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Eric Bates is an Assistant Lecturer in the Dublin Institute of Technology.

He began his career as a qualified craftsman in painting & decorating. After a number of years working in industry he began to teach on the Irish Standards Based Apprenticeship Programme. During this period he graduated with a BA (Hons) in Psychology and Literature from the National University of Ireland Maynooth. He is currently finishing his Masters in Higher Education in which he is carrying out an interpretative phenomenological analysis of the learning experience of apprentices.

Eric Bates is interested in exploring the student experience, the psychology of learning and using social networking in teaching and learning. He has set up a Facebook page and a YouTube channel aimed at promoting the work of his students and facilitating their learning.

The Facebook page can be viewed here:

http://www.facebook.com/pages/DIT-Painting-Decorating-Section/368067358745 The YouTube Channel can be viewed here:

http://www.youtube.com/user/ericbates2