

Leadership Mentor Bio's

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A little bit about me:

My passion is educational research and raising student achievement and aspirations through high quality teaching and learning. My PhD thesis focussed on assessment practices and how these can be improved to engage and motivate students to actively participate in their learning. The drive for this research came from not only my experiences of teaching for many years but also from being a parent to three boys (all grown up and flown the nest now) as I realised that all students approach education differently and there shouldn't be a one size fits all method, but multiple methods that inspire students to be lifelong learners.

A snapshot of my career:

Banking was my first career, followed by motherhood and then teaching. My teaching career has been varied starting with early years and primary progressing on to further education (FE) teaching. Within the FE sector I have been both a part-time and full time Teacher, an Advanced Practitioner (expert teacher role) and now the Curriculum Manager for the Health and Life Sciences team.

I like to motivate others by:

Finding out about the person and what drives them. I believe that all my teachers are experts in their own classrooms, and I demonstrate that I genuinely trust their judgements and abilities. Knowing a person's strengths and areas to work on is key to building a development plan together and this is only achieved in a relationship where trust is at the heart. I actively listen to the viewpoints of others and act on their ideas. Setting realistic goals is important for motivation and allows time to celebrate progress along the way.

A personal value I stand by is:

Integrity

Others would say my best leadership quality is:

Integrity along with empathy, reliability and accountability. I am known for getting the job done and being solution focussed.

My main strengths, skills and qualities that would benefit a mentee are:

Empathy, reliability, passion, encouraging, being a good listener and helping the mentee to come up with their own solutions.

My interests outside of work include:

Sewing is my biggest passion – clothes particularly for my two little grandchildren. I also make curtains and other soft furnishings.

I also love being outside.

Anything else of interest: