



Current Staff

Davina Allen – Coordinator

Davina has responsibility for management, organisational development and coordinating projects. Davina has a degree in Geography from Oxford University and specialised in development in Africa and the former USSR. Davina started her career as a Secondary School Geography teacher in Staffordshire before joining Bridges as Education Officer in 2004. She became Coordinator at Bridges in 2005. davina@shropshirebridges.org.uk

Sylvia Ruxton – Education Officer

Sylvia has responsibility for formal education sector services and projects. Sylvia studied Languages at Durham University and has wide experience of teaching children and adults. She has lived and worked in Africa and continues to travel widely. She joined Bridges as a volunteer in 2004 before joining the staff in 2006. sylvia@shropshirebridges.org.uk

Alison Thomas – Global Connections Officer

Alison works with schools and communities, and develops links with those who have connections overseas. Alison studied Environmental Science at Aberystwyth University and has a development masters from Silsoe College. She worked in Africa and Latin America on development and environmental projects before settling in Shropshire. Alison joined Bridges in January 2009. alison@shropshirebridges.org.uk

Nina Cowley – Community Officer

Nina is working to develop Bridges' work with community groups across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin. Before joining Bridges she spent a year volunteering in Mongolia, with the international development charity VSO and has worked and volunteered for various international and local charities in the UK. She studied Sociology and Social Anthropology at the University of Hull. Nina joined Bridges in September 2009. nina@shropshirebridges.org.uk

Melanie Downes – Administrator

Melanie is responsible for office management, administration and finance. Melanie's working history since leaving school is in finance and compliance. She has also travelled the world extensively while working for a Gulf airline. Melanie also undertakes voluntary work as a local magistrate. Melanie joined Bridges in February 2008. admin@shropshirebridges.org.uk

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Our vision is a world where all people are respected, learn together and are able to take action.