

## Anya Matossian - Educational Psychologist

**Who am I:** I'm Anya Matossian. I am a newly qualified Educational Psychologist, having recently finished my training at the University of Bristol.

Before becoming an EP, I worked as a Teaching Assistant in a secondary school in Glasgow, and then as a Research Assistant with an Educational Psychology Service as part of the Scottish Attainment Challenge.



Outside of work, I love making pottery, and occasionally teach this and sell my work at markets. I also love hiking and swimming outdoors – likely influenced by my Scottish roots!

**What do I do:** I work with the schools in my patch to help them to support children and young people who are experiencing difficulties at school. There are several possible things that could be contributing to these needs. As such, in my role I use my psychological knowledge and training to try and understand the factors that are making things challenging for the child at school, and from this, support staff to put things in place that might help them.

In addition to this, I have a role in training and supervising Emotional Literacy Support Assistants and delivering termly CPD and supervision to Learning Mentors through the Learning Mentor Network. I also have an interest in communication and language needs, and am in the process of exploring how we as a service can best support this population of children and young people.

**What is important to me:** It is important to me that my work has a positive impact on the children and young people I am supporting. Through my work, I aim to contribute to the creation of a positive educational experience that allows them to go on to have happy, independent and fulfilled lives despite the challenges they may be experiencing. Key to me, in achieving this, is putting the child's voice at the heart of my work, with the aim of giving them a sense of agency and value within their school experience.

