**Marie Huxtable**

**How am I contributing to improving the lives of others?**

To contribute to improving the lives of others I am developing my educational practice as educator, educational researcher and educational psychologist. My practice is concerned with enhancing peoples’ abilities to learn to live a loving, satisfying, productive and worthwhile life, for themselves and others. I am doing this by supporting and enabling educational relationships, space and opportunities for children, young people and adults to develop and offer as gifts, talents, expertise and knowledge: knowledge of the world, them selves and them selves in and of the world, to make this a better world to live in.

My work rests on the belief that each person is capable of:

* ·      Being an expert in their own learning and enhancing their expertise;
* ·      Developing and offering talents, expertise and knowledge as life-enhancing gifts;
* ·      Creating, offering and accepting knowledge of the world, of themselves, and of themselves in and of the world, as a gift, to enhance their own well-being and well-becoming and that of others;
* ·      Coming to know, evolve and offer as an educational gift their own living-educational-theory.

I am currently a member of the editorial board for EJOLTs (Educational Journal of Living Theories), a consultant member of the Editorial Board of Gifted Education International and an honorary research fellow with University of Cumbria.

I am providing INSET, evaluation of programmes, support for the develop of opportunities for passion-lead learning  and contributing to conferences and workshops nationally and internationally. I support educators researching their practice and the CPD/research group lead by Jack Whitehead which can be accessed from
http://www.spanglefish.com/livingvaluesimprovingpracticecooperatively.