



## **Unlock Woodhouse, Sheffield**

### **Siggy's Profile**



I was brought up on the Isle of Axholme, an area with a long and chequered history set between Scunthorpe and Doncaster. It was a great place to live, and my formative years were filled with day long adventures fuelled with Ribena and potted dog sarnies. I studied art to degree level at Wolverhampton but never graduated because I was thrown off my course due to an empty portfolio – because I kept selling my paintings to keep myself fed. It was while living in the Black Country that I finally gave my heart to Jesus after spending many years as a 'quester'. I always knew God was there, but had no idea how to access Him. Being reborn and baptised in the Baptist tradition of full immersion was the beginning of my relationship between me and my Saviour.

When I moved back north I ran my own business as an artist for some years before the Major recession killed it off. I was in the 'wilderness' faith-wise at this point, which made it a difficult time. However, in the mid 2000s, I returned to God and began worshipping at a Baptist church in Doncaster. In 2010 I moved, with my partner, to Sheffield. We've been here five years now and love it. I go to the local Methodist church, led there by God. Being close enough to a church to be an active part of its family was more important than denomination – and it was what God wanted. I am a firm believer in allowing God to lead my life in the direction He wants. It's not always easy, but it's always the best. I became an Unlock worker for my area by God's will and I can't wait to get stuck in. My faith is influenced by feminist spirituality, and I want to help other women feel more of a connection with Jesus and the women who surrounded Him.

My hobbies are really quite varied; I have two cats and four ferrets; I am an environmentalist; I love reading (Booker prize stuff usually); playing English bagpipes; woolly hats (if you ever meet me, you'll know why that's worthy of a mention!); playing recorder in a consort; and sports – running, cycling, swimming and badminton to name a few. Sometimes I even get some sleep!