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PROFILE

I am a 29 year-old Bulgarian, who has recently moved from Sweden. I'd like to try out foreign grounds in new professional fields.

By education, I am a qualified teacher of English, and I have taken postgraduate courses in translation and cultural studies. My professional path has led me through a number of challenging occupations, spanning from teaching English in Bulgaria and Sweden to a full-time job as a journalist and translator at the Bulgarian National Radio. My involvement with Bhagavat Educational Trust Charity for supporting children in disadvantaged position has been a rewarding experience, too.

Over the last 6 years I've had the chance to work with people from all walks of life. I have a three-year experience in translation, editing and article writing, and 6 years of teaching. I speak fluently English, Swedish and Bulgarian and understand a bit of Spanish and German. I am aiming to learn German fluently.

I love to team up with motivated people who look on work as creative, constructive and passionate build-up. My interests vary from sports to the arts and spirituality, and I've nurtured a passion for inter-cultural communication and the use of creative methods in learning environments and communication. Currently, I want to learn more about compassionate communication and explore the vast field of psychology.

I am a moderate freak when it comes to healthy foods and organic products.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**Interpreter at Linguacom Translation Agency,
Stockholm****April 2015- June 2015**

I worked as a telephone interpreter on a couple of occasions. I interpreted for the social services working with family rights.

**Teacher English,
Design and Construction College, Vasteras, Sweden****Oct. 2014- June 2015**

- I taught English to high-school students aged 16-19.

**Teacher of Bulgarian Language,
The Bulgarian Cultural Association in Sweden****Sep. 2013- June 2015**

- I taught children aged 3-8 at the First Bulgarian School in Stockholm once a week. The job was very interesting and a real challenge as the students had different language competences. My main attempt was to give each child space for expression, nurture his or her talents and awake curiosity about the Bulgarian culture.

**Teacher of English, Astar and Thoren Business School,
Västerås****May 2014- July 2014**

- I taught general English to people from different cultures in Västerås. The job was a full-time position that required a lot of social awareness and inter-cultural competences. One of the biggest challenges was to ensure that students with little background in English could live up to the Swedish educational criteria.

**Teacher of English, MIROI i- learning,
Västerås****July 2013- April 2014**

- I occupied the same position as above. In April, Astar became a subcontractor under MIROI and MIROI's personnel joined the new school.

**Journalist and Translator,
The Bulgarian National Radio, Sofia, Bulgaria****Feb 2009 – Feb 2012**

- I worked for the English Service of Radio Bulgaria with BNR, which broadcasts one-hour shows in English on the life and culture in Bulgaria. My job included a wide range of duties such as editing, translation of broadcast materials, taking interviews, writing articles and radio hosting. I also collaborated with BNR's nationwide radio networks and contributed culture reports to the European Radio Network *Euranet* on several occasions. I have experience in web publishing and digital media.

**Teacher of English,
Cosmos Educational Centre, Sofia**

Nov 2008 – Nov 2011

- I taught different levels of English to adult learners in Bulgaria. The school offered several-month evening courses for employees of different companies.

**Project Coordinator/Interpreter,
Bhagavat Educational Trust**

October 2008- Jan.2009

- The work involved the management and coordination of 15-strong groups of English volunteers in Bulgaria. I worked closely with the guest teams and receiving institutions, my basic responsibilities being to facilitate the group throughout their stay in Bulgaria by interpreting for them, providing emotional support, coordinating, team-leading and organizing their work in the day centre (including renovating and painting murals on walls, planting trees and numerous other tasks), financial management and organizing dinners, as well as assisting the project coordinators both from the UK and Bulgaria.

Marshal, British Council, Bulgaria

July 2008- June 2009

- I worked as a marshal with the *British Council* in Bulgaria, which involved supervising students at certification exams.

Other jobs

- ◆ In the period 2006-2008, while also studying at university, I taught English on and off, and worked as an au-pair in the UK in the summer of 2006.



EDUCATION & TRAINING

Playing and Working with Children Course**21-29 June 2014**

The course targeted teachers and instructors who want to deepen their knowledge in informal education and alternative teaching methods. It looked at teaching through dance and games, preparation and implementation of interactive modules, non-violent communication, introduction to the principles of Suggestopedia, etc.

**Course in Social Psychology
Wesleyan University, USA****August 2013- October 2013**

It was an online course via Coursera E-learning, introducing social psychology, its main theories, experiments and practices. I've been applying the knowledge from it in my work and in every other aspect of my life.

**Scandinavian Studies 2 and 3,
Mälardalen University, Västerås, Sweden****September 2012 June 2013**

The objective of the course is for students to attain enhanced knowledge of the language, history, culture and society of the Nordic countries, Sweden in particular. On completing the course, one obtains Swedish B qualifications from upper secondary school and is eligible for further higher education.

Swedish for immigrants, Frimanska Skolan**June 2012 – August 2012**

I completed SFI B, C and D.

**Cultural and Textual Studies in English,
University of Zaragoza, Spain****September 2009 – June 2010**

A Master's Programme in literature and film criticism. I participated as part of the Erasmus Exchange Programme b/n my home university and the University of Zaragoza.

**A Master's Programme in Translation
Sofia University, Bulgaria****October 2008 – present**

The programme explored translation theory, translation of texts from different fields and interpreting. I am planning on writing my thesis and obtain a diploma in the coming months.

**Bachelor of English and American Studies
Sofia University, Bulgaria****September 2004 – June 2008**

Becoming a bachelor in English Philology is equivalent to obtaining qualifications to teach English language and literature in primary and secondary schools in Bulgaria.

Some of the main courses the programme covers are: Linguistics, British and American Literature, Cultural Studies of the Anglo-Saxon World, Theory and Practice of Translation, etc.

- ✓ I've got an official paper from the Swedish Council for Higher Education that recognizes the degree.



Language Competences

I am a native Bulgarian speaker. I speak English fluently and have a very good command of Swedish both in writing and speaking. I speak a bit of Spanish and understand some German.

COMPUTER SKILLS

I have experience with Microsoft Office, Libre Office and Open Office, as well as Linux-based computer systems.

Other competences and experiences

- ◆ Driving licence, Category B
- ◆ Two theatre courses in Bulgaria and the UK
- ◆ A member of the National Scout Organisation in the past
- ◆ Participation in poetry competitions/publications of some of my poems
- ◆ script writing for radio shows
- ◆ Creative writing participant and organiser
- ◆ REIKI HEALER
- ◆ Have done El Camino de Santiago on foot, an 800-km long journey across Northern Spain

INTERESTS

- Creative writing, music and languages
- Handicraft
- Art of painting
- New age books and films
- Irish dancing
- Travelling and Experiencing different cultures
- Sports: table tennis, badminton, ice skating
- Games: from domino and chess to role-playing and group-dynamic games
- alternative educational methods and creativity

PERSONAL TRAITS

A positive, open and empathic person with big curiosity about life. Responsible, efficient, self-driven and loyal; a good team player and able to work independently; always happy to learn new things.

- ✓ **References available upon request**

