

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY & EMPLOYMENT

- 2012 to date** Creation and development of my own Pinocchio Method for Learning Foreign Languages; Newcastle upon Tyne, UK; Rome - Vicenza - Milan, Italy.
This includes the preparation and publication of a multi-language text book as a teaching aid and the application of the method in schools and to individuals;
- 2016** Successful trial of the Pinocchio Method: Rita Levi Montalcini Primary School; Rome, Italy.
- 2015 to date** Italian Language Tuition; Newcastle upon Tyne, UK; Rome, Italy.
Online & Face -to-Face private tuition of Italian as a foreign language to students, individuals and groups.
- 2009-2012** School Teacher: Gosforth High School; Newcastle upon Tyne, UK:
Italian Teacher: age group 13 to 18 years.
Italian Teacher: age group 9 to 10 years.
Language Assistant in the Italian Department.
Teacher Training: instructing Primary School Teachers using my teaching method.
Organisation of theatrical productions in the Italian language performed by the students.
- 2003-2008** Italian Teacher for adults at night schools in social agencies (professional & voluntary); Tyne & Wear, UK.
- 2003-2004** French conversation at multinational events for immigrants (voluntary); Tyne & Wear, UK.
- 2001-2002** Private Advisor to adolescents on Personal Development: helping them to realise their own talents, qualities and possibilities; Vicenza, Italy.
- 2001** Puntoservizi CGL: Tax Office clerk; Vicenza, Italy.
- 1988 to date** Author and publisher of books of short stories and poetry and educational articles; UK; Italy.
- 1988-2000** Raised 2 children; wrote poetry and stories.
- 1971-1987** Retail sales in various companies in and around Vicenza, Italy
- 1969-1971** Clerk at "Zecchetto", "Bottaro" Employment Consultancy; Vicenza, Italy.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 2002-2008** NQF Level 5 Credits: Voluntary Teaching at MEA House, Newcastle on Tyne, UK
- 2004** ESOL level 1: Newcastle College, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.
- 2003** Baseline Counsellor Training: Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.
Training to support young homeless people to develop their own talents.
- 1994-1995** NLP (Neurolinguistic Programming) course with Dr Beatrice Girardi, Vicenza, Italy
- 1998-1999** Certificate in Lymphatic Drainage: l'Istituto Valet: Bologna, Italy
- 1989-1990** Certificate in Aesthetic Massage: Victory: Vicenza, Italy
- 1968** Secondary School Certificate: Vicenza, Italy [including Latin]

LANGUAGES

Native Italian; Fluent English; French;

SKILLS

Author & Poet; Educationalist & Teacher; Social/interpersonal; Counselling; Problem solving.

PUBLICATIONS AND ARTICLES

- 2015 “Pinocchio”, a Teaching Aid for Language Teachers the first book in the series “Create Your Own Story” based upon my own Language Teaching Methodology.
- 2010 “And the Blue Sky Beyond” English Translation of “E al di la’... l’azzurro del cielo”, book of short stories Published by Merlinò [my own publishing house]; Newcastle upon Tyne, UK.
- 2004 2 poems selected for “Antologia del Premio Letteraria”, Candia Lamellina; Milan, Italy.
- 2000-2001 Writer for monthly magazine “Realtà Vicentina”, Editrice Veneta; Vicenza, Italy. Including the story “L’angelo che si chiamava Chiaccherone” (“The angel called Chatterbox”).
- 2000 “La perfezione” (“Perfection”), a selection of poems presented at the XIII Premio Letterario Nazionale, “Arpadice Cuman Pertile”, Edizione 2000 [published in the annual collection for the National Literature Prize]; Citta’ di Marostica Italy.
- 1999 “Momenti dell’anima” (“Moments of Soul”), book of poems published by Tracce; Pescara, Italy.
- 1998 “E al di la’... l’Azzurro del Cielo”, book of stories, published by Serenissima; Vicenza Italy.

MEMBERSHIPS

- 2009 to date Member of ALL (Association of Language Learning) as education representative for the Italian Language in Northern England.
- 2006 to date Supporter of S4A (Success 4 All cooperative) providing Learning Hubs in educationally deprived areas in North East England.

CONFERENCES

- 2009 to date ALL (Association of Language Learning) Annual International Conferences for Teaching methods for Foreign Language Learning.
- 07/05/1999 “Meetings with the Author: ‘E al di lá... l’azzurro del cielo’”, at the Cloister of San Lorenzo, Vicenza, Italy.
- 30/04/1999 Reading Laboratory: ‘E al di lá... l’azzurro del cielo’ organized by Istituto Piovène” High School ,Vicenza, Italy.
- 20/08/1998 Public presentation of my book “Momenti dell’anima”, at Este Town Hall, Padova, Italy.

INTERESTS

Art, Humanities, Philosophy, Cooking, Music, Reading, Writing