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About

Emma joined the School of Education in 2014, working as a Research Associate in the **Jubilee Centre for Character and Values.** (http://www.jubileecentre.ac.uk/) She is currently working on a project funded by the John Templeton Foundation, working with the National Liberty Museum in Philadelphia. The aim of the project is to evaluate the success of the 'Torchbearers of Liberty Programme'. This programme involves multi-layered educational interventions (including a website, museum exhibit and school curriculum activities) to develop young peoples' concept of liberty. An important aspect of this research is the development of a measurement tool to determine changes in knowledge, attitudes and behaviours associated with liberty and its foundational virtues.

Feedback and office hours

Emma works on Wednesday PM and all day on Thursday and Friday

Qualifications

- MRes Brain Imaging and Cognitive Neuroscience
- PGCE Primary Education
- BSc Philosophy and Psychology

Biography

Following her graduation from Keele University with a BSc in Philosophy and Psychology, Emma went on to train to be a primary school teacher at the University of Plymouth. After several years of teaching, she returned to academia to study for an MRes in Brain Imaging and Cognitive Neuroscience at the University of Birmingham. During this course, Emma's research focused mainly on a project investigating the effect of second language vocabulary learning on resting state networks in the brain. She also worked on a project aimed at developing a battery of cognitive tests suitable for use with children with neurodegenerative diseases, looking specifically at working memory in children with Morquio syndrome, and volunteered as a research associate in the Cerebra Centre for Neurodevelopmental Disorders. After completing her MRes, Emma worked as a research associate at Keele University, assisting with a study investigating patients' and clinicians' experiences of cervical screening history review meetings, and another study investigating women's knowledge of HPV and the causes of cervical cancer. She hopes that her current position as a research associate in the Jubilee Centre for Character and Values will enable her to combine her knowledge of psychology, philosophy and education with her research skills.

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