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Susan is a teacher with a Master's degree in Drama in Education from Trinity College Dublin. Susan was awarded the Middletown Scholarship for doctoral study at Trinity College where she is studying for a Ph.D. in Education on Transition to Primary School for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. She works with Dr Carmel O'Sullivan's Aspire/TCD 'Social Drama' sessions for children and young people with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Susan is Secretary of the Association for Drama in Education in Ireland (ADEI).

UPCOMING (2015)

WORKSHOPS

- Susan Kennedy-Killian and Elaine Clotworthy. Drama for Learners with Special Educational Needs. Invited workshop, Trinity College Dublin, February 2015, ADEI (Association for Drama in Education in Ireland).

PUBLICATIONS

- Susan Kennedy-Killian, Detectives. A Detective Drama for Learners with Special Educational Needs. InTouch January/February 2015, pp. 62-63.
- Carmel O'Sullivan with contributions from Lesley Conroy, Una McNulty, Susan Kennedy-Killian and Elaine Clotworthy, Exploring 'Social Drama' with Children with Asperger Syndrome and Autism Spectrum Disorder, 1st edition, London, David Fulton, 2015, 1 - 188pp. In press.

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- Carmel O'Sullivan with contributions from Lesley Conroy, Una McNulty, Susan Kennedy-Killian and Elaine Clotworthy, 'Social Drama' with Young People with Asperger Syndrome and Autism Spectrum Disorder, 1st edition, London, David Fulton, 2015, 1 - 167pp. In press.
- Susan Kennedy-Killian and Carmel O'Sullivan. 'Different Together' Opinions of Participants and Stakeholders on Drama in Education for Children and Young People with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Poster presentation at Educational Research and Practice in Times of Transition: Looking to the Future. ESAI (Educational Studies Association of Ireland). Conference, Maynooth University and Carton House, April 2015. Submitted.
- Susan Kennedy-Killian and Carmel O'Sullivan, Is Inclusive Education Always Right for Learners with Autism Spectrum Disorder or can they be 'Different Together'? Aistir, 2015. Submitted.

RECENT (2012 – 2014)

PRESENTATIONS

- Susan Kennedy-Killian and Carmel O'Sullivan. Drama-in-Education for Enhancing Self-Esteem, Self-Concept and Social Skills in Learners with Special Educational Needs. A paper presented at Relationships – Learning Together, IATSE (Irish Association of Teachers in Special Education), All Hollows College, Drumcondra, Dublin, June 2014.
- Susan Kennedy-Killian and Carmel O'Sullivan. 'Different Together' An Exploration of the Opinions of Drama Participants and Stakeholders about the ASD-Specific Setting of O'Sullivan's Drama In Education Sessions for Children and Young People with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Poster Presentation. Challenging DSM-5 Conference, Trinity College Dublin, November 2013.
- Susan Kennedy-Killian and Carmel O'Sullivan. Developing a drama-in-education programme specifically tailored to enhance the self-esteem, self-concept and social skills of children with special educational needs. A paper presented at Borders and translations: Towards new paradigms and languages in drama education, IDIERI (the International Drama in Education Research Institute), Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick, 10-15 July, 2012.