

## Wendy North

### *Curriculum Development Leader (primary)*

#### **Biography**

Wendy has worked in both primary and middle schools and was acting head of a 3-11 primary school before becoming centre co-ordinator of the Wakefield Urban Studies Centre. When the centre closed she joined the Wakefield Advisory Service as an advisory teacher for assessment and humanities. She now works two days a week for the Geographical Association with her job share partner Paula Owens and as an independent education consultant specialising in primary geography and curriculum development.

Her professional interests include the use of ICT to support the teaching of geography. Wendy is currently chair of the ICT working group.

In between GA activities she spends time discovering new places and re-visiting old favourites such as the Central Coast of NSW. She takes lots of photographs and shares these on Flickr, Picasa and Geograph. She also writes a blog, 'Everyday Geographies', which can be found at <http://primarygeogblog.blogspot.com>

Wendy's current remit within her GA role is to develop and co-ordinate the Primary Geography Quality Mark and to promote and celebrate the work of schools where geography has a significant impact on pupils' learning.

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#### **Quotes**

Geography is crucial in helping young people make sense of our increasingly globalised world. We all need to understand what connects us to others, how the world's resources are finite and that without true understanding of global citizenship and sustainability we are likely to find ourselves living on a very volatile and environmentally unstable planet.

I love maps and I love being able to travel, even though I know that flying across the world leaves me with a pretty big global footprint. In terms of children's learning I think ICT has so much to offer geography. Google Earth alone has the capacity to revolutionise the way that children think about geography.