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Refugee Support Devon

# TEAM

## **Susanna Revolti - CEO**

**Part-time Monday - Thursday**

Susanna's background is in peace and conflict studies and she has been working with NGOs supporting and advocating for refugees' rights for more than 15 years, both in conflict and post-conflict areas, as well as in European countries. She joined RSD in 2025, during a relatively turbulent political period. Her immediate priorities are to strengthen the team so that we can expand and consolidate our work with local and regional allies.



## **Annette Hughes - Finance Manager**

**Part-time Tuesday morning and Friday morning**

Originally trained as a nurse, then qualifying as a social worker, Annette spent 3 years in Mozambique supporting rural community groups and volunteering projects through an international development agency. Following a short spell of working with the local government on return to the UK Annette became the first Project Coordinator for Refugee Support Devon in 2003. In September 2021 Annette stepped back from these duties and now focuses on supervising RSD's financial affairs and fundraising.



## **Trupti Desai - Administrator**

**Part-time Monday - Wednesday**

Trupti has worked for the British Council in countries such as the Gaza Strip, India and Thailand for 16 years, developing an acute awareness of the needs of people at grassroots level and engaging them in all aspects of the British Council's work. Trupti joined RSD as Administrator in 2013, and ensures the smooth and efficient running of the office on a day-to-day basis.

**Natasha Pavey - Communications, Administration  
and Fundraising Assistant**  
Part-time Tuesday - Friday

Tash joined RSD in 2025 and leads the communications, social media and the fundraising committee, while also supporting the day-to-day running of the office. Originally from Devon, she founded Fridays for Future Exeter at the age of 16, leading the local youth wing of the global climate justice movement. She later trained in theatre and social justice, and worked with a small charity bringing music to asylum seekers in hotels and detention centres in London.



**Souad Fadel - Resettlement Coordinator**  
Full-time

Formerly a lecturer at Benghazi University in Libya, Souad came to the UK in 2007 to complete her Ph.D in Politics at Exeter University, focusing on immigrants and refugees. Souad joined RSD in 2018 to provide support to families resettled in Devon. More recently she has taken on responsibilities for supporting asylum seekers housed in hotels.

**Valentina Todino - Drop-in Manager**  
Part-time Tuesday - Thursday

Valentina is an Honorary Associate Research Fellow of Exeter University. She is also involved in community projects and is an active member of the Italian Cultural Association Exeter. Valentina volunteered with RSD and then became a staff member in July 2022 supporting clients in the drop-in clinic and coordinating our team of drop-in volunteers.





**Immigration Advice Manager**  
**Part-time Tuesday - Thursday**

Alex's background is in environmental justice, working in the public sector for 25 years. Originally from Exeter, she has been a long-term volunteer at RSD. Becoming accredited to give immigration advice in 2018 when RSD's Immigration Clinic first opened, she's supported Devon's asylum seeking and refugee community to regularise their status, assist in reuniting family, and becoming British citizens. Alex joined RSD as IAM in February 2026.

**Rebecca Michel - Education for Integration Coordinator**  
**Part-time Tuesday - Wednesday, and Friday morning**

Rebecca has been involved in English Language Teaching since the 1980s. She has worked in the UK, France, Turkey and Egypt as a Teacher, a Manager, a Teacher Trainer and a volunteer. She taught and managed a programme of Academic English at the University of Exeter and taught ESOL at Exeter College. She has also been volunteering with RSD and other charities and became a staff member in May 2024.



**Denise Parker - RAMP Coordinator**  
**Freelance**

Denise has worked in the UK and abroad as a TEFL teacher and online teacher trainer, EAP specialist in Business and Medicine and assessor for IELTS and Trinity College London exams. She started with RSD in 2017 specialising in Medical English to work with refugee doctors. She's now freelance and coordinates our RAMP (Refugees as Medical Doctors) project.