

Jean McMahon



Jean McMahon is Head of Library and Information Services at Tallaght University Hospital. Jean obtained her BA in Philosophy and Spanish with Portuguese from UCD in 1986. She spent the first part of her working life teaching English and Translation at the University of Lisbon, Portugal, and at the University's Support Centre on the island of Madeira, and she has also lived in Caracas, Venezuela and Reading, UK. While living abroad, Jean completed an MA in Education through the Open University, an early pioneer of flexible, distance learning.

When Jean moved back to Ireland at the height of the Celtic Tiger, many multi-nationals were seeking to employ language graduates and Jean held a number of positions in the burgeoning, international call-centre business, working in first-line management and highly customer-focused roles at IBM, Dell and Kodak. It was during her time at IBM and at Irish Management Institute training that Jean first encountered Coaching.

An avid reader and lifelong learner, and following a career break after the birth of her daughter in 2003, Jean decided to become a Librarian. While completing a Postgraduate Diploma in Information and Library Studies at the University of Wales at Aberystwyth, Jean started work in the Library in TUH in 2005 and was appointed Head of the Service in January 2021.

When the Hospital introduced the SOAR Coaching programme some years ago, Jean was very drawn to it, feeling that her varied career background and life experience would enrich her Coaching practice. In 2018, she completed her Advanced Diploma in Life, Leadership and Executive Coaching and since then, in addition to her main role, Jean has been a TUH Coach. She later became a TUH Mentor on the ATHENA Mentoring Programme and is actively involved in the coordination of both programmes.

Currently mentoring a HSLG mentee – Not Available