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DATE OF BIRTH 5th April 1953

MARITAL STATUS: Married

POST SCHOOL QUALIFICATIONS

1976 Bachelor of Arts in Political Studies - University of Newcastle
1985 Trinity Certificate in TESOL – Eaton Hall International
1987 Master of Arts in English Language Studies with TEFL - University of Newcastle Upon Tyne.

ELT WORK EXPERIENCE WITH THE BRITISH COUNCIL

September 2009 – to date British Council, UK Innovations Team Product Development in ELT advisor with special responsibility for teacher training and teacher development.

October 2007-August 2009 British Council Peacekeeping English Project Manager, Libya. Responsibility as below in Croatia 2000-2006.

March 2006 – September 2007 ELT Consultant on British Council and British Embassy Strategic Leadership in English Language in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with special responsibility for reform of the English curriculum in vocational colleges.

September 2000 to March 2006 British Council Peace Keeping English Project Manager funded by the UK Ministry of Defence/Foreign & Commonwealth Office.

Duties include responsibility for strategy development within the Peacekeeping English Project network, developing an ELT strategy for the Croatian Armed Forces Training Department, Testing reform, curriculum and course development, programme for teacher development, and the setting up of a resource and self-access network.

September 1996 – August 2000 British Council ELT Advisor, Banská Bystrica, Slovakia
Duties included specific responsibility for project management and financial planning to British Council standards, Trainer Training Project Coordinator, Advisor to Slovakia Bilingual school project and regional responsibility for a number of British Council national

- 1987 – 2009 projects including National Testing Reform, Trainer Training and the Slovak Learner Autonomy Methodology Project (LAMP). Responsibility for course design on all British Council projects as well as short summer courses from 1989 –1999 both on British Council Summer Courses in Bulgaria, Czech Republic and Slovakia. Contract teacher trainer and Director of Studies at Pilgrims summer courses 1997-2009.
- 1994 - 1996 Employed by the British Council as a Pre-Service Teacher Trainer/Lecturer at the Pedagogical Faculty of Masarykova University, Brno, Czech Republic
- 1991 - 1994 Employed by the British Council as teacher co-ordinator for all the British teachers working in the English bilingual language medium schools in Bulgaria.
- 1988 -1994 English language teacher at the English language medium secondary school, Sofia, Bulgaria.
- 1989-98 Instructor (1989) and then Course Director for 7 years on British Council Summer Schools for Bulgarian, Czech and Slovak teachers of English, teacher trainers and future mentors held in Sofia, Brno and Slovakia.

CONFERENCES AND OTHER IATEFL RELATED ACTIVITIES

- 2006-9 Presented at IATEFL UK in Aberdeen, Exeter and Cardiff
- 2000-to Presenter at British Council Project Management Seminar, Cambridge, Croatian Association of Teachers of English Conferences in Zadar, Pula & Dubrovnik and teacher training seminars with Croatian teachers of English
- 1998 - 1999 Co-editor with Susan Sheerin of IATEFL publication - Learner Independence Worksheets 2 published in August 1999.
- 1998-9 Co-ordinator of British Council Central European INSETT conference held in Slovakia in February 1999
- 1998-9 Presenter and joint co-ordinator on management training course for Slovakia teacher association.
- 1992 - 2000 Keynote Plenary at Teachers of English in Austria Conference on English Across the Curriculum
Presentation at IATEFL conferences in Lille, York and Brighton.
Presentations at IATEFL and teacher association conferences in Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Austria
- 1997/8 Co-ordinator of Central Slovakia Regional Conference on Learner Independence “The Learner Centred Classroom”

- 1995/6 Organiser of Central Europe IATEFL Learner Independence conference held in Brno in May 1996
- 1995/8 Committee member IATEFL Learner Independence Special Interest Group
- 1995 Co-ordinator of Self-Access mini-conference for British Council lecturers and Czech Teacher Trainers
- 1991-93 Committee member of the Bulgarian branch of IATEFL
- 1991-92 Joint Co-ordinator of the organising committee for Bulgaria IATEFL conference held in May 1992

COURSES AND OTHER ELT RELATED ACTIVITIES

- 1999 – 2000 Co-ordinator of ELTeCS International Insett working group and liaison with Slovak trainer committee negotiating a further education recognition scheme
With the Slovak Ministry of education.
- 1999 Article in October issue of Teacher Trainer “Are you listening to me?”
- 1998 - 2000 Central Slovakia Regional trainer of courses for teachers teaching towards the UCLES Suit.
- 1998 Participation in British Council “Future of English” online course.
- 1997- 2000 Co-ordinator of Slovakia schools self-access project.
- 1997-9 Trainer on a range of courses including secondary teaching, mixed ability trainer development, learner autonomy at Pilgrims Summer Institute, Canterbury.
- 1995 Article published in Perspectives - British Council Czech Republic Journal
- 1994-9 Oral examiner for UCLES (CPE, CAE, FCE & PET)
- 1993 - 1999 Co-ordinator of the Self-Access Project for English Language Schools in Bulgaria, Pedagogical Faculty, Brno and Secondary SAC project in Slovakia
- 1993 Article in June issue of Practical English Teaching
- 1987-88 British Council scholarship to Bulgaria. Studying methods of English language teaching in Bulgaria. Based at Sofia University.

1986-87 Part-time teacher at the Language Centre, University of Newcastle Upon Tyne working mainly with students from the Middle East.

MEMBERSHIP of PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

IATEFL (ELT Management, Learner Independence, ESP, Global Issues, Testing, Teacher Training and Teacher Development Special Interest Groups).

METHODOLOGY/RESEARCH INTERESTS

ELT Management, Trainer Development, Curriculum Development, Learner Independence/Autonomy, NLP, Multiple Intelligences, Mixed Ability/Multi-level learning, ESP and Needs Analysis, Bilingual Education/English Across the Curriculum

NON ELT WORK EXPERIENCE.

1979-1987 Computer operator and then clerical officer at the Department of Health and Social Security in Newcastle Upon Tyne

1979 Research worker with Newcastle Community Health Council

1977 Research work into youth unemployment in North Shields, Tyne and Wear.

1976 Manager, Cradlewell Books, Newcastle Upon Tyne.