

Douglas Angus

Curriculum vitae

I have had throughout my career a commitment to the improvement of quality of education delivered in schools. This has led me to work consistently at updating and upgrading my own subject qualifications (I have four post-graduate degrees and diplomas), my wider skills (I have a number of ICT and sport qualifications), and at helping others to develop their skills and expertise.

I was a Development Officer in Modern Languages for the Higher Still Development Unit which reorganised all Scotland's formal school qualifications from 1996 to 2001, and worked on tailoring the curriculum to meet the needs of students from Access 3 level to Advanced Higher. I was then appointed Higher Still Development Unit National Trainer in Modern Languages, explaining and helping manage the changes I had been involved in producing to teachers across Scotland.

I have worked extensively in staff development: I have also completed a Post-Graduate Diploma in Human Management. I was for a number of years a Trade Union Secretary for the teachers' union, the EIS. Through this role, I was involved in consultation on and implementation of significant changes to structures and working patterns, and helped in involving staff in these processes, in a supportive role. I was also elected to be a member of the General Teaching Council, (Scotland). Throughout this time, I continued to be a teacher of languages.

As a Quality Improvement Officer, I worked extensively with head teachers, councillors, the Inspectorate, and a variety of colleagues not directly involved in teaching. My role was to inspect schools and suggest ways that schools and individual teachers could improve outcomes for their learners. I currently work in a number of areas, helping learners of languages to achieve more and supporting teachers in their personal and professional development.

2017- Appointed British Council Ambassador to support school and local authorities develop international education and support Erasmus+ and eTwinning

2015-present

Coordinator of Scottish team involved in Erasmus+ project, MCCPD

2011-present

Working for SCHOLAR Unit, Heriot Watt University as tutor and author of support materials

2002-present

Author of a series of textbooks to prepare Scottish school pupils for external examinations in French, German and Spanish

2007-2010

Quality Improvement Officer: role involves inspecting schools, in my case with particular responsibilities for Assessment

2005-2007

Council member on GTCS, member of Disciplinary Committee, Policy and Strategy Committee, Vice Convener of Exceptional Admissions Register Committee

2004-2010

Member of Local Authority Peer Reviewer team

Member of Local Authority CPD steering group

2002-2007

Local Authority Secretary for EIS in Scottish Borders

Teacher Representative on Council Education Executive.

2002-2007

Subject Coordinator for Modern Languages, SBC

Specialist Group supervising Higher Still development in ML

Until 2007

Teacher of Modern Languages in England, Germany, Scotland and France