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Professional Profile

UK-trained Art Therapist (MSc), English language teacher and creative educator with nearly thirty years of international experience across Italy, the United Kingdom and Switzerland. Founder of BeArtEnglish, I design personalised learning and creative experiences for children, teenagers, adults and families, integrating English language education, early bilingual development, art-based practice, educational childcare and relational understanding.

My work is communicative, child-centred and person-centred. I support learners to build confidence through conversation, storytelling, play, creative materials, exam preparation and meaningful real-life language use. I also bring a strong background in Art Therapy, Play Therapy-informed practice, school-based emotional support and early years education.

Areas of Expertise

English language teaching	Cambridge and Trinity preparation	Early bilingual development
Educational childcare	Creative workshops	Art Therapy and wellbeing
Storytelling and play	School partnerships	Italian for foreigners
Online teaching	Family support	Workshop design

Professional Experience

2019 - Present | Founder, English Teacher and Creative Educator - BeArtEnglish | Italy / online

Independent educational practice combining English, creativity, early bilingual development, personalised learning and art-based experiences.

- Design and deliver one-to-one and small-group English lessons for children, teenagers and adults, in person and online.
- Prepare learners for Cambridge Young Learners, PET/B1 and Trinity-style speaking tasks through communicative, confidence-building practice.
- Create personalised materials using books, games, storytelling, art, movement, science topics, digital resources and student interests.
- Offer Italian for foreigners and natural language support for international families living in or visiting Italy.
- Plan creative English workshops, family activities, summer sessions and event-based educational childcare.

2020 - Present | Early Bilingual Development Specialist - Family-based programmes | Italy

Natural English immersion for young children and families, with particular experience from birth to age six.

- Support families in building sustainable bilingual routines through play, books, songs, daily language, creative activities and emotional connection.
- Adapt language input to the child's age, interests, temperament and family context, avoiding pressure and supporting positive attachment to the language.
- Combine language development with emotional awareness, symbolic play and creative expression.

2024 - 2025 | Native English Specialist - Oral Communication and Language Immersion - School and educational collaborations | Siena, Italy

Collaborative school-based work focused on speaking confidence, dialogue and active listening.

- Co-taught and supported oral communication pathways designed to help students speak more naturally and with greater confidence.
- Introduced communicative and experiential methodology, with lessons based on real interaction rather than isolated grammar practice.
- Planned activities independently to improve continuity, motivation and the quality of oral English provision.

2019 - Present | Educational Childcare and Family Support - Tata Planner and independent family work | Tuscany, Italy

Bilingual educational childcare for weddings, holidays, international families and private family settings.

- Provide reliable, warm and creative childcare for children from early years to pre-teens, including multilingual and international contexts.
- Offer English or Italian through play, routines, stories, creative activities and outdoor experiences rather than formal instruction.
- Collaborate with families, event planners and venues, maintaining clear boundaries, safety awareness and calm communication.

2014 - 2017 | Child Carer / Socio-educational Worker - ELCH Centre | Zurich, Switzerland

- Supported early years care, supervision and educational activities in a multicultural team.
- Contributed to children's cognitive, emotional, social and language development through play, routine and relational care.

2009 - 2012 | Nursery Educator and English-speaking Coach - La Maisonnette | Rome, Italy

- Worked with children aged 0-3 within a nursery environment using mixed pedagogical approaches, including Montessori-informed practice.
- Used the Natural Approach to introduce English through daily routines, songs, functional language and playful interaction.

2007 - 2009 | Art Therapist and School Counsellor - Place2Be, Primary Schools | Edinburgh, UK

- Delivered individual and group therapeutic interventions with primary school children using a child-centred, non-directive and relational approach.
- Worked with teachers and families to support children experiencing emotional, relational and behavioural difficulties.
- Integrated Art Therapy and Play Therapy-informed methods within a school-based wellbeing service.

