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WORK HISTORY

2005 – PRESENT

Lead Teacher and CEO

MAGWITCH EOOD, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Organization and implementation of innovative ESL classes for Primary and Secondary level children.

Organization and implementation of innovative computer programming classes for Primary and Secondary level children.

Selected Achievements:

Programming of 60 in-house software packages for content reinforcement and delivery.

Reduction of operating costs by moving from dependence on a proprietary operating system to an open source alternative (Xubuntu Linux), and dependence on commercial software packages for ESL support.

2001-2003

I.T. Support Officer and ESL teacher

International Education Institute, University of St Andrews.

Maintaining computer laboratory (Apple) and teaching ESL classes.

Selected Achievements:

Development of software for Macintosh and Windows for ESL students to practise the sound system of English and learn phonetic symbols.

2002

Programmer

Stewart Publishers

Computer implementation of
Listen Hear: Understanding the Language of Music
by Iris Thomson (Author), Colin Wyllie (Author)

1997- 2001

ESL Instructor and CALL developer

U.A.E. University, Al Ain, United Arab Emirates.

Teaching ESL classes.

Selected Achievements:

Development of software for Windows for ESL students to work with Jazz Chants to practise grammar structures in English.

1996-1997

ESP Instructor

King Abdul Aziz University, Jeddah, K.S.A.

Teaching ESP classes to medical students.

Preparation of exams in medical English.

1996

Lecturer

Paisii Hilendarski University, Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

Lecturing on writing techniques and 18th century literature.

1993-1995

Student Instructor

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois, USA.

Teaching “English 105” to foreign students.

Tutoring in the “Writing Center” for students with writing difficulties.

1991-1993

Lecturer

Paisii Hilendarski University, Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

Lecturing on writing techniques and 18th century literature.

1990-1991

ESL teacher

A.L.I.S. language school, Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

Teaching ESL classes.

1989-1990

Head of Junior English

Emirates Private School, Al Ain, United Arab Emirates.

Teaching primary level children both ESL and Maths in English.

EDUCATION

2004

M.Sc. University of Abertay, Dundee, Scotland

Computers and I.T.

1995

M.A. Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois, USA.

Applied Linguistics

1986

B.A. University of Durham, Durham, England

Philosophy (Psychology, Islamic Civilization, Computer Programming)

SKILLS

LANGUAGES

English – native

Bulgarian A2

French A1

OPERATING SYSTEMS

Macintosh, Linux, Windows

PROGRAMMING

LiveCode, BASIC

DESKTOP PACKAGES

Microsoft Office, LibreOffice, Apache Open Office,
Google Docs, GIMP, Inkscape

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

2021

LIVECODE: THE IDEAL STARTER LANGUAGE

Hello World edition 17, Raspberry Pi organisation
<https://helloworld.raspberrypi.org/issues/17>

2017

BACK TO BASIC

Hello World edition 3, Raspberry Pi organisation
<https://helloworld.raspberrypi.org/issues/3>

EDITING AND PROOF READING WORK

2021

Armenians in Bulgaria: Identity and Historical Memory-identity

Takuhi Tavityan

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Editing and proofreading in English

John Mathewson

- 2019 **PLOVDIV THROUGH THE LENSES
OF THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPHERS**
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Editor; John Mathewson
- 2019 **Regionale, Plovdiv, Guide for tourism and culture**
© Studio Punkt, 2019
Editing and proofreading in English
John Mathewson
- 2018 **Plovdiv: Ancient and Vibrant**
Alexander Pizhev, Chavdar Naydenov
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Style Editor John Mathewson
- 2018 **Salvation**
Michael Bar-Zohar
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Preface in English to the Bulgarian translation
Editor John Mathewson
- 2012 **The Cultural Diversity of Bulgaria**
Irena Bokova, Valentina Ganeva-Raicheva
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English language and style editor John Mathewson
- 2010 **The Intangible Cultural Heritage of Bulgaria**
Ventseslav Velev
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English language and style editor John Mathewson
- 2009 **Crossroads of Cultures**
Ivan Marazov, Tatyana Shalganova, Oksana Minaeva
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English language and style editor John Mathewson
- 2009 **ATLAS OF WOOD DECAYING FUNGI**
Yordanka Stancheva, Sonya Bencheva, Theoharis Pavlidis, Milena Ilieva
Translation and linguistic editing: Snezha Tsoneva & John Mathewson
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