

Dr. Julia O'Sullivan, Chief Advisor - the Model School Literacy Project

Professor and former dean of OISE (University of Toronto) and senior fellow at Massey College, she served as Chief Advisor for Wija Kakendaasodaa, the Model School pilot project.

Originally from Ireland, she is a developmental psychologist and licensed teacher recognized internationally for her commitment and record in Indigenous education. The founding National Director of Canada's Centre of Excellence for Children and Adolescents with Special Needs focused on northern and Indigenous children (funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada), her research has been awarded over \$10 million in grants, produced over 200 papers and presentations and is published in English, French, Ojibwa and Inuktitut.

A champion for children and their inherent right to literacy, she serves on several boards and expert panels and advises educational organizations and governments in Canada and internationally.