



Claire has taught in a number of secondary schools across the city of Hull during her 26-year teaching career culminating in the role of principal at an Alternative Provision Academy. In September 2015 she began her transition and is recognized by the Times Educational Supplement as the first known headteacher to transition in post. In June 2017 she left her role to pursue other projects, namely that of improving the school experience of young trans and non-binary people across the UK. She recognises she holds a relatively unique position within society, as there are visibly very few trans teachers and even fewer trans school leaders. She hopes that through her visibility and experience of transition coupled with her knowledge and links across the education community that she will be able to help make that difference for our young trans and non-binary people.

In addition, Claire is an Associate of Independent Thinking and Think2Speak as well as being a member of a number of Advisory Panels: The Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools, The LGBTQ+ Centre for Inclusion in Education (Leeds Beckett University) and Just Like Us. Claire is also a Trustee for the North West LGBTQ+ Youth Charity 'The Proud Trust' and 'Pride in Hull' and contributes to the education network – LGBTEd. Finally, Claire has supported numerous organisations to better support trans and non-binary people including Equalities and Human Rights Commission, British Gymnastics, Sport Wales, Highland Council, HeadStart Wolves, Roots of Empathy and is due to contribute to the Greenbelt Festival in August through conversation with Steve Chalke.