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One Story, three countries, the journey of a teacher who's shaping tomorrow

When Gabriela Davies first stepped into her classroom in Manchester in 2001, she wasn't just starting a job, she was answering a calling.

'I decided to become a teacher because I love learning and learners,' she said.

'I enjoy creating resources which inspire, innovate, and shape professional attitudes and approaches.'

Her journey into education wasn't linear. It began in Romania, where she was interpreting in four languages by the age of 14. After completing a BA Hons in Applied Linguistics, she earned a scholarship to Middlesex University in London to pursue a Master of Arts in Interpreting and Translating.

While in the UK, she learned of the teacher shortage in state schools and felt compelled to act.

'I wanted to change the world,' she said.

'So, I applied to teach at an inner-city school in Manchester and the rest as they say, is history, a wonderful and educational whirlwind.'

Gabriela's teaching career spans continents and disciplines. Throughout the years she's taught French and Spanish as well as English and History. In 2015, Gabriela became the Leading Learning and Curriculum Coordinator for Secondary School, while also teaching Senior English.

What makes the job rewarding to Gabriela is the satisfaction of shaping young minds to be the change they wish to see in the world.

'I love creating relationships which are built on professional drive and respect as well as safety and well-being. They are not dichotomous, they are complementary,' she said.

'My students inspire or motivate me by either mirroring my thirst for excellence or by challenging me to find new ways to support them and help them understand and even fall in love with what they may initially consider boring or irrelevant.'

Gabriela also finds joy in curriculum design with a dash of dazzle and planning with pizzazz, the favourite aspects of her profession.

From Romania to Britain to Australia, Gabriela Davies has absorbed the best of every educational opportunity and converted it into a teaching and learning style that continually grows and morphs.

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