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What does your current role involve?

My role includes assessment and therapy for children, young people and adults who stammer. I teach a range of courses as part of our international training programme and I am involved in a number of research projects looking at the process of change following treatment.

What was your first role after graduating?

My first role was in the local early years team in Islington. It is a fantastic team with a great reputation and the range of clients I worked with was key in enabling me to develop my knowledge and skills.

At what stage did you decide which area of the profession you wanted to work in?

I was ready to focus on a particular specialism after 2 to 3 years. I think specialising would have been difficult too early on. There's no rush.

How did you progress from your first role to your current job?

Gradually! For a couple of years I had a split post across the early years and the MPC, which made the transition very easy. I began to develop my skills as a specialist and was able to transfer some of these to my work with local families. Having access to training, the CEN and SIG helped greatly.

How have you used CPD to help you progress in your career?

We have regular CPD meetings at the Centre which involve discussions around recent publications or sharing news/updates from conferences we have attended. I attend training courses and conferences when I can and I am also study day coordinator for the national CEN.

My advice to students looking to get into my current area of work:

As a first step I would say join the national CEN. Also, check out MPC training courses at:

<http://www.stammeringcentre.org/training-courses>

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