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About

Prior to her appointment as a Teaching Fellow, Michele had experience of working with children and young people of all ages and abilities, within both residential schools as well as day schools. She was a Headteacher of two schools - a secondary school for pupils with severe, profound and complex learning difficulties and also a mainstream primary school with a Nursery attached.

Her most recent appointment, prior to coming to University of Birmingham, was as an Early Years Advisor (EYA) in Dudley Local Authority. Whilst as EYA, Michele had responsibility for Early Years in Special Schools and specialist nurseries as well as being Early Years Language Consultant as part of the National Strategies "Every Child a Talker" Programme working with practitioners and parents to improve understanding of communication, speech and language development and encourage the communication skills of young children

Qualifications

- Currently studying PhD (Birmingham)
- Post graduate certificate in Research and Methodology (Birmingham)
- Post graduate certificate in Professional Studies (Warwick)
- BPhil (SLD) (Birmingham)
- Teaching certificate in Education (Manchester)

Teaching

Michele is programme leader for and lecturer on the Inclusion and Special Needs programme which is taught through both campus and distance education.

She also teaches and works collaboratively on the TDA Postgraduate SENCO course and the Childhood, Culture and Education BA course.

Research

Michele is currently studying for a PhD at Birmingham University – researching into the implementation of the EYFS within schools for children with SLD.

Other research interests are:

- Communication and children with learning difficulties
- Literacy and the use of symbols
- Children in their Early Years with Special needs
- Play, language and young children
- Early intervention work with children and parents
- Curriculum Development in Special schools
- Leadership and management in schools
- Collaborative working

Other activities

Michele is a Regional Representative for MAKATON, a language programme for children and people with learning difficulties.