

IEDP Registered Member Information

Name	Ruth Wilson	Date of Re-registration	July 2015	Valid until	July 2018
Current role	Freelance equalities consultant specialising in education, carrying out research, training, and consultancy, mainly for public bodies and the voluntary and community sector				
Areas of expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Background in race equality, with experience in disability, gender, gender identity, religion or belief, and sexual orientation equalities + Background in education and services for children and young people + Strong research skills 				
Brief biography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Working independently since May 2009 + February 2014 - June 2015 Resources Co-ordinator for the British Council's EAL Nexus project + Since 2014 Trustee of X2Y LGBT youth group, 2010-12 Trustee of Gender Matters (a local trans charity) + 2004 - 2009 Equalities Consultant for Wolverhampton City Council services for Children and Young People + 1999 - 2004 Ethnic Minority Achievement Manager for Wolverhampton Equality and Diversity Education Service, during this time I also studied for my doctorate (EdD) + 1981 - 1999 Eighteen years' teaching experience, mainly working as an English as an Additional Language (EAL) practitioner in multi-ethnic schools in various roles, encompassing the full range from early stage to advanced bilingual learners. 				
Qualifications	BA (1978), PGCE (1981), RSA Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages in Further Adult and Community Education (1992), MEd in Human Rights and Equality (1997), EdD in Educational Disadvantage and Special Educational Needs (2004).				
Examples of recent work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Carried out an independent evaluation of a local equalities forum + Worked with a local voluntary sector group dedicated to supporting the trans community and individuals to develop an equality training package that is accredited through the Open College Network + Developed an on-line equalities training package for a national organisation to be used for staff induction + In consultation with young people and youth workers, developed a self-assessment toolkit for a local LGBT youth group to measure their impact so as to provide evidence for their funding provider + Staff training and support for a Children's Centre to develop a new Equalities Policy in line with The Equality Act 2010 + Carried out research for a local consultancy partnership on a diverse range of projects, including domestic abuse, maternity services, play provision, health and well-being grants and support for older people using mental health services. 				
Geographical area covered	Based in Birmingham and covering mainly the West Midlands region, but will travel further if required.				
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