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Profile

A highly experienced educator and consultant with over 20 years experience in the English education system at both Primary and Secondary level, as well as several years as an independent speaker and consultant, working with national and international organisations such as BBC and British Council.

Specialising in Primary language teaching as part of an integrated curriculum, using ICT to enhance learning. International links, creativity, Apple in the classroom, cross curricular ideas and pupil lead learning.

Key Skills

- Passionate and enthusiastic about optimizing learning through technology
- Fluent in English and Spanish; conversational German (currently B1), French and Catalan,
- Deep pedagogical and subject knowledge
- Excels in collaborative projects with colleagues, educational organisations and companies
- Regular training of peers and co-workers as well as wider audiences in social media, integrated technology and intercultural understanding and links
- Experienced educator across a broad range of educational settings and contexts
- Sought after consultant and speaker
- Strong record of innovative and creative leadership in teaching and learning
- High level communication and interpersonal skills in multicultural settings
- Highly effective at team working across local, national and international networks
- Has developed an extensive personal learning network of teaching and learning professionals
- Committed to life long learning – personally and professionally
- Highly experienced in devising and delivering ICT upskilling
- Chairing and participating in virtual / e-conferences

Experience

PRIMARY LANGUAGE AND INTERNATIONAL COORDINATOR, WHITEHOUSE COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL, SUTTON COLDFIELD, UK SEPT 2005-OCT 2011; SEPT 2013-PRESENT

Whitehouse Common Primary is a two form entry Primary school (3-11) in Sutton Coldfield, UK.

- introduced Spanish across school 3-11
- enabled class teachers to deliver Spanish with bespoke resources
- taught full primary curriculum
- pioneered use of social media in teaching and learning across the curriculum
- increased confidence with online collaboration using wikis, blogs and the eTwinning portal
- embedded Spanish into the cross curricular learning journeys across the school
- led Connecting Classrooms project with Colegio Esperanza in Mexico
- lead teacher in Comenius Regio project with Barcelona focusing on CLIL, ICU and Pupil Voice.
- led language and ICT upskilling of staff in cluster of schools, and across Local Education Authority

Noteable events

- ISA (International School Award) Full Award 2011-2014; Reaccreditation 2016-2019
- subject of Teachers TV programme where another language teacher shadowed me, looking at use of social media in language teaching then went back to her school and implemented some of the ideas she had observed
- Global Learning Partnership Expert Centre coordinator 2017
- mentor for other local schools in implementing international links and language across the curriculum



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- ISA (International School Award) Intermediate 2008
- eTwinning Award runner up 2007
- subject of European Schoolnet / MOLAN case study on Early Language Learning

PRIMARY LANGUAGE AND INTERNATIONAL COORDINATOR, WELFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL, HANDSWORTH, UK SEPT 2013-PRESENT

Welford Primary is a two form entry Primary school (3-11) in HANDSWORTH, UK.

- introduced Spanish across school 7-11
- embedded Spanish into the cross curricular learning journeys across the school
- pioneered use of Twitter and blogging to offer a wider audience for pupils' learning outcomes
- led Connecting Classrooms project with Colegio Esperanza in Mexico
- mentored students from local HE establishments on teaching practice

MEMBER OF ASSOCIATION FOR LANGUAGE LEARNING COUNCIL SEPT 2017-SEPT 2020

DIRECTOR, LISIBO LTD 2009-PRESENT

Lisibo Limited is an independent consultancy offering advice and training on creativity and innovation in 21st century Primary Language Learning.

Between Oct 2011 and July 2013, Lisa also operated as Lisa Stevens Learning in Switzerland, offering English lessons as well as advice and training on using technology to enhance teaching and learning.

- creation of language teaching materials for non specialist teachers
- authoring online content for language learners 3-14
- advice on teaching pedagogy related to language learning and technology
- training on integrated use of technology to enhance learning, creativity and cross curricular international links

Consultancy

Pacca Alpaca app – Spanish consultant (ongoing)

b Small publishing – comprehension materials to accompany dual language I can read series (ongoing)

UKEdChat - writing articles on language learning (unpaid)

TES – Primary Languages panel

BBC - writing metadata for BBC Learning Spanish

TES – providing weekly Twitter and fortnightly newsletter recommendations for languages (2011-2016)

Rising Stars – updating Eurostars materials for new 2014 curriculum; credited as educational consultant

The Guardian Teachers Network – materials for International Focus week for Primary schools

Rising Stars – advising on updates to existing materials to fit the new Primary Curriculum (2013);

BBC - The Lingo Show - Spanish consultant for TV show on CBeebies

BBC - creation of teacher resources to accompany the online content for The Lingo Show.

