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Career Profile

Aspiring web developer from the UK, living in Tokyo. I started studying in April 2021.  
Former English teacher and manager of a large nursery with a master’s degree and experience working with both children and adults.  
Portfolio: <https://louisep1.github.io/my-homepage/>

Work *(pre-web development)*

**WinBe, Yaruki Switch Group**English teacher July 2019 – July 2022  
Teaching children at an English language school (classes based on age/ability, from 2.5 to 16 years), facilitating quality student-centred learning with a focus on active language production, lesson planning, writing reports, event planning and working in a diverse team of Japanese and international staff.

Reasons for leaving: wanting to visit family outside Japan after the covid-19 pandemic.

**Tinysaurus Nurseries** February 2018 – March 2019Nursery Manager/Assistant Manager   
Running a children's nursery, at full capacity managing 25 staff and looking after up to 100 children daily, constantly problem-solving.

Duties include overseeing tasks, risk assessing and taking charge of health and safety, upholding a duty of care, ensuring the practice of staff is child-centered and consistently high, delivering training to staff, promoting safeguarding of children and dealing with concerns, thorough planning, recruitment, marketing, staff disciplinaries, dealing with complains and responding to telephone and email enquiries.

Able to deal with extreme pressure and limited staff, skilled in people management. Paediatric first aid qualified and safeguarding lead trained. 100% attendance throughout entire duration of the time worked for the company.

Reasons for leaving: career change.

**Kicks Martial Arts Centre**Receptionist January 2016 – July 2019Working part-time as a receptionist at a local martial arts centre taught me that teamwork and communication are essential in the success of any organisation. Duties included liasing with customers and staff, organisation and preparations for lessons, managing cash till and selling merchandise.

Reasons for leaving: moved to Japan.

**Lyndhurst Rest Homes**Activities coordinator  August 2016 – March 2017The clientele were care home residents, primarily over the age of 65, some of whom were living with learning disabilities. This mean that many were living with some restrictive impact in their life. As activities coordinator, I planned and held an events schedule with the residents` needs in consideration.  
Resilient and able to deal with pressure and emergeny situations.

Reasons for leaving: completed cover work duration.

Education

**CELTA (Cambridge English Level 5 Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)** - Grade A PassSt Giles, Brighton April – May 2019

**MA International Education and Development** - MeritUniversity of Sussex September 2016 – September 2017

**BA Childhood and Youth** – First class honours  
University of Sussex September 2013 – June 2016

**A Levels** (Mathematics, Philosophy and Psychology) and AS level (Chemistry)  
Brockenhurst College September 2011 – June 2013

**GCSEs** (11 subjects)  
Bournemouth School for Girls September 2006 – June 2011

Voluntary Work Experience/Other

**University Sports Club** September 2014 – June 2016

Being President of the kickboxing club committee, responsibilities included being the face of the club and mediating between members and instructors, regulating attendance, setting up and packing equipment, managing the finances, ensuring smooth communication among committee members, managing the social media, organising social activities and recruiting new club members.

**Cedar Centre** November – December 2014

As a volunteer at a special educational needs school, I supported students based on their specific needs.

**The Libra Foundation** July 2013 and July 2014

After attending weekly training sessions for a year in the UK, I worked on a two-week integration project with vulnerable and ‘mainstream’ children in Romania.

Interests

My main hobbies are dance and scuba diving. I enjoy being outdoors.