



**Kevin Fower**

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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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