2006. Her background is in publishing, journalism and media relations. Prior to joining the SBP team Celine was a Senior Press Officer in the UK Government's Cabinet Office for several years.

Diane Beckingham

Regional Coordinator – Cork

Diane joined BITC in October 2007 and brings a strong business background to her role, having worked for over 15 years in human resources, training and development and as a business consultant to companies both in Ireland and in the UK. Diane has extensive experience of project management, coaching and facilitation.

Eileen Fitzgerald

Regional Co-ordinator - Kerry

Eileen has experience in customer services and human resources in the financial sector having worked for six years with International Fund Managers in the IFSC in Dublin. She also worked with a number of leading multinational companies in both the USA and Ireland. Her background and experience in business lends itself to the role of SBP Co-ordinator which Eileen took up in October 2006.

Elaine McFadden, BSc. Dip. Rural Development

Regional Coordinator - Donegal

Elaine joined BITCI in February 2007, having spent eleven years as an engineer with Babcock Energy Limited, in Scotland. Elaine relocated to Donegal where she has most recently, been working in the community development and educational sectors in a managerial capacity. She is also a part-time tutor for a women's cross border education programme (OWL) with the WEA.

Fania Ellison Mayo, M.A. Postgraduate School of Law, Bar Finals

Regional Coordinator - Mayo

Fania joined BITCI in January 2008. Her background is in the legal and financial service sectors. She previously practised at the Bar in London, specialising in employment, personal injury, criminal and public law. More recently she was the Operations Director of Massow Financial Services, a leading independent financial advisers.

Germaine Noonan MBS, B. Comm, H Dip in Ed.

Programme Manager

Germaine joined BITCI in 2003 and is seconded to manage The Schools' Business Partnership Programme from Pobalscoil Rosmini in Drumcondra. Germaine spent almost 20 years teaching business subjects in Dublin, Clare and New York in the second level sector. She has also managed European education partnerships.

Kate Horton,

Regional Co-ordinator - North East Region.

Kate is with BITCI since March 2005. Her background is in Customer Services with over 10 years in the Pharmaceutical Company, Helsinn Birex. She has also worked in a number of customer orientated companies both semi-state and private in both Ireland and the USA.

Margaret Kelly

Regional coordinator – South East of Ireland.

Margaret joined BITCI in March 2005 and brought extensive experience of the business sector to BITCI. She worked for many years as part of the Branch Management Team with First Active. Margaret is currently dividing her time between BITCI and ALP where she tutors adult learners.

Sean Sludds

Regional Co-ordinator - Dublin.

Sean has been with BITCI since 2004. He worked in Colaiste Eoin in Finglas and became assistant principal with responsibility for the Technical Department. Sean taught Engineering and Technical Drawing and was year head. Sean entered teacher training following a mechanical Engineering Apprenticeship with the E.S.B at Ringsend generating station. Sean retired from teaching in 2004.