

Trish Finegan

SETUSU Student Nominee

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Skills, experience and qualifications

Trish Finegan (MA) is a PhD researcher at the South East Technological University (SETU) in Ireland supported by the South East Regional Development Fund (SERD). Her area of research is 'Co-designing an Inclusive, Multi-campus Age Friendly University for the Future'.

Trish returned to education in 2015 and in 2020 graduated with a degree in Social Political and Community Studies from Carlow College, St Patricks. In September of the same year, she was privileged to undertake a Masters by Research two-year programme in designCORE at SETU funded through a Presidents Scholarship. She graduated in 2022 successfully defending her thesis titled 'Health Service Design for Older People - The Role of Community, and the Community and Voluntary Sector in the Implementation of The Living Well at Home Piece of the Integrated Care Programme for Older People in Kilkenny'. She is particularly interested in ageing research and how ageism against older adults is a self-defeating concept. She is passionate about investigating how, through the theories of community development and co-design, particularly asset-based community development, communities who are structurally disadvantaged and those with power can be enabled to work collaboratively alongside each other to build a socially just world.