

## **Marcelle**

Marcelle, a special needs classroom assistant from Northern -Ireland, is joining this year's JoLt expedition to Borneo and can't wait to meet the rest of the team, regardless of what she's heard about them! Marcelle is one of two newbies this year and hopes that both she and Joe can rise to the challenge of being a JoLt Leader!!

Marcelle is married to Craig who competes in international and national motorbike road races in Ireland, the UK and Isle of Man. They have one son, Jamie who is currently in upper sixth and has a keen interest in snowboarding and music, especially guitar.

Marcelle has been working in the Learning Support Centre of Cookstown high school for the past 14 years and has undertaken various activities and adventures including Duke of Edinburgh camping trips, outdoor activity weeks in the UK and Europe. She works mainly with kids between the ages of 14 – 16 and enjoys seeing them develop their life skills and promotes independence as being key to a positive adult life. She has always been involved in charity work including parachute jumps, marathons, charity runs/walks and has fond memories of her hike along a section of the Great Wall of China to raise money for Mencap in 2002. She is also involved with the company 'Sing Live UK' and has performed in concerts both here in the UK and in Florida.

She became involved with the Deaf community 10 years ago when she took an introductory course to British Sign Language, became hooked and is currently a volunteer at a local Deaf Club where she helps to organise various events throughout the year.

In her spare time she likes to read, listen to music, walk and can also list snowboarding as a major work in progress. She reckons now that she has mastered going backwards brilliantly she might try going forward next time. She is looking forward to meeting and getting to know the lucky individuals who are going to be involved in this year's Journey of a Lifetime.

