

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Nationality: South African and British citizenship. Italian Residency

PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am an experienced CELTA qualified English teacher, working and living in Palermo on a freelance basis. I am passionate about language and the empowerment of young people, through communication, as well as creative and critical expression.

Having grown up in South Africa, and having spent a significant time in London, I bring with me a wealth of cultural and life experience. My tertiary education was in Fine Art [BA Hons] and integrated arts psychotherapy [Diploma]. I spent a significant time working as a client relationship and Project manager in large scale IT outsourcing, based in London.

I have been teaching English as a second language in schools [PONS] as well as in a private capacity in Palermo since September 2015. My experience ranges from young learners to adults, including preparation for the full range of Cambridge exams. [including teaching via digital platforms: DAD, Zoom, Skype etc] Being passionate about the arts, with my own active art practice, I regularly include a strong creative and kinaesthetic element to my teaching. I have also facilitated creative workshops with students at the Belle Arte Palermo in English. My overall approach is to teach in a holistic and creative way, taking into account the whole child/student, where they are at.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Replace with dates (from - to)

Palermo: Esperti INSEGNANTI Madrelingua Inglese:

October 2021 Project: "Docente Smart" [2 X 20 hours -online]
Istituto Compresivo Maredolce, Palermo
Lezioni per insegnanti. Levelo basso e intermedio [online]

2021 [last 3 months of the school year - blended]
Liceo Linguistico Francesco Ferrara, Palermo
Insegnante di conversazione: 6 ore settimanali, tutti i livelli

2020-2021 [50 hours]
Liceo Vittorio Emanuele II
PON: Smart English: Preperation for Cambridge KEY

June 2019 [30 hours]
Liceo Vittorio Emanuele II
Via Simone di Bologna, 11, 90134 Palermo
PON: "Dreaming Europe – European Identity"
Preparing 4th and 5th year Liceo students for a 3 week trip to the UK, with a focus on European Identity. Level B1 ,B2

March 2019 – June 2019 [60 hours]
S.S. Tomaselli. Scuola Elementare. Via Abruzzi 2, 90144
Tel; 091/204823 - PEO: paee042002@istruzione.it

PON x2 : "I like English": Creative Conversation Classes for year 3 and year 4.
10 X 3 hour classes weekly.

March – May [+12 hours various]
LUMSA University Palermo
Substitute teaching: B1/B2.IELTS English Classes

May 2018 – July 2018 [40 hours]
CONTRO TAU Villa Cipressi 66, 90143 0916526394
PON: conversation as preparation for an organised excursion to Northern Ireland
for a group of young people ranging from 16-22 years old

Oct 2017 – May 2018 [50 hours]
Istituto Don Bosco. Villa Ranchibile, Via della Libertà, 199, 90143
091 62 52 056
PON: Preparation for Cambridge PET exam [LICEO]

Oct 2016 – March 2018 [60 hours] . *This was not an official PON, but a local agreement with the school*
Istituto S. Francesco D'Assisi. Scuola Elementare
Viale della Regione Siciliana Nord Ovest, 4550, 90145
+39 091 204119
Weekly afternoon Conversation Lessons for years 3-5, over a two year period

Oct 2016 – March 2017 [40 hours]
Liceo Classico Vittorio Emanuele II
Via Simone di Bologna, 11, 90100 Palermo, Italy
+39 091 581942
PON: Preparation for Trinity 7 ISE11 exam

Feb 2016 – March 2016 [30 hours]
Feb 2017 – March 2017 [30 hours]
Scuola Media Pecoraro
Piazza Europa, Palermo PA, Italy +39 091 518035
PON: conversation project for Terza Media on the theme of South Africa, and Apartheid

Oct 2015 – May 2016 [50 hours]
Istituto Don Bosco. Villa Ranchibile, Via della Libertà, 199, 90143
PON: Preparation for Cambridge KET exam [LICEO]

LONDON, UK

Nov 2000 – March 2015 [full time employment]
LogicaCMG / CGI Group Inc – Information Technology Outsourcing
<https://www.cgi.com/en>.
Project Management and Client Relationship Management
on various outsourced global IT Projects, in the UK and Europe

South Africa

1996 – 2000
Various

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

July 2015: **CELTA**
This is an internationally recognised qualification for teaching English as a second language. It uses contemporary, varied and creative methodology

International House Palermo:
via Q. Sella 70 - 90139 Palermo(PA)

Sept 2009 – June 2010: **Foundation in Integrated Arts Therapy**
Institute for Arts and Therapy in Education
2-18 Britannia Row, Islington, London N1 8PA, UK. +44 20 7704 2534

1991 – 1994: **BA in Fine Art**
Durban University of Technology . Durban, South Africa, info@dut.ac.za

Nov 2000 – 2015
Various Industry accredited IT courses, including Prince2 Project Management and ITIL

PERSONAL SKILLS

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| Communication skills | ▪ I am a mother tongue ESL teacher. I value and enjoy communication and language both in terms of the written and the spoken word. I am confident in communicating to people at all levels, in English. My Italian is not yet fluent but is a work in progress. |
| Organisational / managerial skills | ▪ Prior to teaching, I worked in various managerial roles, in the field of Information Technology. I have also achieved project management accreditation in this field |
| IT skills | I am proficient in general IT user interface technology. During the pandemic I have used both ZOOM and DAD to teach individuals as well as classes |
| Hobbies and Interests | ▪ Art, the use of arts in education, reading, trail and road running, meditation, politics and travel. Spending time with my family. |

References

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