

Leadership Mentor Bio's

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A little bit about me:

I am married; I have dual nationality. I loved to travel regularly to Perth, Western Australia, until I got my first Cocker Spaniel Subi, closely followed by Freo and Como. Their names are all suburbs in Western Australia. My latest Cocker spaniel is 13 months old and called Bear, who we rehomed when he was six months old after the sad loss of Como at 20 months due to illness.

A snapshot of my career:

- Buckinghamshire County Council -Workforce Development and Training Manager 6 Years
- National Work based Training Providers – Apprenticeships Programmes – 17 years.
Various positions: Project Manager /Operations Manager Business Development /Divisional Manager
- Hospitality Recruitment Consultant City of London 3 years
- Training Manager – Commonwealth Games Manchester, Lords Cricket *Ground 1 year*
- Hospitality Management positions in the UK and *Australia 9 years*
Wembley Complex, Sydney Convention Centre, Sydney, Lords and Oval Cricket Grounds and four-star hotels in Perth, Western Australia, and the UK.

I like to motivate others by:

Empowering them to make changes and decisions to support them grow and shine. Guiding them to take bite size chunks to solve any issues and lead by example.

A personal value I stand by is:

Be kind to people; you do not know what they are dealing with behind closed doors.

Others would say my best leadership quality is:

“In all of your communication I think it always apparent how much you respect and value the role of Registered Managers and others in the workforce in adult social care. This really enhances engagement and trust.”

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

I am interested in people; I like to listen to other people journeys. I like to give people time to express themselves and some people take longer than others.

My interests outside of work include:

Traveling, Swimming, Cycling, and walking and training my 13-month-old Working Cocker Spaniel. I like watching live bands. I love to BBQ, and one year, we BBQ every month for 12 months.

Anything else of interest:

At 23, I gave up an excellent job as a Hospitality and Suites Manager at Wembley Stadium, and I travelled around the world on my own, making some great friends along the way with whom I am still in touch.

Three days after leaving the UK, I ran a lunch for over 100 people at the Sydney Convention Centre as part of Sydney's bid for the Olympics 2000.