

Marion Brown BA (Hons)

Role

Lecturer: Children's Development and Learning

Biography

Like many early years practitioners, I first became interested in the importance of pre-school education when my own children went to nursery. Until that point my career had involved business administration in a variety of settings within the private, public and charity sectors.

I volunteered at the nursery which my children attended and then began my own learning journey. Starting with vocational qualifications, I then went on to achieve my BA (Hons) and Early Years Teacher Status awarded by the University of Reading (UoR). In fact I was amongst the first cohort of students to undertake the UoR validated Foundation Degree in Children's Development and learning at BCA, so I have a first-hand understanding of what it takes to achieve academic success whilst juggling work, family and other commitments.

Since then, I have owned my own small community nursery, been a volunteer with Girlguiding UK and for Family Friends in Windsor and Maidenhead, and, for several years I helped to run a local parent and toddler group. The lives of children and young people and our ability to identify and meet their needs effectively have always been the driving force of my work as an Early Years practitioner, and now I am privileged to contribute to the professional development of our students as they continue their journey towards graduation and beyond.