Times Educational Supplement (TES) Resources - Primary MFL panel (unpaid) (2010-2016)

BBC – content creation for Primary languages website (Spanish, French) games development, song writing, quiz creation(2010-2014)



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BBC – articles for parents on encouraging their child to learn languages (2011) French and Spanish

BBC – redesign of Primary languages website (Spanish, French and Mandarin) (2010-2012)

BBC - The Lingo Show - an online language show for younger learners. Expanding onto TV in 2011. (2010-ongoing) Spanish consultant

LIBRA – preparation of programmes for PLL on BBC Learning Zone (2010-2011) French and Spanish consultant

CILT – repurposing the QCA KS2 MFL scheme of work for ITT (Spanish) (2010) integration of technology as key aspect

BBC World Class – resources for schools in partnership related to Michael Morpurgo's book This morning I met a whale (linked to Copenhagen Earth Summit) (2010)

CILT – IWB resources for KS2 Framework / QCA scheme of work for languages(2009)

CILT – planning and delivering Next steps in ICT for PLL course. (2009)

Speaking engagements

Keynote speaker at North West Primary Language Conference – [Enhance learning through technology](#) - Lymm, Cheshire – 29th June 2017

Language World 2017 Progress for All – [official sketch noter](#) and speaker – March 24th-26th

[Sketchnoting for beginners](#) - South West London Primary Languages Conference – March 17th 2017

[Building firm foundations for strong buildings](#) – ALL South West conference – Bristol – February 27th 2016

[Sketchnoting for beginners](#) – Language World 2016 – Rugby, March 11-12th 2016

[Show and Tell moderator and presenter](#) Talleres de español, Consejería de Educación en el Reino Unido – Instituto Cañada Blanch, London, 18th June 2016

[I'm a Primary Language Teacher; help me out here!](#) – Babcock 4S MFL Conference – Horsley Park – June 22nd 2016

[Sketchnoting for beginners](#) – National eTwinning Conference – NCL, Nottingham – 24-26th June 2016

[Sketchnoting for beginners](#) – Practical Pedagogies conference, IST, Toulouse – 3rd-4th November 2016

Teachmeet Takeover BETT January 23rd – Fun and games in language learning

[TipTopTips for Primary Language Learning](#) and [Making links \(cross curricular ideas for PLL\)](#) – Modern Languages, Modern Teaching – Newton Abbot College, February 13th 2015

International links – LUPGCE ICT focus day, February 16th, University of Leicester

[Are you a Twit or a Tweep?](#) – #ILILC5 – ICT Links into Languages conference, February 28th-March 1st 2015

Keynote presentation – [Cooking on gas \(other fuels are available\)](#) – #ILILC5 – ICT Links into Languages conference, February 28th-March 1st 2015

seminar on [Twitter in eTwinning](#) – eTwinning conference – Manchester 27-29th March 2015

[TeachMeetVMLanguages](#) – Robin Hood Primary, Birmingham, May 6th 2015

[Enhance learning through technology](#) – UnderstandingModernGov conference – London, June 16th 2015



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Make it Real and Using technology to enhance language learning Staffordshire Primary Language Conference, Stafford, June 26th 2015

Using Technology in the Primary MFL classroom -Practical Pedagogies conference, IST, Toulouse – 15-16th October 2015

For work previous to 2015, please see <http://lisibo.com> under Lisibo Ltd tab

APPLE DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR 2009-PRESENT

Apple Distinguished Educators are recognized by their peers and by Apple as educational innovators. They author content, share ideas and model best practice so that others around the world can benefit. Their role is as author, advocate, ambassador and advisor.

