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Born: England 1953



I am a qualified and experienced teacher with strong social, creative and administrative skills. I am a flexible and resilient team player whose skills have been honed during 33 years of a rich and varied teaching career. I have fostered the academic, social and personal growth of children from a wide range of cultures and backgrounds. I am good at developing warm relationships, and respond to each individual's unique inner strengths. I love working in new environments.

#### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

**Private English Tutor, Ganges France (2010-2013)**

One to one lessons advancing speaking and writing skills  
of French and English students  
Ages 6 to 60 + with wide range of levels

**International School of Neustadt, Germany (2009-2010)**

**PY 3 Teacher**

**International School of Turin, (IST) Italy (2007-2009)**

**Grade 3 Teacher (2 Year contract)**

PYP Teaching and Learning 3 Day Workshop

Mentor for Grade 5 Exhibition

Member of Curriculum Committee for 5 Year Evaluation Visit

Informal Advisor for Conflict Resolution

**Exminster School, England (2005-2007)**

**Teacher**

Two years PPA cover, Years R, 1.

Short term contracts, Years 3, 5, 6

Supply teacher both key stages

**Devon County Council, England (2002-2005)**

**Supply Teacher**

Taught both key stages over wide area including a half term placement at the Topsham School teaching Year 4; and a one term placement at the Beacon C of E School teaching Reception/Year 1.

**Friends School, Detroit, Michigan, USA (1985 – 2001)**

**Class Teacher**

I taught a wide range of ages and abilities in Detroit's Quaker School. I was responsible for the evaluation and assessment of children's progress; revised and edited school-wide reports; and implemented the school's Conflict Resolution, Peer Mediation and Gardening programmes. Other highlights:

- As Faculty Clerk, I acted as liaison between staff and the head teacher; organised and chaired weekly staff meetings; designed and arranged in-service training; and supervised the professional development of 22 teachers.
- I acted as mediator among staff, was mentor and advisor for new incoming teachers, and organised and chaired parent education meetings.
- I wrote well-regarded reports and evaluations, and chaired school meetings;
- As Geography Co-coordinator I mobilised children and parents to revitalise a pond and multisensory garden.
- I produced and coordinated a variety of community celebrations including an Art Festival, annual Community Days, and a Winter Festival;
- I organised annual whole school multi-cultural presentations to parents.
- I co-ordinated and hosted the first-ever Grand persons' Day
- As an active member of AIMS (Association of Independent Michigan Schools) I co-organised a number of city-wide education conferences: for these, I was responsible for inviting key-note speakers, organising publicity, and arranging venues and logistics.
- I organised a 'Children are being Influenced' conference addressing suicide, media influence and substance abuse.

**Roeper City and Country School, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, USA (1984 –1985)**

**Class Teacher**

I taught a class of five, six and seven year old talented and gifted children.

**Adlai Stevenson Elementary School, Southfield, Michigan, USA (1983 – 1984)**

**Exchange Teacher**

Participated in an annual programme which facilitated the exchange of teachers between UK and US schools

**John Ball Primary School, Blackheath, London (1979 – 1983)**

**Class Teacher**

I taught children from a broad mix of ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds; organised week-long environmental study activities in literature, geography, history and art; and I coordinated the teaching of PE in the school.

**'70-71' Halfway Street, Sidcup, Kent (1976 – 1978)**

**Child Care Officer**

Cared for children with severe emotional and behavioural needs placed in long-term care.

**Shotley Bridge General Hospital, County Durham, England (1971 – 1972)**

**Auxiliary Nurse**

Developed practical skills of social care whilst working the Accident Department of the hospital.

## **EDUCATION**

**Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan (1992 – 1993)**

13 credit hours in Education and History required for State of Michigan Certification.

**Goldsmiths College, University of London (graduated 1976)** Bachelor of Education, Certificate of Education with Merit

**St Mary's School, Calne, Wiltshire**

## **PERSONAL INTERESTS**

**Outdoor pursuits**

Travel, riding, walking, cycling, sailing and swimming

**Creative Arts**

Reading, cinema, theatre, writing and music appreciation.

## **REFERENCES:**

Sanjay Teeluck: Director, International School of Neustadt Email: [sanjayteeluck@yahoo.com](mailto:sanjayteeluck@yahoo.com)

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