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Creating Neuro-Inclusive Learning Environments

Professional Development Workshops

Practical professional learning for Further Education & Training staff

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About the Facilitator



Maria Terracciano - The ND Coach

Maria is an EMCC Accredited Practitioner Coach, Graduate Psychologist (PSI), and Senior Learner Support Officer at Technological University Dublin (TUD).
With over ten years' experience across higher education, adult education, learner support and employment services, Maria has worked with learners from a wide range of educational, professional and personal backgrounds.

Focus

She specialises in helping educators supporting neurodivergent learners and better understand how differences in attention, executive functioning, communication and sensory processing can influence learning and participation.

Approach

Drawing on her background in psychology, coaching and education, Maria designs and facilitates engaging professional learning workshops that combine current evidence with practical, strengths-based strategies.

Aim

Her aim is to equip educators with the confidence, understanding and tools to create Neuro-inclusive learning environments.

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My Approach to Professional Learning



I believe that **effective professional learning should be practical, reflective and immediately applicable**.
Rather than focusing solely on theory, my workshops combine current evidence, real-life educational examples, discussion and practical strategies that participants can confidently apply in their own teaching and support settings.

Improving Skills & Knowlegde

Every workshop is designed to encourage reflection, strengthen professional confidence and promote inclusive practice that benefits all learners—not only those with a diagnosed disability or neurodivergent profile.

Personalised training

Sessions can be tailored to the needs of individual teams, departments or organisations and are suitable for both teaching and professional services staff.

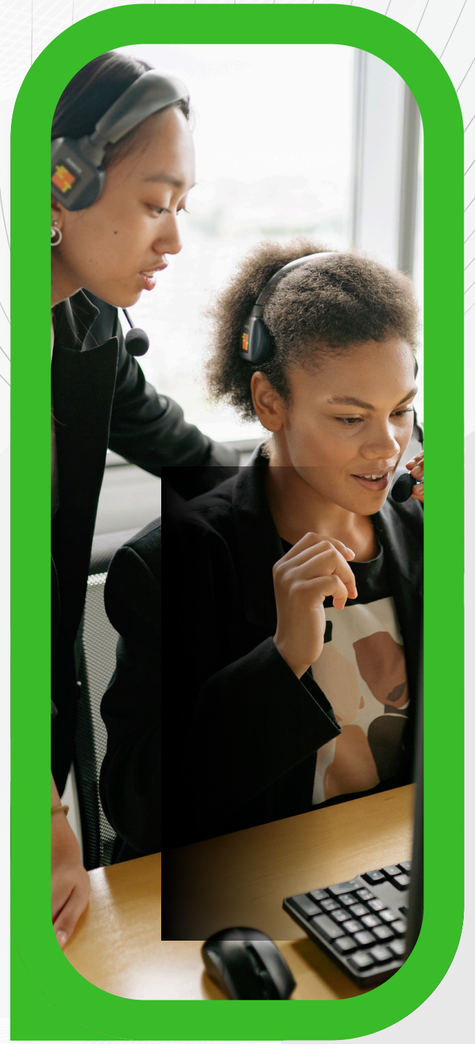
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Why Neuro-Inclusive Practice Matters

Today's learning environments are increasingly diverse. Educators are supporting learners with a wide range of strengths, experiences and support needs.

Neuro-inclusive practice helps educators to:

- ✔ understand different ways of learning
- ✔ improve learner engagement
- ✔ strengthen participation
- ✔ reduce barriers to learning
- ✔ promote learner wellbeing
- ✔ build confidence and independence
- ✔ create inclusive learning environments that benefit everyone





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Professional Learning Workshops



Understanding Neurodiversity

- Understanding Neurodiversity in Further Education
- Autism in Adult Learning
- ADHD Across the Learner Journey
- Dyslexia, Dyspraxia and Specific Learning Differences

Inclusive Teaching Practice

- Executive Functioning and Learning
- Inclusive Communication
- Universal Design for Learning in Practice
- Supporting Learner Independence
- Promoting Learner Confidence and Motivation

Wellbeing & Student Success

- Emotional Regulation and Learning
- Anxiety and Academic Performance
- Supporting Learner Transitions
- Building Resilience through Strengths-Based Practice

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Learning & Delivery Methods

Every organisation is unique. For this reason, all workshops can be delivered using a variety of learning methods and tailored to suit your staff, learners and organisational priorities.



Classroms & Workshops

Interactive face-to-face workshops designed to encourage discussion, reflection and practical application. Participants engage in case studies, group activities and real-life scenarios to build confidence and develop strategies they can immediately apply in their own practice.

E-Learning & Virtual Training

Live online workshops delivered through Microsoft Teams or Zoom, offering the same interactive experience as face-to-face sessions. Ideal for teams in different locations or flexible staff development programmes.

Coaching & Mentoring

One-to-one or small-group coaching and mentoring sessions that support educators, managers and staff in embedding inclusive practice, overcoming specific challenges and translating learning into sustainable professional growth.

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Who Are The Workshops For?



Teaching & Learning Staff

- Tutors
- Instructors
- Adult Literacy Services
- Apprenticeship Teams
- Youthreach Staff
- Community Education Tutors

Learner Support & Student Services

- Adult Education Guidance Services
- Disability Support Staff
- Learning Support Teams
- Programme Coordinators

Leadership & Educational Organisations

- Managers
- Further Education Colleges
- Education and Training Boards (ETBs)

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Let's Start the Conversation

Whether you are looking to deliver a single professional learning workshop or develop a tailored programme for your staff, I would be delighted to discuss how we can work together to create more inclusive learning environments.







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