

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Ms Dido Blagden

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Nationality: South African

Language: English

Gender: Female

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POSITIONS

DATES	2018 - present
POSITION	Counsellor and Life Coach
RESPONSIBILITIES	Empowering people to be the very best they can be by developing effective Communication skills, self-awareness, effective coping mechanisms, resilience etc.
EMPLOYER	Self: < http://DareToBeExtraordinary.com >
DATES	February 2012 - 2018
POSITION	Part-time lecturer in Basic Counselling Skills at UJ
RESPONSIBILITIES	Developing a course and lecturing the Homeopathy Students in Basic Counselling skills so that they developed empathy and compassion "bedside manner" in addition to all their other professional skills.
EMPLOYER	The University of Johannesburg
DATES	May - December 2017
POSITION	English and Creative Arts Educator, Senior Phase
RESPONSIBILITIES	I took over in the middle of the second term as the History teacher, for Grade 8 and 9. Within two weeks I was asked to teach Grade 8 & 9 English and Creative Arts. Moved home in December and did not renew contract.
EMPLOYER	CURRO Independent School Network
DATES	1997 - 2012
POSITION	Copywriting, Photography, Advertising and Design
RESPONSIBILITIES	Being a "wordsmith" and creative visionary, and bringing a brief to life, from headline to deadline.



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EMPLOYER

Various agencies including Grey Matter and Moonshine Advertising, and Freelancing work
<<http://pawtfolio.yolasite.com>>

DATES

1996

POSITION

Senior Primary Teacher at Bramley Primary School

RESPONSIBILITIES

Teaching Std 3 and Std 5 pupils

EMPLOYER

Bramley Primary School

OTHER RELEVANT ROLES

AND RESPONSIBILITIES

These have included looking after learners at Kingsmead College, Voluntary work with special needs children at Paws for People Therapy Dogs, babysitting and petsitting (PAWsome MOMs).

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

DATE

2018

QUALIFICATION AWARDED

120 Hour TEFL Course (Certificate # 2018/IX?877265)

INSTITUTION

Teach TEFL Language School, South Africa

DATE

1994

QUALIFICATION AWARDED

BA Higher Diploma in Education, Senior Primary (Post Graduate) - with Distinction

INSTITUTION

Johannesburg College of Education in association with the University of the Witwatersrand

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DATE 1991
QUALIFICATION AWARDED Bachelor of Arts
Majors in Applied Psychology and English, sub majors
in Education, History and a first year course in Zulu
INSTITUTION University of the Witwatersrand

DATE 1987
QUALIFICATION AWARDED T.E.D. Senior Certificate matriculation
(Subjects all on Higher Grade). English (First language),
Afrikaans (Second Language), Biology, History,
INSTITUTION Geography and Art. (I was awarded the Slutzkin Art
Trophy in matric.)
Greenside High School

**Other Skills and
Competencies**

Includes many Counselling and Life Coaching Courses
(NLP Master Practitioner, CBT,) Toastmasters
International; Counselling courses at Childline, Lifeline,
and the Children's Foundation; Introductory,
Intermediate and Advanced courses in Early Canine
Development (University of Pretoria); Paws for People
Therapy Dogs (Qualified Handler), CPR and First Aid
Courses; and a valid Driver's Licence.

LANGUAGES English
Afrikaans

**SOCIAL SKILLS AND
COMPETENCIES** I have excellent communication and interpersonal skills
and a strong sense of empathy and compassion and a



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need to give a “voice to the voiceless” whether through my animal advocacy or through counselling.

Counselling has taught me to not just listen but to actually hear. It's also crucial not just to be able to relate to and understand someone; but (as a role model and mentor) to be able to help them to implement positive change. My diverse jobs, have also taught me the importance of being able to both motivate and negotiate. I have learnt to handle stress and pressure; and developed a good sense of humour as my most effective coping skill.

In advertising, I learnt many crucial time management skills such as goal setting, problem solving, decision making, multi-tasking, strategic thinking and implementing strategies and meeting a deadline. I also learnt many mental organisational skills including: creative thinking, design and making presentations.

Lecturing and counselling have helped hone my listening skills, communication, conflict resolution and public speaking.

I am competent in Desktop Publishing Skills and photo-retouching on Apple Mac computer. Basic PC Computer skills

ADDITIONAL INTERESTS AND COMPETENCES

I have run many marathons and ultra-marathons, including 4 Comrades Marathons (the first with a Bill Rowan). Have climbed Mt Kilimanjaro 3 times by different routes, and Mt Elbrus in Russia (Highest summit in Europe). This has taught me about dedication and how to train and cut goals down into “bitable bits and chewable chunks”.

REFEREES: CURRO Meridian, Cosmo City

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