

Fionn Casey

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Education

Master's in Development Practice

Trinity College Dublin (2024 – 2025)

- Focus: Participatory development, climate adaptation, nature-based solutions.
- First-class honours in 10 of 12 modules.
- Overall result: First-class honours

Bachelor's in Politics, Philosophy, Economics, Sociology (PPES)

Trinity College Dublin (2016 – 2020)

- Focus: International relations, ethnic politics, climate justice.
- Erasmus in Sciences Po, Paris (80% GPA)
- Overall: Second-class honours

Professional Experience

Social Researcher (part-time)

Nexus Research Cooperative | September 2025 - Present

- Evaluated the 'Getting Started' programme on behalf of Age Action, which provides technology training to older people. Conducted key informant interviews, a focus group, and analysed survey data. Produced a report inform future programme design.
- Conducting research exploring the nature and extent of cannabis use among young people aged between 16-21 years in Ballymun, Finglas, and Cabra. Administered an online survey, focus groups, and analysed survey data. Producing a report to be presented to donors.

Project Support Officer (part-time)

Edmund Rice Development | September 2025 – Present

- Wide-ranging role including but not limited to: researching and applying for funding opportunities, supporting policy development and roll out, communicating with project partners on administrative project cycle tasks, and coordinating stewardship of donors.
- Made a statement on the rights of persons with disabilities at the 61 session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

Project Evaluator

Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra (Lucknow, India) | April – June 2025

- 6-week internship with SSK, an NGO specialising in participatory development.
- Evaluated HRIDAY – a holistic rural development programme.
- Conducted 30 key informant interviews and wrote a report to be presented to donors.

Official Notetaker

Nature Restoration Law Leaders Forum | March 2025 – November 2025

- Notetaking at five Government events to consult experts on Nature Restoration Plan.
- Facilitated discussion between biodiversity experts and recorded their diverse views.

Volunteer

Frontline Defenders Dublin Platform | October 2024

- Coordinated the reception of international Human Rights Defenders at the airport.
- Managed a well-being room at Dublin Castle, ensuring a supportive environment.

QA Analyst

Expleo | September 2022–September 2023

- Earned an ISTQB software testing qualification.
- Played a key role in Oracle testing for AerCap, ensuring adherence to aviation standards.

Skills

Research and analysis:

- Strong quantitative and qualitative research and analysis skills through several modules in university, professional training courses, and work experience.
- Experienced in qualitative data coding using Nvivo and geospatial analysis using ArcGIS.

Technical proficiency:

- Advanced user of Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) and many other programmes through numerous IT-focused jobs.
- Proficient in Python, SQL, and R through role in Expleo and university modules.
- Experience with CRM software such as Microsoft Dynamics and Pipedrive.
- Proficient in Google Suite and Canva through extensive use in university.

Languages:

- Fluent Irish speaker – attended a Gaelcholáiste (Irish-speaking secondary school).
- B1 level Spanish – studied in school and lived in Spain and Central America.
- B1 level French – studied in school and lived in Paris during Erasmus exchange.