

Sheila Johnson

Sheila is 55 years of age, she has vast amount of experience working in the social care system. Sheila is a qualified Social Worker with 17 years post qualified experience.

Sheila has always had the passion and the love to work with people from all walks of life and backgrounds.

Sheila started her social care career babysitting for family and friends, as well as helping out at various play centres when a teenager. This initial exposure led Sheila to attend college after finishing school and study a city and guilds course for one year. Sheila then went on to do a two year course of preliminary certificate in social care.

On completion of studying Sheila then went on to find employment via the agency route for four years. Sheila built on her skills and knowledge gaining great work experience she then gained a job with the local authority working with adolescents/ adults with learning disabilities.

Sheila went in to work with Barnardos in one of their units working with teenagers 16-18 years of age who were transitioning from the care system to independent living in the community. Sheila remained in this job for six years developing her knowledge, skills and experience. Sheila was very passionate about the young people she worked with and this was evident in her work and how she related and supported and them to develop the necessary skills they needed to live independently and gain employment or attend college.

Sheila then went into to work with Greenwich council in a home for girls who had experienced family breakdown. Working closely with the girls and their families using counselling techniques. Working with the girls helping them to come to terms with living and away from home. Some of the girls returned home and some were moved into foster care of more permanent supported accommodation.

Sheila returned to Barnardos for a further 13 years where in the interim she was seconded to do her DIPSW. Sheila worked in a family centre doing family support work using various therapeutic models mostly systemic model. Sheila enjoyed this work thoroughly and she developed very positive working relationships with the families that she supported. The families would give positive feedback regarding the support they received for their work with Sheila. Sheila helped the families to make significant positive changes in their lives leaving their old lives and creating new lives building positive relationships with their children to preventing many of the children being placed int the care system as well as supporting the families and the children to be removed from the safeguarding register.

Sheila has managed a home for young people who left the care system to more independent living accommodation.

Sheila has facilitated work shops and has been part of project developments. Mentoring and key working young people.

Sheila is passionate about reading, she has set up a reading project teaching children to read.

SNA 24/7 Support Services will be a service where young people can come to, to unwind laugh have fun forget about their worries whether for a day week month or a life time.

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