- maintained professional discussion with fellow ADEs
- modelled the integration of Apple technologies for enhanced learning
- served on UK ADE board 2010-11 to select new ADEs for Class of 2011 (UK and Ireland)
- 29th May – iPad training – Literacy and language – International School of Winterthur
- 30th April – iPad training – Take a Unit... – International School of Winterthur
- 19th March 2013 – Apple Leadership Tour – Bern – training for French speaking Swiss delegates
- 18th February 2013- iPad training – International School of Winterthur
- 25th October 2012- Apple event in Basel, Switzerland
- 22nd October 2012- iPad training – ZIS, Baden Campus
- 14th September 2012 – iPads in MFL -APD – Harrogate Grammar School MFL department, Harrogate UK
- 29th August 2012 – Vision and Planning with Mobile Devices – APD – TASIC, Ticino, Switzerland
- 27th – 29th May 2012 – APD training, Hanover Street, London
- 27th-29th April 2012 – Apple Leadership Series – Geneva, Switzerland
- 27th-28th June 2011 - Apple Professional Development - iPad training – Belfast - introduction to iPad, transferring and creating content using iLife, apps for iPad in education
- May 6th-8th 2011 – ADE2011 Institute, London - supporting new ADEs
- January 4th 2011 Sunderland Joint Learning day - educational podcasting
- September 7th 2010 Malvern College – Podcasting using Garageband and Keynote
- June 16th-18th 2010 Enfield ATI, Enfield CLC - animation, podcasting
- April 12th-15th 2010 Apple Teacher Institute, Cheltenham College - Creativity across the curriculum using iLife and iWorks eg animation, podcasting
- Jan 11th-14th 2010 Apple Education Leadership Series, London - hosting and facilitating delegate involvement in Apple programme

MEMBER OF SPANISH COMMITTEE OF ASSOCIATION FOR LANGUAGE LEARNING 2009-2012

LANGUAGE AND ICT UPSKILLING OF STAFF IN CLUSTERS OF SCHOOLS ACROSS BIRMINGHAM 2008-2011

MFL CURRICULUM ASSOCIATE, BIRMINGHAM GRID FOR LEARNING JULY 2009-OCTOBER 2011

The Birmingham Grid for Learning (BGfL) is the online presence of Birmingham City Council Education and offers news and resources for teachers and learners of all ages.



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- researching relevant articles and resources for publication
- providing links and content on my area of expertise - languages - on a monthly basis
- highlighting 21st century learning practices
- working in a virtual team to coordinate content publication
- advising on apps and use of social media - cross curricular and cross phase

BRITISH COUNCIL / ETWINNING AMBASSADOR, BRITISH COUNCIL 2006-PRESENT

eTwinning is a Europe wide initiative, run in UK by the British Council, that enables teachers, classes and schools to connect and work with partners online around Europe, on projects of their choice.

- participated in numerous eTwinning workshops across Europe
- speaking about experiences of eTwinning to teachers and school leaders at local, national and international conferences
- led workshops on social media at bilingual conference in Madrid October 2009
- promoted the global dimension and intercultural understanding
- advocated the value of contact - real and virtual - between learners in different countries
- modelled effective eTwinning to other participants at conference
- provided guidance and advice to those new to eTwinning

LANGUAGE TEACHER, PRIORY SCHOOL, EDGBASTON, UK 2004-2007

Priory School is an Independent Catholic school (18 months - 18 years) in Edgbaston, Birmingham.

- responsible for French and Spanish tuition Kindergarten - Year 6 (18 months - 11 years)
- Key Stage 3, GCSE and A level Spanish teaching
- wrote Prep. Dept. languages scheme
- worked with children with dyslexia and other learning difficulties
- collaborated with other language teachers to develop a school wide policy 2-18 years
- worked with Music and Drama colleagues to produce multilingual Christmas and Summer productions
- attended week long course in Dordogne on Teaching Primary French which informed teaching and learning in Prep. Dept.

2ND IN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT I/C SPANISH, HODGE HILL SCHOOL, BIRMINGHAM, UK 1997-2004

Hodge Hill is a large urban comprehensive (11-16) in inner city Birmingham, co-located with Braidwood School for the Deaf.

- supported Head of Department
- taught Spanish French and citizenship
- led Spanish within the school
- facilitated Professional Development
- liaison with local primary schools
- form tutor (years 10 and 11)
- display and learning environment coordinator

TEACHER OF SPANISH AND FRENCH, SMITH'S WOOD SCHOOL, UK 1995-1997

Smith's Wood is an urban comprehensive (11-16) school in a deprived area of Solihull, UK.

