

Clare Williams

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Clare's background is an early years teacher and leader in both mainstream and special school provision.

Clare joined A+ Education as a director in March 2014 after four years of partnership work with us as part of our training team.

Experience

- **2010- 2014:** Independent Early Years Education Consultant - Altair Education – working with schools, children's centres and other early years providers to develop their provision and practice through coaching, mentoring and training for individuals and teams. Clare has worked with teachers in training facilitating sessions on Early Years practice as part of a School Centred Initial Teacher Training programme. She also offers leadership support for monitoring and evaluation as well as external advice to governing bodies for head teacher appraisal.
- **1998-2010:** Head of Bloomsbury Nursery School and Children's Centre, Birmingham, an integrated early year's centre with over 120 children, aged between 3 months and 4 years. Clare led a multi-disciplinary staff team of more than 40 people and built partnerships with local agencies and services. She has experience in: leading and managing strategic change (e.g. extending provision to under 3's and out of school); developing a child-centred curriculum and planning/ observation/ assessment framework; developing an effective CPD and mentoring programme: ensuring safer recruitment and effective safeguarding and child protection procedures.

Other relevant qualifications and experience: Following completion of her degree in Special Educational Needs and teaching at Westhill College University of Birmingham Clare started her teaching career in a nursery unit in Handsworth Birmingham. After this she spent seven years as early years and assessment coordinator in a Birmingham special school before moving into a nursery school as deputy head teacher and lead for inclusion.

Membership

- National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT)
- Early Education
- Early Years Foundation Stage Forum

Publications

Mathers, S., Linskey, F., Woodcock, J. and Williams, C. (2012) [Mapping the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale to the EYFS 2012.](#)

Mathers, S., Linskey, F., Woodcock, J. and Williams, C. (2012) [Mapping the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale to the EYFS 2012.](#)

Mathers, S., Linskey, F., Woodcock, J. and Williams, C. (2012) [Mapping the Infant Toddler Environment Rating Scale to the EYFS 2012.](#)

Draft Mapping the School Aged Care Environment Rating Scales (SACERS) to the EYFS 2012

Draft Mapping the Early Childhood Environment rating Scale to the Foundation Phase (Wales)

Involvement in Research projects

Fieldworker as part of the [Evaluation of Children's Centres in England](#) (ECCE)