

## DCU WATER INSTITUTE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS

PI NAME:	Dr Mary Rose Sweeney
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PI INFORMATION:	<p><b>BIOGRAPHY</b></p> <p>Dr Mary Rose Sweeney has been working in health, health related research and academia for over 20 years. She has a Ph.D. Nutrition from Trinity College Dublin, a BSc (Hons) Human Nutrition from the University of Ulster at Coleraine, Northern Ireland and is a Registered General Nurse, trained at St. James Hospital, Dublin. Her main research interests are in nutritional epidemiology and public health nutrition. Her experience spans clinical practice, laboratory research, nutrition research, public health research, epidemiology, health service research, lecturing, programme chairing and student supervision. Mary Rose is currently Deputy Head of the School of Nursing and Human Sciences in DCU and a holds a permanent senior lectureship in Health Systems Research. She is the founding member of NURISH, a nutrition interest group in DCU. Mary Rose has received funding from the DEDIPAC (EU) Royal College of Surgeons Ireland, the Health Research Board, the Irish Cancer Society, the Department of Health and Children, Irish Autism Ireland, the Iris O'Brien foundation (Special Olympics Ireland) and Dublin City University.</p> <p><b>Expertise</b></p> <p>Mary Rose has been working in the area of folic acid fortification policy and potential risks of folic acid mass medication for over 15 years and has published widely in this area. Other projects she is currently leading include the SOPHIE study, (<a href="http://www.dcu.ie/news/2013/nov/s11113h.shtml">www.dcu.ie/news/2013/nov/s11113h.shtml</a>) a study examining the health impact on Special Olympics Programmes for people with intellectual disabilities, a study of unmetabolised folic acid levels in Irish Children, a study examining primary healthy weight maintenance, a study on the impact of the post-primary school environment on diet and physical activity behaviours of</p>

	<p>teenagers. She is also lead investigator “The SUYS” (Shape Up Your Schools) study which is a Danish collaboration.</p>
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