

## SPEAKER PROFILE

# Joy Gamble

Certified DDP Practitioner



Joy Gamble has been working as a Psychologist for Looked After Children in Carmarthenshire over the past 8 years.

Her role is funded by an integrated Education and Children's Service and she has been fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to develop an attachment focused support service for Carmarthenshire's looked after children. Joy carries out consultations and training, as well as working with up to 5 families at a time using DDP. Joy also spends one day a week as the Link Psychologist in a residential EBD school.

Prior to moving to Wales, Joy worked as a Psychologist in a number of residential and day provisions for pupils with significant social, emotional and behavioural difficulties. The approaches used went some way to supporting these children and young people but when Joy was first introduced to Dan Hughes work in 2005 it made so much sense to her that she adapted her approach and incorporated his ideas into her practice.

Joy gained certification as a DDP Practitioner in 2012 and is currently training to become a consultant. Joy is excited about the growth of DDP in the UK and hopes to use her consultancy skills to support the further development of DDP in Wales.

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## SESSION TOPIC

### Working with highly avoidant children

Joy will share some of her challenges in working with highly avoidant children who have been difficult to engage in DDP.

The presentation will look at working with resistance, trusting in the process and building an inter subjective relationship. It will also highlight the importance of supervision.

Joy will show some clips of her work and share some of her stories in working with avoidant children. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and have a more general discussion at the end.