



OISE Oxford Tutor Profiles

At OISE Oxford, we are immensely proud of the wealth of experience among our staff, and of their dedication to the school. Our 18 year-round tutors have, on average, almost 16 years experience at this school. They include experts in areas ranging from finance to medieval literature, and specialists in Quatorial (group) teaching and Tutorial (1:1) coaching.

Edward Alden – Education Manager

After a degree in Modern Foreign Languages and CELTA & DELTA qualifications in Oxford, Edward has pursued a varied 15-year career in the field of EFL. As well as operating his own successful English school in Brazil for over a decade, Edward has also been a regular contributor to major EFL books and online resources published by the Oxford University Press, including their new adult course, Navigate. Having completed additional qualifications in Tourism with SENAC (the Brazilian Council for Commercial Education and Cultural Exchange), Edward truly understands inter-cultural interactions and is passionate about his role in tailoring OISE programmes to meet the diverse individual needs of his students.



Dr Richard Clark

Richard has 30 years' experience teaching at OISE Oxford. He specialises in teaching business communication skills to managers in finance, marketing and human resources. Richard has a broad knowledge of current business thinking and macroeconomics. He was educated at Cambridge University with a PhD in English Literature. He has specialist knowledge of 19th and 20th Century English and American Literature and the philosophy of language. He is also the author of 'Finance, English for Careers' (OUP, 2011).



Tina Ewens

Tina joined the tutor team at OISE Oxford 6 years ago bringing with her over 30 years' experience of teaching English as a Foreign Language. After gaining her PGCE and CertTEFL qualifications, Tina taught English for many years in Spain and Portugal before returning to the UK as the Head of English at an Oxford based Spanish Sixth Form College. Tina finds tutorials to be a particularly rewarding form of tuition and takes great pride in tailoring classes to each student's needs and creating an atmosphere in which they feel comfortable to make and overcome their mistakes.

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Stephen Pegg

After graduating from Oxford University with a PhD in English literature, Stephen continued to work at Hertford College as a researcher of 17th century literature. Driven by his belief that English as a second language is rarely taught well in Britain, Stephen became a CELTA qualified teacher and has since taught with OISE for over 37 years as well as lecturing and writing on the pedagogy of English as a second language. Stephen's favourite method of teaching is the tutorial class which he feels develops a mutual sense of investment, accountability and challenge between an ambitious student and their tutor. Stephen's areas of expertise also include preparing students for the IELTS and Abitur examinations.

Bill Cheesman

Originally from the USA, Bill graduated in Economics and English from the University of Connecticut and worked for the US Department of Health and Human Services in Boston for 14 years. He and his wife decided to move to the UK in 1987 and Bill set up and ran a successful catering business for over ten years before moving into English Language Teaching. Bill has been teaching at OISE Oxford since 1999 and together with his wife Barbara is the author of 'The Essential Guide to Business English' (Longwell, 2004). He teaches business English, working both with groups and on a 1:1 basis, and also helps students conducting business in the US to understand American English. Bill also specialises in preparing students for TOEIC and TOEFL tests.



Penny McLarty

Penny has been a member of the core team here at OISE Oxford since 1998. She has a Bachelor of Education from the University of Sussex and is a DELTA qualified ESP teacher and coach. Prior to joining OISE, Penny worked in France for twelve years where she taught monolingual classes in-company and in-school all over the Paris region. She also ran bilingual primary school classes and worked as a CELTA teacher trainer, preparing and training new teachers. She has contributed to several English Language publications, two of which were published by the Oxford University Press. Penny also has experience in running 1:1 programmes for business, academic and media clients, where she has managed complex personal and pedagogic plans. She enjoys working in an environment where the teaching is needs-based using the most appropriate materials.

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