

DR KATHRYN VELAT

Senior Educational and Child Psychologist

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I am an experienced Educational Psychologist with a passion for supporting children and young people with complex neurodevelopmental needs. With specialized training in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Video Interactive Guidance, I draw on evidence-based approaches to help foster inclusive practices and enhance understanding of neurodiversity. Specializing in autism and neurodiversity, I have led teams within Local Authorities and contributed to innovative programs such as the Coping with Uncertainty in Everyday Situations (CUES) initiative and the Autism Enhanced Resources Base for primary schools. I hold a Doctorate in Educational and Child Psychology and a Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Paediatric Neuropsychology, enabling me to design tailored interventions for children recovering from neurological challenges. By collaborating with families, schools, and multidisciplinary teams, I am committed to creating supportive environments where every child can thrive.

EXPERIENCE

- 01/2024 - Current **Senior Educational Psychologist for Autism/Neurodiversity and Huntingdon Team, Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridge, England, United Kingdom**
- Managing a team of Educational Psychologists, including Supervision, overseeing area schools, and managing Education, Health and Care Plan Assessments (EHNCA's) and Tribunals
 - Responsible to the Autism/Neurodiversity offer for the County
 - Regional Partner and Lead trainer for the Autism Education Trust (AET)
 - Managing a team of trainers and delivering training within and out of county
 - Partner in the national PINS (Partnership for the Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) project
 - Developing the Coping with Uncertainty in Everyday Situations (CUES) project
 - Lead Psychologist for the Autism Enhanced Resources Base project for primary Schools
- 08/2020 - 01/2024 **Educational Psychologist, Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridge, England, United Kingdom**
- 09/2015 - 08/2017 **Assistant Educational Psychologist, Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridge, England, United Kingdom**

QUALIFICATIONS

- 07/2024 **PgDip, Clinical Paediatric Neuropsychology**
University College London, London, England
- 07/2020 **Doctorate, Educational and Child Psychology**
University College London, London, England
- 06/2015 **B.Sc., Psychology First Class Honours**
Open University, Milton Keynes, England

KEY SKILLS

- Child Neuropsychology
- Educational Systems
- Neurodevelopmental Needs
- Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy
- Video Interactive Guidance

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Chartered Member of the British Psychological Society (CPsychol), registration number: 263346
- Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), registration number: PYL38474
- Association for Educational Psychologists (AEP), registration number: 106099

REFERENCES

- References available on request