

Associate

## JANE HEWITT

*“When you look beyond the obvious you learn to see all that is around you”*

What do you get if you cross a former teacher with a self-taught born-again professional photographer? Jane Hewitt, that's what!

Jane came to our attention for her work supporting children and teachers at Springwell Special School in Barnsley, where she was using photography as a tool to encourage students to look, to think, to reflect and to learn and it, like Jane's photos, was quite magical.

Since then we have been using Jane as our official 'photographer in residence' and always marvel at her ability to capture the spirit of what or who she is photographing (as our Instagram page will testify).

Apart from supplying the photos for several of our new books she has also produced her own, *Learning through a lens*, in which she shares her ideas, strategies and techniques to allow all

teachers to use photography as a tool to help young people explore, learn and grow.

For many years Jane worked as an RE teacher so is very happy to support SMSC work within schools.

In March 2015 Jane along with two other Associates, Dr Debra Kidd and Bethan Baez-Devine visited Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya delivering teacher training, psychosocial support and to work with the refugee children.

Jane has also on two occasions delivered sessions at the Wellington College Festival of Education in Shanghai. Feedback from Steve Jacobi the Festival director was *“Pupils, parents and staff are singing your praises”*

**Feedback from recent events include:**

*“Just wanted to say how inspiring*



*“Anyone can learn how to do this. You just need the ability to observe your surroundings deeply and with intelligence” - Learning Through a Lens*

*Jane has been. She is absolutely FANTASTIC!!!”*

*“Our visitors were truly inspired by your workshop, they loved every minute”*

*“Jane doesn't tell you what to do, she shows you the way! And that is how to teach right there”*

**Books written by Jane Hewitt:**

- *Learning through a lens - it's all about photography*
- *Den Building - Creating Imaginative Spaces Using Almost Anything*

Jane has been with Independent Thinking since September 2013.

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