2008 | Art Therapist and Trainer - Lambeth Children and Young People's Service | London, UK

- Delivered introductory training for school staff and social workers on the role of Art Therapy in educational settings.
- Combined theoretical input with hands-on work using art materials and reflective discussion.

2008 | Art Therapist - Capability Scotland | Livingston, UK

- Supported people with physical and learning disabilities through art-based therapeutic work focused on emotional wellbeing and quality of life.

2006 - 2007 | Art Therapist - The Cowgate Centre | Edinburgh, UK

- Led an art therapy studio within a homeless reception centre, offering individual and group work.
- Managed the studio space, art materials, evaluation processes and written reporting.

2006 - 2008 | ECDL Tutor and Community Education Worker - Edinburgh Council and community settings | Edinburgh, UK

- Contributed to community education projects across libraries and local centres, supporting adult learning and digital inclusion.

2018 | Maître d' / Head Waitress - Podere Casato | Castelnuovo Berardenga, Italy

- Managed customer relations and provided language support in English and German in a hospitality setting.

2019 - Present | Vice President - Philharmonic and Dramatic Society of Castelnovo Berardenga | Italy

- Support the work of a local not-for-profit cultural association contributing to social and cultural life in the community.

Education

2006 - 2008 | Master of Science in Art Therapy (MSc) - Queen Margaret University College, Edinburgh, UK
Postgraduate training in Art Therapy, now commonly referred to as Art Psychotherapy.

2003 - 2005 | Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) - Institute of Education, University of London, UK
University-level teacher training qualification.

2004 | MA Module - Contemporary Art and Artists in Education - Institute of Education, University of London, UK
Postgraduate module linking contemporary art practice and education.

1996 - 1999 | BA (Hons) Textile Design - Central Saint Martins, London, UK
Bachelor of Arts degree in textile design.

1995 - 1996 | BTEC National Diploma in Art and Design - Cordwainers College, London, UK
Foundation-level arts and design training.

1986 - 1991 | Art High School Diploma - Liceo Artistico 'Duccio di Buoninsegna', Siena, Italy
Specialisation in painting.

Professional Certifications

2021 | TEFL - WattsEnglish International / WITC
ESL teaching qualification with Cambridge Young Learners preparation: Starters, Movers and Flyers.

2014 - 2017 | TELC German B1 - ECAP, Zurich
Completed A1-B1 pathway and achieved B1 certification.

Renewed as required | Paediatric First Aid - Professional childcare and education settings
First-aid training for work with children.

Languages

Italian	Native	Education, family work, creative facilitation and professional communication.
English	Native-level fluency	Lived, studied and worked in the UK for many years; teaches English professionally.
German	B1	Functional communication for childcare, hospitality and international family settings.

Professional Philosophy

I believe people learn best when they feel respected, encouraged and actively involved. Whether I am teaching English, supporting a family, working creatively with a child or accompanying an adult through art-based exploration, I begin with the person in front of me: their age, needs, language, interests, confidence and emotional safety.

My practice brings together language, creativity and relationship. English is not treated only as a school subject, but as a living means of communication. Art and play are not decorative extras; they are bridges into expression, memory, motivation and connection.

Professional Strengths

- Warm, empathic and relational presence with children, families and adult learners.
- Strong ability to adapt lessons and activities to different ages, cultures, personalities and learning needs.
- Confident bridge between English language education, creative practice and emotional development.
- Experience across schools, homes, events, community settings, therapeutic services and online learning.
- International background with a practical understanding of bilingual families and cross-cultural communication.
- Reliable organisation, clear communication and careful preparation of personalised materials.

Digital and Creative Skills

- Microsoft Office and Google Workspace for teaching, planning and communication.
- Online teaching tools, digital activities, personalised worksheets and visual lesson materials.
- Digital photography, graphics and image editing, including Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator.
- Creative workshop planning using drawing, collage, painting, modelling materials, storytelling, sensory materials and natural objects.

References

Professional references are available on request.

References may include educational, childcare, creative workshop, family and professional collaborators, depending on the context of the request.

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