

Profile of Alison Bryan M.Sc MRCSLT

I qualified as a Speech and Language Therapist in 1984. In 1987 I specialised in paediatric Specific Speech and Language Disorders [now SLI] and have been working in this field ever since. In 1991 I gained an M.Sc in Cognitive Neuropsychology from Birkbeck College in London, sparking an interest in looking at the links between therapies with acquired disorders [adults] and developmental disorders.

In 1992 I moved to an Infant SLI Base in Hertfordshire and met 'Gordon'. I was struck by the remarkable similarity in output difficulties to an adult stroke patient described in a 1986 paper by Eirian Jones...yet Gordon was a 6 year old boy! Here began the development of **Colourful Semantics** as I adapted the 'mapping therapy' used by Eirian, but now linking the underlying meaning relationships of sentences with question words and colours. This was published in 1987.

Ever since then Colourful Semantics has been developing and growing in its application, including slight adaptations to the original colours the late 90's.

Outside of my passion for my work [which is still going strong after 31 years !], I am very involved in the Christian Healing ministry. At home I have my wonderful husband, an amazing 16 year old daughter and our gorgeous 5 year old black lab called Jess.