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Dr Bridget Kelly has been the CLARITY Education and Outreach Manager since October 2008. This role involves a variety of activities from internal and external communications for the centre, organising courses and seminars for CLARITY personnel, as well as a variety of outreach activities around primary and secondary schools, third level institutions and the general public.

Bridget has a BSc (Hons) Industrial Microbiology and PhD in Industrial Microbiology from UCD, as well as a MSc in Science Communication from DCU, where her dissertation related to science outreach in Ireland. She has postdoctoral research experience from Ireland, Australia and Canada, where she gained much firsthand knowledge of the skills required for academic research. Over the years she has taught a variety of science related topics at many different levels, from primary school students to Master's students. She has previously been an instructor of microbiology in the Centre for Talented Youth in Ireland in DCU, and was involved in co-ordinating the Bealtaine festival for Outdoor science and a science summer camp in association with the Centre for the Advancement of Learning in Maths, Science and Technology (CALMAST) at Waterford Institute of Technology. She has experience in EU Framework programmes via the EU Framework 6 project "SAFEFOODS", through her employment in Teagasc. She has always been interested in the communication of science to everyone, and is an active member of the Alchemist Café, essentially the Irish version of the Café Scientifique in the UK.