

## SPEAKER PROFILE

# Amicus Foster Care

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Amicus Foster Care is an independent fostering agency supporting families to care for Children and Young People who are looked after by Local Authorities.

The agency is small, friendly and responsive. For Foster Carers and Children and Young People this means personal and tailor made support from staff whom they know well. This could include therapy, life story work and support work.

Amicus prides itself in providing opportunities for Looked after Children to reach their full potential and live fulfilling lives in their community. Amicus Foster Care has Foster Carers across South West England. It supports carers in Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset, Gloucestershire, North Somerset, Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Swindon and Wiltshire.

The ethos of Amicus is to work collaboratively with Foster Carers, Children and Young People, placing Authorities, Social Workers and birth families to secure the best outcomes for Children and Young People.

Trish, Thelma and Suzanne are all social workers within Amicus, Thelma is also a foster carer and Trish a manager. All 3 have been qualified social workers for many years and have had a variety of different jobs within local authorities before shifting to the independent sector.



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## SESSION TOPIC

### DDP in a Fostering Agency

Amicus is an agency that is striving to use a DDP approach in all layers of its service. The team will present where they are in this journey and illustrate the realities and tensions of this in their day to day life within their roles.