

## **Michelle Jackson – A short Biography**

She graduated with a degree in Biochemistry from the University of Manchester in 1991, followed by a PhD in biochemistry which was awarded in 1994. Over the next 9 years she worked in research labs as a post-doctoral scientist and technician in both Universities and the NHS. In 2003 she was appointed as a Technical Resources Manager (TRM) within one of three research sections within the Faculty of Life Sciences at the University of Manchester.

Michelle has developed technical knowledge across a wide range of disciplines including, clinical research, immunology, molecular biology, biochemical and biophysical science and cellular biology. In 2007 she became a Fellow of the Institute of Science and Technology and, with an A1 qualification, acts as an assessor for their Continuing Professional Development programme.

As a TRM she was actively involved in meeting the training, and career and personal development needs of staff and firmly believes that this is central to success in managing a workforce, enabling them to do the best job possible and allowing them to see a clear path for career progression, benefitting the Institute and the individual. Whilst at Manchester she instigated and organised series of Technical Seminars, presented, on the whole, by experienced technicians within the Faculty. She also devised and managed a cross-Faculty Technician's Career Conference in March 2008.

Michelle was a Faculty representative on the University of Manchester Technicians Development Group, which looked at the development and training needs of the technicians from the diverse specialities across the University.

Since vacating the post at the University of Manchester in November 2008, Michelle has been actively involved in planning and directing the HEaTED project. She has also been working to develop the HEaTED technical skills courses, and Virtual Learning Environment.