

Personal Profile

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Education

Oct 2017 – Sep 2018 **MA in Drama Education and English Language Teaching, Full-time (with Distinction)**
Dissertation title: “In what ways can the integration of process drama and the audiolingual method help in enhancing the teaching of L2 vocabulary and reducing the students’ level of anxiety?”
University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL, UK.

Aug 2013 – Dec 2016 **BA in English Language and Literature (with Distinction, GPA 3.75)**
Dissertation title: “A reflection paper on the difficulties encountered while translating *Representations of the Intellectuals* by Edward Said”
An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine.

Sep 2012 – Jul 2013 **General Examination Board, Human Sciences Stream (avg. 92%)**
King Talal Ben Abdullah Sec. Boys School, Nablus, Palestine.

Employment Experience

Aug 2022 – Present **English Teacher for English Access Microscholarship programme & English Language Levels (part time)**
Amideast, Nablus, Palestine

Sep 2018 – Present **English Language and Educational Drama Instructor (full time)**
An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine.

Mar 2017- Aug 2017 **English Language tutor and trainer of IELTS (part time).**
Alamal Cultural Centre, Sufyan Street, Nablus, Palestine

July 2016- Jan 2017 **English Language tutor and trainer of IELTS (part time)**
Cambridge: International Centre for Advanced Training, Nablus, Palestine

May 2015- Aug 2015 **Call Centre agent (part time)**
Reach, Nablus, Palestine

Awards and Scholarships

June 2022 **Internationalisation in Higher Education Institution (training programme through Erasmus+ staff exchange)**
Public University of Navarre, Pamplona, Spain.

May 2019 **Virtual Exchange (training programme through Erasmus+ staff exchange)**
Public University of Navarre, Pamplona, Spain.

Sep 2017 – Sep 2018 **HESPAL (Higher Education Scholarship for Palestinians) full MA scholarship offered by British Council and University of Warwick.**
University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL, UK.

Community Volunteer Activities

May 2022 – present **English language club co-organizer:** an initiative to help Palestinian University students improve their English conversation skills through online lessons offered for free.

Aug 2016 – Dec 2016 **One-to-one tutoring:** an initiative to help English Literature freshmen with their writing and grammar courses.
Department of English Language and Literature, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine.

Jan 2014 – Dec 2015 **Interpreter & Teacher Assistant:** Simultaneous interpretation of English training courses provided to low-proficiency English learners.
Project Hope, Nablus, Palestine.

Organising Events and Workshops

Oct 2019- Nov 2019 **Organising ‘The Storytelling Day 2’:** training students on storytelling techniques and organising an event where they performed their stories to a large audience.
Faculty of Education, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine.

Jun 2019 **Co-organising ‘Intercultural Language Teaching Workshop’:** Training in-service and pre-service teachers on methods of including intercultural values in English language teaching, especially through using drama education techniques.
Faculty of Education, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine.

Feb 2019- Mar 2019 **Organising ‘The First Storytelling Day’:** training students on storytelling techniques and organising an event where they performed their stories to a large audience.
Faculty of Education, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine.

Training and Workshops

June 2022 **Internationalization in Higher Education Institutions: Erasmus+ staff exchange** (30 hours)
Public University of Navarre, Pamplona, Spain.

January 2022 **Competency-based Learning Course Design** (20 hours)
Centre of excellence in teaching and learning, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine

Feb 2020 – Mar 2020 **@Palestine Project: English for digital empowerment: Online course on the modules of Communication, Creativity, Critical Thinking, and Digital Skills.**
Online Course organised and presented by British Council Palestine.

Jan 2020- Feb 2020 **E-Moderation: A Training Course for Online Tutors** (30 hours-online)
The Consultants- E Ltd, 4 Vivians Row, Swansea, SA6 6NS, U.K.

December 2019 **@Palestine project: Using the 21st Century skills in English Teaching** (18 hours- face to face)
British Council, Ramallah, Palestine

May 2019 **Virtual Exchange: Erasmus+ staff exchange** (30 hours)
Public University of Navarre, Pamplona, Spain.

Mar 2019 **Direct English Teacher Training**
Korean Palestinian IT Institute of Excellence Information, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine.

Feb 2017 **Teacher training** (observing and teaching classes, 16 hours)
Cambridge School, Yaffa Street, Nablus, Palestine.

Nov 2016 **Teacher training** (observing and teaching classes, 16 hours)
Pioneers School, New Academic University Street, Nablus, Palestine.

Jan 2016 **Public Relations** (26 hours)
Zajel Youth Exchange Programme, An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine.

Dec 2015 **Preparing for a Business Plan Workshop** (4 hours)
Project Hope, Nablus, Palestine.

July 2015 - Aug 2015 **Interpreting Techniques** (9 hours)
Project Hope, Nablus, Palestine.

Nov 2014 - Dec 2014 **Advanced Conversation Skills, Level C1** (30 hours)
Project Hope, Nablus, Palestine.

Skills and hobbies

- Storytelling: communicating a story through the body in a theatrical performance
- Designing Moodle-based online courses
- Spoken-word poetry: performing and writing
- Public-speaking skills.
- Freelance translation of academic, literary, scientific and technical texts.
- Using various ICT tools in English language teaching such as Kahoot, Triptico, Socrative, Blogs, etc.
- Event Management and Planning.
- Writing reports.
- Playing guitar, writing lyrics and using music and meaningful lyrics in teaching
- Computer: Qualifications in Microsoft Word, Power Point and Excel.
- Advanced academic and conversational English language skills
- Ability to work in teams under pressure.

Languages

- **Arabic:** native tongue
- **English:** excellent (field of study and profession)

Research and Publications

Abuzaid, Y. (2018). Theoretical and practical insights for using blogging in the language classroom in a Palestinian University. *The Warwick ELT* (13). ISSN 2515-3676 retrieved from <https://thewarwickeltezine.wordpress.com/2018/05/>

Jabali, O. M. & Abuzaid, Y. (2017). Pronunciation errors committed by Palestinian students at An-Najah National University: An Analytical Approach. *Arab World English Journal* 8(2), pp. 119-131. Retrieved from <http://www.awej.org/images/AllIssues/Volume8/Volume8number2june/8.pdf>

Online Blog: ICT in ELT with Joe: <http://ictineltwithjoe.blogspot.com/>

Research interests:

- Drama education and English language learning
- Drama education and critical literacy
- Digital literacy and English language teaching
- Pronunciation problems
- Phonological and morphological patterns

References

- DR. Cheryl Cane (Drama Education and English Language Teaching Course Leader), University of Warwick, Coventry, United Kingdom.
Email address: c.cane@warwick.ac.uk
- MR. Peter Brown (Associate professor and dissertation supervisor), University of Warwick, Coventry, United Kingdom.
Email address: p.j.brown@warwick.ac.uk
- DR. Ekrema Shehab (Former Dean of the Humanities Faculty), An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine.
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