- form tutor
- rewrote differentiated schemes of work for KS3 learners - Spanish
- taught French and Spanish to mixed ability 11-16 year olds



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Education

University of Sheffield 1990-1994

BA (Hons) Spanish (with Catalan) including a year at Universitat de les Illes Balears studying Filologia Hispanica.

University of Central England (Birmingham) 1994-5

PGCE Secondary MFL

Publications authored

¡Vámonos! Teaching and learning in the 21st century October 2007-present <http://lisibo.com>

Francophonie Autumn 2009 **Primary Practice – Voicethread**

CILT Primary eZine Autumn 2009 – **Going global – using PLL to make links** ([link](#))

CILT Primary eZine Autumn 2009 – **Getting on track – digital sound recording** ([link](#))

Enhancing learning in the MFL classroom (Dec 2009) – originally [guest post](#) on Box of Tricks; later published in an [ebook](#) entitled *Technology in Modern Foreign Languages – A practitioner's perspective*

Languages Today Spring 2011 **Star letter** re EDL at Whitehouse Common

Languages Today Summer 2011 **Review – TTS Spanish calendar**

Times Educational Supplement magazine 23rd September 2011 - **Gimme gimme Cinnamonis** ([review](#))

Times Educational Supplement magazine 4th November 2011 - **Now you're talking**

(also in *Times Educational Supplement Scotland magazine* 25th November 2011 **as Tuned up for conversation**)

Horizons magazine January 2013 ([link](#))

Languages Today Autumn 2013 **Review – Learn and Teach Spanish I**

Languages Today Summer 2014 **Review – Little Languages**

TESConnect – Modern Foreign Languages blog 03/06/14 **The new primary languages curriculum: Change you'll recognise**

TESConnect – Modern Foreign Languages blog 03/06/14 **Why paper dictionaries are still important for language learning**

Primary Teacher Update June 2014 p36-38 **Teaching by the book unleashes creativity**

UKEdMag: **Top Ten tips for Primary Language Learning** by [@lisibo](#) 28th July 2015 online and in printed copy

UKEdMag **Teaching and Brexit** by [@lisibo](#) 26th June 2016 online and in printed copy

Publications about

Languages Today Autumn 2009 – **A Day in the life – Lisa Stevens** (by Anna Scrivenger)

Languages Today Spring 2009 – **My best (10) blogs** (Joe Dale)

TES Magazine – 09/04/10 *Flash forward* (Yojana Sharma and Joe Dale)

Teach Primary Vol4.2 p73 (Gill Budgell)

Purple Press (2Simple)



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Languages magazine – August 2010 '[Weaving Culture into the Web](#)' – p29

Be Inspired – Autumn 2010 [On the web](#)

Top 25 world languages blog – October 2010 – [#1 blog](#)

Booruch 15th November 2010 Booruch #112 [Edonis interview with Lisa Stevens](#)

TES Connect 11th February 2011 – [All in it together](#) (Sara Parker)

TES Connect 25th March 2011 – [ICT Those who can, tweet](#) (Sara Parker) (republished in TESS 12th August 2011)

Guardian Teacher Network 15th May 2013 – [Primary teachers' best tips for language lessons](#) (Emma Drury)

Guardian Teacher Network 18th May 2013 – [Beginners' guide to using technology in language lessons](#) (Emma Drury)

Birmingham Mail 13th August 2015 – [Revealed – The Midlands Twitter users with the biggest UK influence.](#)

Upskilling courses undertaken recently

Introduction to the PYP Curriculum model Oct-Dec 2011

Online course over 6 weeks run by IB Online workshops. See <http://onlineworkshops.ibo.org/> for further details

Deutsch Intensiv A2 Nov-Dec 2011; Feb-Mar 2012

Intensive German course undertaken with Migros Klubschule.

Achieved TELC A2 with 98% in Prüfung

Moving on to B1.

FutureLearn courses (MOOC)

Dyslexia and Foreign Language Teaching April 2015

Reading Macondo - The works of Gabriel García Márquez - July 2015

Cultural Studies and Modern Languages October 2015

Multilingual Learning for a Globalised World April 2016

Interests

running - 10km and half marathons

reading (fiction, non-fiction, language books)

singing for pleasure and in church worship group

educational travel to broaden horizons of my two boys (15 & 18)

technology and gadgets

Voluntary work in my children's school - library, running the Scholastic book club, PA 2011-2013

Referrals

Mrs Debbie Allen - Headteacher

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Further testimonials and recommendations available on request