

Katy Newell-Jones has been actively involved in literacy since 1982, initially as an Adult Literacy volunteer in South Wales. In the last 20 years her overseas literacy work has focused on participatory approaches, training of trainers, evaluation and programme management, with a strong focus on literacy for life-related decision-making.

Katy has taken a specific interest in working with NGOs in conflict and post conflict situations, including Guinea, Sierra Leone, South Sudan and Rwanda. Currently she is involved in the production and dissemination of learner and facilitator-generated materials moving on from peacebuilding towards active engagement in civic decision-making.

As Programme Director for Feed the Minds (www.feedtheminds.org), Katy is particularly interested in

- supporting small indigenous NGOs, already delivering traditional literacy programmes, to embrace social practice approaches to literacy
- embedding literacy across a wide range of development programmes including vocational training, health awareness, peacebuilding and civic education.

Katy holds a National Teaching Fellowship from the Higher Education Academy and an honorary research fellowship with the Nuffield Department for Medicine, University of Oxford.