



Personal Information Early Stage Researcher EUTRAIN project:



Contact information

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Education & Training

Early-stage researcher, EUTRAIN, UKM Münster, Germany	Dec 12-Dec 15
Paediatric Academic Clinical Fellow (Rheumatology): Liverpool University	Nov-Dec 12
Paediatric trainee ST1-ST3, Mersey deanery	Aug 10-Dec 12
Foundation Year 1 and 2 medical training, North West Deanery	Aug 08-Aug 10
Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, Birmingham University	Sep 02-Jul 08
Bachelors: Public Health & Epidemiology, Class II, Division I. Birmingham University	Sep 05-Jul 06

Professional & Personal Interests

I graduated from Birmingham University where my interest in paediatric research first developed. Since then, I have been working as an Academic Clinical Fellow and training in paediatrics in the Mersey region (predominantly Alder Hey Hospital, Liverpool) before making the move to Germany to take up this exciting EUtrain position. While relatively new to the field of rheumatology research, I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to work closely with patients and staff involved in the UK JSLE (juvenile-onset systemic lupus erythematosus) inception cohort study during my time at Alder Hey Children's Hospital. I am now based at the Institute of Paediatric Rheumatology and Immunology at the University of Münster, Germany, and my research will form the basis of a PhD, registered at the University of Utrecht.

Skills & Expertise

Laboratory & clinical research:

Skills including cell culture, qRT-PCR, ELISA, gel electrophoresis/SDSPAGE. Clinical research & audit.

Leadership/Management:

- Examiner for 3rd-5th year medical student clinical examinations 2009-2012.
- Management course and Coaching for Leadership courses, Liverpool 2010.
- Founding member and Vice Coordinator of the Birmingham University Teddy Bear Hospital (TBH), a voluntary project designed to reduce children's fear of hospitals and doctors. My role included project set-up, coordinating & lecturing on volunteer training days and also supervising the practical workshop days, 2005-2007, a project which is still active. (<http://www.thefreelibrary.com/Toys+in+furry+good+health%3b+EDUCATION%3a+Children+take+their+teddies+to...-a0161496309>),
- Vice Chair and Chair-person, Birmingham University 'Medsin' Branch 2005 – 2007, a student network and registered charity with national and local projects designed to tackle global and local health inequalities through education, advocacy and community action.
- Elected public governor for Birmingham Children's Hospital, on the inaugural board 2006-2008 after Foundation Trust status was awarded, representing constituents, patients and families after Foundation Hospital trust status was awarded.

Personal Expectations for EUtrain

I made the move from the UK to Germany/Netherlands for many professional and personal reasons. EUtrain provided the perfect opportunity to immerse myself full-time in the topic I love whilst allowing me to hopefully contribute usefully to the field of knowledge. Additionally the prospect of working more closely with my European colleagues and learning a new language and culture was too exciting to ignore! My hopes are to become part of solid and enduring professional networks that will help bring some benefit to the field of paediatric rheumatology and immunology and remain active long into the future.