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**Role: Lecturer in Education**

**About Me** LL.B., M.A. in Legal Studies, PhD. I was previously a law lecturer at Staffordshire University. I held various jobs in the trade union and voluntary sectors, then worked at the Centre for Lifelong Learning at the University of Aberdeen before doing a PhD in Education and becoming a lecturer. I'm originally from the north of Ireland but have lived in France (Honfleur and Le Mans) and England (Leeds and Wolverhampton) before moving to Aberdeen in 2004. I now live in Stonehaven with my family and dog Murphy.

- *A bit of information on my professional setting* – I teach/supervise in 4 programmes in the School of Education – Community Learning and Development, Initial Teacher Education, taught Masters and PhD supervision

- *A difference I would like to make in my practice* – I would like to make my teaching more responsive to the individuals participating in the courses I teach

- *Why I'm doing this course* – I am part of the Technology-enhanced Professional Learning initiative and I am interested in how we can use technology to reflect on and change our practice