

## Britannia College – Teacher Profiles

### **Diana Abela B.A.(Hons.) Adv Cert TESOL (Leicester) Online Educ and Training Cert for Language Teaching (Institute of Education. University of London)**

Apart from teaching various levels and undertaking student preparation for FCE, CAE, IELTS and **LCCI examinations** at Britannia College, Diana has lectured at the Institute of Linguistics, University of Malta. She also runs an online Business English course.

Her background in EFL spans 20 years and culminated in two Director of Studies posts at Language Schools in Malta.

As a creator of EFL teaching materials, she has also designed courses for business English and Distance Learning structures.

Previous work experience includes: Advisor and representative at the Paris headquarters UNESCO NATIONAL COMMISSION, freelance writing, re-introduction of the English Speaking Board (UK) in Malta, designing a framework for assessments in Spoken English in local private schools.

### **Peter Bowring CELTA**

A former **investments broker/consultant**, Peter also worked in the **assurance and insurance industry** for a number of years. A desire for a total career change led him to TEFL and after obtaining a CELTA from Bournemouth UK he focussed on business English working for IH in Bratislava and in Malta before coming to Britannia College.

He has gained a great deal of experience teaching in-house courses for a number of firms – Canon, Dell, Tandem Ac and National Bank.

**Edward Briffa EFL, FTBE (LCCI)** came to **TEFL** after a career in **real estate and export marketing and sales** with particular experience selling a variety of products in North Africa and the Middle East. His training background includes marketing and accounting, which he started in London's financial centre. He has been teaching at Britannia College since 2005 and brings his wealth of experience in business and intercultural relations to the **business English classroom**.

He has an excellent track record with all the business students – many top executives, lawyers, engineers etc. – because of his familiarity with authentic content in these areas.

**Sally Decesare M.Sc Occupational Psych.(Brantridge US), CertTIEB (London Guildhall University), CELTA (Cambridge University) Certificate in Personality Testing Level B (Criterion Partnership Psychological Test Assessors) Certificate in Occupational Testing Level A - Registered (British Psychological Society) 1996**

Sally has been teaching at Britannia College for the last three years and teaching EFL for the last eight years mainly taking business English classes and 1-1 lessons. One of her Tutors for CertTIEB was the Market Leader author David Cotton.

She has also run her own **Business Psychology Services** consultancy carrying appraisals and staff training for various Maltese companies. Previous jobs included a stint on the South East Asia desk for the UK Foreign office.

### **Tess Giordmaina TEFL FTBE (LCCI)- BA (Hons)Tourism Studies**

Tess has taught EFL for almost a decade teaching all age groups not only in Malta, but also teaching in-house Business English courses to corporate clients in Germany. Apart from teaching Tess has also worked in South Carolina and Orlando Florida hotels in customer care and guest relations.

### **George Mallia - BA Psychology UM – CELTA**

Teaching experience – 13 years with many years' experience in training students for FCE CAE, And Cambridge Proficiency as well as the IELTS exam. George does not teach Business English but focuses on General English and Teacher training for non-native English candidates.

### **Niki Stokes DELTA Mod. 1& 2 FTBE (LCCI) BA(hons.) Tourism Management**

Niki has taught English in the UK in graduate schools and taught in-house courses in Business English to corporate clients in Valencia, Spain for four years before moving to Malta. She also has previous work experience as a Business Travel sales consultant and in computer programming and analysis.

### **Britannia College – Director of Studies – Head of School:**

### **Anna Briffa BA Hons. English RUM – Dip. TESOL Trinity College (Parts 1, 2 & 3) FTBE(LCCI)**

Anna came to TEFL some 22 years ago after working in journalism and management. She has been teaching business English since 1988. Widely travelled she spent 12 years living in North America and over the years has successfully brought her US English knowledge and business experience to the classroom.

Her long experience with many different candidates for Business English was a source of inspiration when setting up Britannia College an English school with a strong business focus.