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## **Education**

Sept 09 - Sept 10 Queens University Belfast  
*M.A. Social Anthropology (Distinction expected)*

Sept 04 – June 08 Trinity College Dublin  
*B.A Classical Civilisation & French (2:1)*

Sept 98 – June 04 St Gerard's School Bray  
Leaving Cert 500 points

## **Work Experience**

- Jan-April 09 – ATC Language School, Bray  
**Teacher**
  - Designed and implemented lesson plans for teenagers (15-18) from Europe
  - Lesson plans were based on Irish culture
  - Classes were built around the communicative learning approach, encouraging participation
  - Classes were designed to be dynamic, exciting and fun while tackling common grammatical problems and other obstacles faced by non-native speakers
  - Assessed the students on their written and oral performance throughout the course
  
- April – Sept 09  
**Tour Guide (Rome)**
  - Providing guided comprehensive tours of the colosseum and other sights in Rome
  - Excellent interpersonal skills and an ability to communicate with people from all nationalities
  - Energy and enthusiasm, passion for the subject
  
- June – December 08 – Techstaff Recruitment  
**Recruitment Consultant**
  - The ability to understand, define and meet client needs
  - Providing accurate and relevant support, advice and guidance to clients and candidates
  - Meeting with clients and candidates on a one-to-one basis to assess needs and create a tailored action plan to meet agreed-upon goals
  - Business development; seeking and establishing new avenues of opportunity. Developing and maintaining close relationships with consultancies, both local and international, and identifying future placement opportunities.
  - Acting as first point of contact for clients and employers helping negotiate and solve difficulties if they arose
  - Ensuring all company targets were met

- Provided an excellent service to employers responding to all requests efficiently and effectively
  - The ability to work under pressure, as part of a team and in a target-orientated environment.
- June 05 – December 07- O’Brien’s Fine Wines  
**Sales Assistant**
- Providing excellent service to customers
  - The ability to work under pressure
  - An appreciation and a knowledge of fine wines
  - The ability to work effectively as part of team and delegate to younger staff
  - Strong interpersonal skills
  - An outgoing personality
- Summer 07 – TEFL International  
**TEFL Tutor (Bordeaux, France)**
- The development of learning materials and lecture content for students
  - Providing mentoring, advice and guidance to students
  - Designing for delivery various presentations and class tutorials
  - The ability to multitask
  - Excellent communication skills
  - Strong attention to detail and organisational skills
- Summer 03/04 Euro Languages College  
**French Tutor**
- Planning design and delivery of lesson plans to a variety of student classes of varying ages and abilities
  - Organising and running the daily activities of the college including excursions and sports events.

## **Skills/ Training courses**

### *TEFL International Certificate (teaching English as a foreign language)*

This course (in Bordeaux, France) ran over the period of a month. It was 120 hours long and comprised of additional class hours where we would teach French people English (Grammatical, Basic etc.), all of which were based in the Communicative Teaching approach. I achieved a score of 86 in the end of course exam.

### *WSET Certificate (wine-tasting course over 8 weeks)*

I was given the opportunity to take this course by the HR manager of O’Briens as I felt my lack of knowledge of the wine world was holding me back in the company. This was an intermediate course which covered wine regions, grapes, varieties, food matches etc and was geared towards producing more knowledgeable sales assistants. I achieved a score of 84 in the end of course exam. I then visited some vineyards in Bordeaux and am now confident that I have a very good appreciation and knowledge of the wine world.

## **Languages**

French (Fluent), Gaelige (Intermediate), Italian (Beginner), Spanish (Beginner)

**Excellent references available upon request**