

## **Personal profile – Simon Ward**

### Social work experience

Between 1973 – 2002 I had various full time social work jobs, mainly within a local authority, both as a practitioner and manager. From the time that the local authority I was employed by separated its adult and childcare services, in 1994, I concentrated mainly upon children and families work, although for a year I managed a team working with adults with learning disabilities. I also have managed specialist teams working in the areas of ‘looked after’ children, disabled children / children with emotional and behavioural problems and adoption support. Until CAF/CASS was set up I wrote reports as a sessional member of a GALRO team and have continued that role with CAF/CASS.

I am a member of a foster care panel, which meets on a monthly basis.

### Teaching

From 1993 I have worked as a sessional member of staff at JMU, mainly in relation to tutorial work / placement support but also delivering a few lectures. Since 2000 I have also worked for the OU as an associate lecturer. Between 2002-04 I was employed full time by Manchester University to work on the PQ award 2-6. However Manchester withdrew from its PQ partnership with Salford University, which led to me seeking work elsewhere. I have been employed by Staffordshire University on a three day a week basis since November 2004, teaching around children’s rights, lifespan development and child care practice and methods.

I have written articles for *Representing Children* on adoption / name use and my MA dissertation was published by NYAS (National Youth Advocacy Service).

### Qualifications

In addition to being a qualified social worker (CQSW) I have a Certificate in Social Work Management and an MA in Welfare Law and Policy, for which I did research on children’s rights and advocacy. My first degree was in Modern History.

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