

## Guy Shennan - Bio

Guy Shennan is an independent consultant based in the UK, who practices, teaches and writes about the solution-focused approach. His book, *Solution-Focused Practice*, was published in 2014. In the same year, Guy completed a masters degree in philosophy, and his dissertation concerned implications of embodied and extended cognition for personal identity. Since then Guy has been considering the implications of these implications for solution-focused brief therapy. Guy is the current Chair of the British Association of Social Workers, and is involved in the development of anti-poverty practice and collective action by social workers aimed at social change. He is interested in how solution-focused practice can be utilised in these developments.

Guy Shennan	Curriculum Vitae
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<b>Education</b>	1983 – BA in Mathematics, Oxford University 1989 – MA in Applied Social Studies, Sheffield University (distinction) 2006 – MA in Solution Focused Brief Therapy, Birmingham University 2014 - MA in Philosophy, Open University (distinction)
<b>Professional qualifications</b>	1987 – Certificate of Experience in Social Psychiatry with Adolescents, Macclesfield Young People’s Unit. 1989 – Qualified as a Social Worker (CQSW) and currently registered with the Health & Social Care Professions Council. 1995 – Accredited Social Work Practice Teacher 1998 – Family Therapy (Intermediate Level)

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<b>Employment</b>	<p>1983-1984 – Community Service Volunteer, Liverpool</p> <p>1984-1985 – Mental Health Day Centre Worker, Liverpool MIND</p> <p>1985-1987 – Nursing Assistant/Therapist, Young People’s Unit, Macclesfield Health Authority</p> <p>1989-1998 – Social Worker, Derbyshire County Council/Derby City Council. Generic social work &amp; social work with children and families, in patch-based team and in Duty &amp; Assessment Team</p> <p>1998-2002 – Project coordinator, Early Response Unit, Leicester Family Service Unit. Solution focused therapeutic service for families</p> <p>2002-2003 – Senior Practitioner (P/T), Children’s Team, Leicester City Council</p> <p>2003-2004 – Social Worker (P/T), Family Support Team, Leicestershire County Council</p>
<b>Employment (continued)</b>	<p>2001-2004 – Independent trainer &amp; solution focused consultant</p> <p>2004-2010 – Trainer &amp; solution-focused practitioner, BRIEF, London.</p> <p>2010 – Independent trainer &amp; coach/consultant/therapist</p>
<b>Academic work</b>	<p>Temporary Research Assistant – Sheffield University</p> <p>Honorary Lecturer – Nottingham University</p> <p>Honorary Lecturer – Nottingham Trent University</p> <p>Honorary Social Work Tutor – Nottingham Trent University</p> <p>Lecturer (Child Care Law) – Derby University</p> <p>Guest Lecturer - University of East London (Clinical Psychology &amp; Community Psychology courses)</p> <p>Guest Lecturer - Derby University (social work course)</p>

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<b>Practice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extensive experience of working in residential, day care, community social work, clinical &amp; educational settings.</li> <li>• Includes working in the field of mental health and with children and families, including child protection and young offenders. The first practitioner in the UK to use the Signs of Safety model of child protection practice.</li> <li>• Current practice includes individual, family, and groupwork.</li> </ul>
<b>Consultation &amp; supervision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervised and coached many individual practitioners and consulted to a range of staff groups from the public and voluntary sectors.</li> </ul>
<b>Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involved in training professional staff from health, welfare, probation and education, from across the public, voluntary and corporate sectors since 1999. Specialising in solution focused practice, particularly with children and families; also taught the Signs of Safety approach.</li> <li>• Developed and co-led the Diploma in Solution Focused Practice at BRIEF.</li> <li>• Invited to present work throughout the UK, as well as in Ireland, the Netherlands, Spain, Poland, Belgium, France, Finland, Sweden, Germany, Turkey, Palestine, Denmark, Russia, Latvia and the USA.</li> </ul>
<b>Other relevant experience</b>	<p>1993-1998 School Governor/ Chair of Governors, Ashgate Junior School, Derby</p> <p>1993-1999 Committee member, Derbyshire Branch, British Association of Social Workers (BASW)</p> <p>2003-2004 Founded and chaired Leicestershire Branch, BASW.</p> <p>2014-date Chair, British Association of Social Workers</p>
<b>Membership of professional bodies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• United Kingdom Association of Solution Focused Practice (founder member)</li> <li>• British Association of Social Workers</li> <li>• Registered with the Health &amp; Social Care Professions Council</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Publications</b></p>	<p>Shennan, G. (1998) Are we asking the experts? Practice teachers use of client views in assessing student competence, <i>Social Work Education</i>, 17, 4, 407-417.</p> <p>Shennan, G. (1999) Systemic practice within child protection investigation, <i>Context</i>, 41, 18-19.</p> <p>Shennan, G. (2003) Solution-focused practice with families. In B. O'Connell and S. Palmer (eds.) <i>Handbook of Solution-focused Therapy</i>. London: Sage</p> <p>Shennan, G. (2003). The Early Response Project: a voluntary sector contribution to CAMHS, <i>Child and Adolescent Mental Health in Primary Care</i>, 1, 46-50.</p> <p>Shennan, G. (2003). Solution-focused practice and assessment, <i>Journal of Primary Care Mental Health</i>, 7, 78-81.</p> <p>Shennan, G. (2006) 'Doing it' in Child Protection, <i>Solution News</i>, 2,3, 15-19.</p> <p>Hackett, P. and Shennan, G. (2007) Solution focused practice with children and young people. In Thorana Nelson and Frank Thomas (eds), <i>Handbook of Solution-focused Brief Therapy: Clinical applications</i>. New York, Haworth Press.</p> <p>Shennan, G. (2008) Solution focused practice in a family support team, <i>Solution Focused Research Review</i>, 1,1, 11-15.</p> <p>Shennan, G. (2008) Solution Focused Practice in Palestine, <i>Solution News</i>, 3,2, 15-17.</p> <p>Shennan, G. and Iveson, C. (2008) What difference would that make? <i>Journal of Family Psychotherapy</i>, 19, 97-101.</p> <p>Shennan, G. (2010) A BRIEF journey: Five years of Diploma at BRIEF, <i>Solution News</i>, 4,4, 10-13.</p>

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