

PERSONAL PROFILE

Faye Linskey/Craven

Qualifications

Certificate in Education	1968	Leeds University
Diplome d'Etudes Francaises	1966	Universite de Tours
A1 Assessors Award	2005	Craven College of Further Education

Employment

2006 - present	Director A+ Education Ltd	
2004 - present	Senior Research Officer	Oxford University
2000 - 2006	Lecturer	Craven College of Further Education
2005 - 2006	Link Tutor	Leeds University
1985 -2004	Head teacher	Holycroft Primary School Bradford LEA
	Thornton in Craven Primary School	North Yorkshire LA
	Kirkby Malham Primary School	North Yorkshire LA

Training and Consultancy

Faye Linskey is the co-Director of A+ Education Ltd which is the leading UK authority on the Environment Rating Scales.

A+ Education provides training, audit and support services based around the Environment Rating Scales – ECERS-R, ECERS-E, ITERS-R, FCCERS-R and SACERS. The aim is to raise standards in Early Years provision through structured assessment, support and feedback. A+ Education currently works with over 40 Local Authorities and many settings across the UK, using the ECERS, ITERS and other scales to raise quality.

Research

Faye Linskey is a member of FELL, the Families, Early Learning and Literacy research group at the Department of Educational Studies at the University of Oxford.

Faye's main research experience is in the use of observational measurement to assess the quality of provision for children.

Her previous research experience includes using the ITERS in 140 settings across the UK for the evaluation of the DfES funded Neighbourhood Nursery Initiative and leading a research team using observational techniques to assess the quality of provision in 300 pre-school settings as part of the Millennium Cohort Study and also for the evaluation of the ICAN program. She has considerable experience in research both as a trainer and Senior fieldworker and was appointed as the "Gold Standard" for the Graduate Leader fund Evaluation which uses the ITERS and ECERS to look at the impact of qualifications on the quality of provision in the Early Years.

Faye also worked with the authors of the UK extension to the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale. (Sylva K., Siraj-Blatchford I., & Taggart B., 2003) on their recent revision of the instrument.

Faye worked for the University of Leeds as a Link Tutor for the PGCE Course. This involved mentoring students, carrying out observations and liaising with placement staff

Faye had three Primary school Headships and was a College Lecturer in Early Years Education.

Publications

Mathers S. and Linskey F (2006) *Bringing the data home: practical issues in using the ECERS and ITERS*, paper presented at the 10th ECERS International Workshop, 29-30 April 2006, Athens

Mathers S., Linskey F., Seddon J. and Sylva K. (2006) *Using quality rating scales for professional development: a UK case study*, paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Conference, April 9-13 2007, Chicago.

Mathers, S. and Linskey, F. (April 2009) UK addendum to the ECERS-R: www.ecersuk.org

Mathers, S., Linskey, F. and Nelson, A. (April 2009) ECERS-EYFS map: www.ecersuk.org

Presentations

Presentation to 10th ECERS International Workshop (London, April 2006): *Bringing the data home: Practical issues in using the ECERS and ITERS*
Sandra Mathers & Faye Linskey

American Educational Research Association April 2007 Annual Meeting, Chicago
Using quality rating scales for professional development: a UK case study
Sandra Mathers, Faye Linskey, Kathy Sylva & Judith Seddon.

ECERS UK Network December 2008 (Brighton)
Mapping ECERS and EYFS; UK adaptations to the ECERS-R
Sandra Mathers & Faye Linskey

Presentation at the Wiltshire Child Minding Conference *Using the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale as a self assessment and self improvement tool.* (July 2010)

Launches of ECERS Projects and Audits:

- Various locations and dates 2006-2010 (Trafford, Derby City briefings, Nottingham City, Oldham, Blackburn St Helens, Bradford)

Other relevant information

Co-convener of the UK ECERS Local Authority ECERS Network. The group has almost 100 members, including representatives from the DCSF, National Strategies, QCDA and Ofsted as well as members from more than 40 Local Authorities.

Close involvement in the revision of the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (extension), published by Trentham books (Sylva, Siraj-Blatchford and Taggart). 2009-2010

Regular dialogue with Dr Richard Clifford, Dr Thelma Harms and Dr Debby Cryer (authors of the ECERS-R, ITERS-R, SACERS and FCCERS-R). Provider of ECERS-E training for the American authors of the ECERS-R (Chapel Hill, March 2008)

Yearly attendance at the International ECERS Network