

Where Are They Now?

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What do I do now?

I'm the Teacher of the Deaf at The Manchester College in Manchester; I have been for 7 years now. I am responsible for 52 deaf students, they are between 16 year old and adults, some of them use BSL and some of them use speech. I provide Language Support Tutorials with them to ensure that they are up to date with their homework. Also I am run the BSL Level 1 and 2 departments in this college. In addition to this, I teach students with the Learning Disabilities on their independent living skills courses.

How did I achieve this?

I graduated with a BA (Hons) in Deaf Studies at the University of Central Lancashire, after which I took a gap year on road trip travelling the world. I came back to England and applied for a job at the Deaf Studies department at UCLAN to become trainee lecturer in Deaf Studies; this was for three years. I undertook a PGCE course then I moved to a different job working for a deaf charity teaching BSL and Deaf Awareness for 11 month until I started working here in this college. I took Teacher of the Deaf training too.

What is my advice?

Don't give up! No matter how hard you try, just keep trying! When you know what you are after, grab the opportunity! Don't be disheartened if you are not successful, I always kept telling myself – 'they are not ready for me yet, my time will come'. Patience is key too! Enjoy your independence and be happy! Good luck deers, and happy birthday Heathlands School