

## Transcript of Working as an Educational Psychologist in County Durham

Text on screen is Working as an Educational Psychologist in County Durham. Durham County Council logo displayed.

Children in a school setting, writing.

Educational Psychologists talking.

Text on screen is Ben Greenfield, Specialist Educational Psychologist.

**There are two things that I am really quite passionate about and I sometimes think of it a bit like a Venn diagram, I am really passionate about Psychology and I am really passionate about kids and education and this role is that middle wedge where both of those things overlap.**

Children in a school setting.

Educational Psychologist talking.

Text on screen is Peter Mulholland – Strategic Manager Specialist Inclusion Support and Principal Educational Psychologist

**We're the biggest Educational Psychology service in the region, and we are also the biggest SEND and Inclusion service in the region...**

Teacher and child talking.

**And those create a whole range of opportunities for people to be involved in a whole breadth of work through projects and commissions...**

Educational Psychologists working together at a table.

**And just through the bread and butter of what we do around case work support and family working. We have a variety of roles obviously, so depending on what your interests are in and as an Educational Psychologist, there's nearly always some for you to develop those interests and to extend your knowledge and your skill.**

Teacher and child talking, laughing.

Educational Psychologist talking.

Text on screen is Lisa Henson – Senior Educational Psychologist

**I think one of the things that I like about Durham, and I've always liked about Durham, is there's a lot going on. It's a big Local Authority, there's always loads of projects and stuff happening to get involved in and that's one of the reasons why...**

Educational Psychologists talking.

**I chose Durham as a place to come and work in terms of the Specialist EP role and also it's part of a really big team as well and also working alongside the other services, that's one of my favourite parts of the job actually, working alongside the other teams that I work with. And I think in Durham you can practice as an EP in the way you want to.**

Children in a school setting.

**There's quite a strong sense of why we're here and we're supporting inclusion and there's quite a lot of sense of what our values are, as an EP service and we've got sort of...**

Educational Psychologist working with a child at a table, undertaking an assessment.

**A core model of working in consultation, but actually aside from that, people can work in loads of different ways, so you've kind of got the flexibility to fit things to how you want to work which is quite nice.**

Educational Psychologists talking.

**There is a lot of opportunity for sort of developing specialism and I think that is something that Durham does really quite well, it provides those sorts of opportunities that I don't think you'd necessarily get so readily on other places. There is that trust actually that you know what you're doing, you've worked hard to get here, and you're not sort of micro-managed, are we.**

Text on screen is Vicki Ferguson – Senior Educational Psychologist

**Durham has been very flexible for me, there's that ability to be flexible and it fits in really well with my home life.**

Text on screen is Emma Devine – Educational Psychologist

**I think it's nice that we've got a lot of control over our own diaries as well, so if you want a late start or a late finish, a longer lunch a shorter lunch...**

Educational Psychologist working with a child at a table, undertaking an assessment

**We've got the freedom to do that and arrange that.**

Educational Psychologist talking.

Text on screen is Denice Atkinson – Specialist Educational Psychologist

**And even our building with the parking and the facilities, it's a nice place to work really, isn't it?**

View of Durham dales.

**Every now and then you have an appointment at a school that's up in the Dales somewhere and you get this lovely drive out over the hills and you get the views sort of stretching out and that's sometimes quite nice isn't it, on a nice day.**

View of Durham Cathedral.

Durham is a place in terms of the geography, I was very struck by just how beautiful it was. It's a very green place, it's got rolling hills...

View of Durham coast.

**It's got something for everybody.**

Educational Psychologist talking.

Text on screen is Amanda Marmais – Educational Psychologist.

**My favourite part is to sit with a child at a table and work with them on a one to one basis.**

Educational Psychologist working with a child at a table.

**It's a really nice feeling, when you do get the opportunity to work with someone over a long space of time. Oh, we've made a difference, together.**

Educational Psychologists working with children.

**It's a job for life isn't it? Yeah, I think so. It's very much a career rather than a job, that's how I feel, because you are so invested in it.**

Children in a school setting, writing.

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