



Muriel Collins is from Patrickswell, Co. Limerick. Muriel is a Specialist Orthodontist and has run her own private practice in Dooradoyle, Limerick since 1990. She was educated in Drishane Convent, Millstreet, Co. Cork and subsequently attended UCC where she studied Dentistry and qualified in 1979. She graduated with a Diploma in Orthodontics from the Royal College of Surgeons in England in 1990. Muriel is married to Denis Higgins and they have three children. Her daughter, Emily, is also studying to be a Specialist Orthodontist and shall be joining the practice next year! In 1998 Muriel was the President of the Limerick branch of Network, an organisation for women in business. She had the honour of being President of the Orthodontic Society of Ireland in 2006. Currently she is the incoming chairman of the board of [CareBright CLG](#), an organisation very close to her heart because her Mum had dementia. She is a member of the board of the Lime Tree Theatre which also is an honour because she believes art and artistic expression is a valuable and necessary part of society which, like nature, must be protected and propagated.