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EDUCATION

2013-2017 University of Aberdeen, BTh (Hons)

Courses included comparative religions, worship in the contemporary church, New Testament, Hebrew Bible, Health, Healing and Spirituality.

Dissertation: The role of technology in contemporary worship: help or hindrance?

2007-2012 Carnoustie High School

Advanced Higher: Religious Studies (B)

Highers: English (A), Religious Studies (A), French (B), History (C)

Seven Standard Grades, including Geography and Maths

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

2014-2015 Aberdeen City Council, Youth Worker

- Engaging with young people aged 12-17 developing an understanding of their social, health and cultural issues.
- Providing advice on matters related to health, sexuality and drugs issues.
- Providing support for people whose social and economic background made them at danger of dropping out of education or training.
- Developing a programme of activities to develop a sense of self worth, team work and personal confidence.

2013-2016 City Church, Aberdeen, Children's Worker

- With other members of the team, designing a programme of activities and learning for children aged 5-12 to be used in a rolling programme of assemblies in local schools to teach the main aspects and festivals of the Christian faith.
- Undertaking training in group work, child protection and Health & Safety in the learning environment.
- Leading assemblies using music, drama, puppetry, story telling and games.

2013-2015 Scripture Union, Summer Camp Group/Team Leader

- Responsible for designing and leading activities for groups of up to 100 children during summer camps.
- In 2011, acted as team leader and, in a team of 4, was in charge of overseeing all activities, ranging from fun activities such as treasure hunts and outings to bible studies.

2012-2013 Operation Mobilisation, Mission Worker (Gap Year)

- Lived and worked on the mission ship the MV Logos conducting conferences, book exhibitions and working with local churches in Mexico, Guatemala, San Diego and Venezuela.
- Part of a fifteen strong cleaning team responsible for the cleanliness of the public areas and conference facilities as well as staff and crew cabins.
- Enjoyed training in mission work, street drama, cross cultural information presentation and the organisation of multicultural entertainment evenings.
- Developed an understanding of the spiritual, educational and life needs of those living in the developing world.

SKILLS

Teamwork

- Have been part of many teams through my roles as Youth Worker, Children's Worker and Sunday School Leader.
- Integral part of my gap year with the Operation Mobilisation team not only on the ship where I was part of the cleaning and hospitality team but also when offshore organising cultural events and undertaking street work.
- Working at Sainsbury's has also given me an insight into the working of larger and more commercial teams.

Communication

- Developed while working in a number of summer camps with Scripture Union where I was responsible for groups of up to ten young people aged 12-16 for sports, craft activities and looking at what the Bible has to say about issues which affect them.
- Developed excellent listening skills while working for Aberdeen City Council when dealing with young people's often very sensitive and complex problems.

Problem Solving

- Used almost every day during my gap year where living and working on a ship with 200 others from 70 nationalities, hosting book exhibitions and conferences with hundreds of visitors required a highly flexible outlook and large measures of instant adaptability.

I.T.

- Competent in Microsoft software packages including Publisher and Access.
- Use the internet and specialist databases frequently for research for my degree.

Presentation

- Regular part of my University studies where I was encouraged to lead tutorials, give presentations on specific issues such as churches adapting their worship services to meet the needs of those with learning difficulties.
- Experience of presenting in debates and use PowerPoint with ease.

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

2009-2012 Sainsbury's, Carnoustie, Customer Assistant

Responsible for checkout operation, responding to customer queries and ensuring that my department was well stocked, clean and tidy.

INTERESTS

Music: Keen drummer and jazz pianist. Enjoy the music of Jamie Cullum as well as more traditional jazz players such as Gerry Mulligan and Charlie Parker.

Sport: Member of University of Aberdeen Basketball team which meets twice per week. Regular attendee at the gym, and enjoy snowboarding and mountain biking. Played rugby sevens at school and University level.

Motorbikes: Enjoy rebuilding motor bikes. Currently working on a 1988 Harley Davidson with aspirations to own a Ducati.

REFERENCES

Available on request