



## Writer and Journalist

### Information

In a former life Steph was an academic. Her research focused around the former eastern bloc, specifically the Czech Republic, and the reconstruction of civil society after the collapse of state socialism. Who is included in, who is pushed to the margins and why?

Steph has lectured both in the UK and the Czech Republic. She also taught English for three years in secondary schools.

Latterly, she has worked for the Irish Times writing a regular column. These columns form the basis of the book she wrote for Penguin about living with and caring for her husband, the actor Tony Booth who had Alzheimer's. The book, *Married to Alzheimer's*, was published in March 2019.

Steph's background is working class Manchester Irish. With the determined and sometimes forceful encouragement of her grandmother she was the first person in her family to go to university. That early accumulation of educational and social capital has played an important role in her life.

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Journalism/Writing	

What I would like to get involved in (Please tick)			
Inspirational Talk	Visits to my place of work	Mentoring / Coaching young people	Other (please state)
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