

DAWN GIBBS

BA (Hons)

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PROFILE

I am passionate about supporting young people to achieve their goals and dreams. As a person who did not experience formal education during childhood, I believe that learning is a life-long pursuit which should be accessible to all. During my time at university I discovered that I enjoy presenting to an audience and facilitating open conversations to explore new concepts.

EXPERIENCE

Co-founder, my-animation.co.uk 2010 - present (part-time)

Providing, leading and supporting animation workshops for young people aged between 7 and 19 including neurodiverse participants and participants with disabilities. Knowledge of Photoshop, iStopMotion, DragonFrame, Garageband, WordPress. Content creator. Particular focus on narrative arcs and scripting, character design, world-building and cinematography appropriate to the story being told.

Human Resources Administration Officer, University of Southampton Sept 2022 - current

Ensuring that new employees of University of Southampton are entered onto proprietary software, managing changes to employee's contracts.

Invigilator, University of Southampton May 2022 - current

Ensuring that appropriate environment and oversight is provided in exam conditions, particularly for students with assessed SED to access reasonable adjustments to ensure parity with their peers.

Specialist Mentor, Onyx Student Support - Sep 2022 - Dec 2022

Specialist Mentor, First Class Student Support - Sep 2022 - Dec 2022

Specialist Mentor, Prospero Education - Nov 2021 - Dec 2022

Supporting Higher Education students with assessed needs to identify strategies which support them to overcome barriers in their educational journey. Utilising brief interventions, motivational interviewing techniques and strengths based approaches to improve study skills, organisational approaches and motivation.

Learning Support Assistant, University of Southampton Sept 2021- Oct 2022

Supporting students with assessed mental health, physical or learning needs by providing note-taking, practical assistance, scribing and reader support.

Social Worker, Hampshire County Council — Sept 2020 - June 2021

Children's services frontline social worker. Assessing and safeguarding under the Children Act 1989. Creating and managing support plans under s17 to reduce risk. Referring to and networking with partner agencies.

Social work student on placement with LD team, Southampton City Council — Sept 2019 - Feb 2020

Undertaking Care Act and Mental Capacity Act assessments. Arranging packages of care and housing placements. Reviewing Direct Payment arrangements. Referring service users to appropriate services. Advocating for and on behalf of service users.

Social work student on placement with Hospital Discharge Team, Southampton City Council — Sept 2018 - Nov 2018

Undertaking Care Act and Mental Capacity Act assessments, arranging packages of care and housing placements for clients whose care needs had changed during their hospital stay.

Social work student on placement, No Limits - Feb - Jun 2018

Providing brief interventions and emotional first aid to young people in secondary schools. Providing oversight and assistance to young people undertaking group work. Triaging and referring young people on to appropriate services. Supporting and leading sessions on sexual health for young people in colleges, particularly focusing on consent.

Personal care assistant, Samuel Field. Apr 2016 - Sep 2017

Providing personal care and assistance to service user in a person-centred manner. Supporting service user to access local community.

Personal Assistant, Southampton Centre for Independent Living Continuing Care. Apr 2010 - Apr 2016

As above, my service user became unhappy with the agency, set up their own care team and invited me to join.

Self-employed Carer, Dawn Cares. Jun 2004 - Sep 2019

Providing personal care and assistance to service users in a person centred manner. Supporting service users to access local community, including driving. Experience of supporting service users with diagnoses of Alzheimer's, Parkinson's Disease, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Borderline Personality Disorder, Chronic Fatigue, Depression, Anxiety Disorder, Dementia, among others. PEG & PEGD lines trained. Experience of graduated exposure therapy, dialectic behaviour therapy.

EDUCATION

Solent University, Southampton

Social Work (BA Hons) 2:2. Sep 2016 - Jul 2020

Film and TV (BA Hons) CHE. Sep 2006 - Jul 2008

City College Southampton

Media (Moving Image) BTEC Nat Dip. L3 Sep 2004 - Jul 2006.

Health and Social Care NVQ2. Dec 2010

Bitterne Park Secondary School

GCSE English (A), Maths (B). Sep 2015 - Jul 2016.

SKILLS

Ability to generate, present and lead group learning sessions.

Good empathic and communication skills.

Good computing and word processing skills.

Good analysis, assessment and planning skills.

Practical experience of supporting individuals with Aspergers, Borderline Personality Disorder, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Anxiety Disorder, Parkinson's Disease and Alzheimers diagnoses among others.

Knowledge and experience of practical application of Dialectical Behaviour Therapy and Emotional First Aid.

REFERENCES

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