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## **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

I am a mature and driven professional who is looking to begin a career in I.T. I am currently completing a Full-stack Web Development course with the Code Institute, Dublin. This course is an online bootcamp, with a level 5 (EQF) accredited Diploma (Edinburgh Napier University). The course covers the languages HTML, CSS, Javascript and Python, as well as Github, Bootstrap, Balsamiq, J-Query and other vital resources for developers. I will have a portfolio of sites when I complete the course. I engage with my mentors and other students though Slack and use Cloud9 and Zoom to complete group projects such as hackathons. I have previously worked as an archaeological supervisor (team leader with responsibility for site and site record, using programs like Excell, Access and Illustrator), TEFL teacher (creating my own material using Word and Power-point), and most recently as Assistant Manager of our family courier business during a successful expansion (dealing with personnel matters, logistics and customer relations). I have also high-level editorial and research skills gaining during my M.A. and thesis on Old Irish law (where I achieved 1<sup>st</sup> class honours) and my two subsequent articles based on this research. I have intermediate Irish, beginner's Spanish and a full driver's license. I am willing to travel for work and am available to start immediately.

## **EDUCATION**

### **(2009-2011) M.A. in Celtic Civilization – 1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours**

From University College Cork, Ireland. Graduated with 75% overall, and 81% for a 20,000-word thesis.

### **(1996-2001) B.A. In Ancient History and Archaeology – 2.1**

From Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. I received a 2.1 (64%) and wrote a 10,000-word thesis.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

### **(2014-2018) Assistant Manager, Dellchem**

Expanded the family courier business, delivering pharmaceuticals to chemists and hospitals. During my time the company grew 5-fold, employing 10 drivers and acquiring a fleet of vans in the process, delivering to most of Kerry, Cork and Waterford for Uniphar. Dealt with personnel matters, logistics and customer relations.

### **(July 2008-September 2013) TEFL teacher, Cork & Korea**

Locally in Cork, I have worked in the North Monastery Language Institute (NMLI), the Active Centre of English Training (ACET, formerly Cork CLCI), and the CILA English School. I would typically have to supplement the coursebook with my own material, for classes of 5-12 people of all nationalities and ages. I also taught private lessons during my M.A. with all my own material. I spent a year working in a busy boy's High-school in Yeosu, South Korea after my M.A. The classes in Yeosu could be of 30 students or more and I had to create the curriculum myself. Supervision of camps and day-trips was also my responsibility. I taught extra curriculum hours for the Yeosu Education Board's Genius Program during my first semester in Yeosu.

## **(November 2006-May 2007) Archaeological Supervisor**

Upon returning from Australia, I supervised a large excavation on the N9-N10 Waterford to Knocktopher road-scheme for Valerie J. Keely Ltd. After this, I worked for Kilkenny Archaeology on their prestigious excavation of the Rothe House renaissance period gardens, the first such excavation in an urban setting in Ireland. For part of the excavation I supervised another smaller site on James Street. I then supervised 7 sites on the N9-N10 Knocktopher to Carlow road-scheme. Teams were of up to 20 people, and sites ranged from Neolithic to Medieval. In the post excavation phase I created matrices and groupings, oversaw the correction of records, selected figures and wrote stratigraphic reports for many of the sites our company had excavated.

## **(May 2005-July 2006) Backpacking in Australia**

Travelled and worked throughout Australia (e.g. fruit picking and packing, kitchen hand, waiter).

## **(February 2004-April 2005) Archaeological Supervisor**

Moved to Cultural Resource Development Services (CRDS) as a supervisor in charge of teams of between 5 to 10 people, over several sites. Was responsible for the site and the archaeological record. All stages of excavation from testing, to site resolution and post-excavation. In the post-ex phase I worked on data entry (using Access and Excel), matrices (using Adobe Illustrator) and wrote several stratigraphic reports.

## **(July 2001-January 2004) Archaeological Assistant**

Began my career in Archaeology after my degree, working all over the country for several consultancies.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **(2016) Published two articles**

In 2016, my article '*Bretha Comaithchesa: A comparative Analysis of the Manuscript Witnesses*' was published in *Celtica* 28 (an esteemed Celtic studies journal). In the same year, I also published 'John O'Donovan's and Eugene O'Curry's Notes and the Construction of the Ancient Laws of Ireland' in *The Irish Jurist* 55 (a long-running and respected law periodical). Both articles were based on work I had produced while researching my M.A. thesis.

### **(2009-2010) Irish language course and scholarship to the Gaeltacht**

Completed an Irish language course with the UCC Spoken Irish Department (*Ionad na Gaeilge Labhartha*), and received a week-long to the *Corcha Dhuibhne* gaeltacht.

### **(2008) ACELS Certificate – Approved with Distinction**

Issued by the Advisory Council for English Language Schools, Ireland. I obtained this during an intensive teacher training course in Active Centre of English Training (ACET, formerly Cork Language Centre International [CLCI]), where I achieved a mark of 'Approved with Distinction'.

## **ACTIVITIES**

- I have been playing guitar and singing for 26 years. I compose my own music, have released two CDs with my band, and have played in several projects.
- I am interested in all sports, and I enjoy playing Soccer, running and yoga.
- I am an avid reader, particularly fantasy/science fiction novels and historical books.
- I have travelled extensively in Europe, Asia, Australia and North America.

**References available on request.**