

EDYTH DUNLOP

Northern Ireland Union of Supported Employment)

Edyth Dunlop is the Regional Manager with the Northern Ireland Union of Supported Employment. NIUSE is an umbrella organisation for groups and individuals providing opportunities for people with disabilities to obtain and keep paid work through Supported Employment practices.

NIUSE was established in May 1994 and aims to promote good practice, the dissemination of information and the co-ordination of activities in the field of Supported Employment.

Edyth's role as Regional Manager is to promote the Supported Employment as a model to assist people with disabilities and people from other disadvantaged situations to find and stay in employment from a grass roots level to a strategic level. Edyth is committed to the equality of opportunity and the rights of people with disabilities with in employment.

More recently Edyth has been come involved in promoting employment opportunities for young people not in education, employment and training and has become a Director for Include Youth and a Member of the NEETS Forum.

Edyth is a Council Representative for the European Union of Supported Employment (EUSE) and also provides Secretariat for EUSE.

Edyth was awarded the MBE for her services to people with disabilities in the New Years Honours List (2013).