

Alexander Coleman Joseph O'Brien

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Skills

I have excellent verbal and written communication skills, and am highly proficient with Computer Applications for Graphic Design, Web Design, 3D Design Modelling, Social Media and Office projects - Excel, Word, PowerPoint, AutoCAD, Dreamweaver, Photoshop, Illustrator, Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram. Using these skills I developed my own website (alexobriendesigns.com) to showcase and sell my services. This demonstrates my skill for self-motivation and problem-solving; able to prioritize and multi-task while being detail-orientated. I am certified and experienced in curriculum building and teaching techniques, teaching people of all ages with varying abilities/needs.

Education

Permaculture instructor training

– Permaculture Research Institute 2018

Masters in Earth Architecture

– California Institute for Earth Architecture 2016/2017

FETAC Iv. 5 – Furniture design and Construction

– Coláiste Stiofán Naofa 2009/2010

FETAC Iv. 5 – Art, Craft and Design

– Coláiste Stiofán Naofa 2008/2009

Experience

Director of Education, SKES

January 2020 – Present

Ireland

Established a company to facilitate sales and delivery of a variety of educational products for differing age groups. Design bespoke curricula for teaching Permaculture and natural building. Organise and facilitate workshops and courses. Manage budgets, marketing and website.

Permaculture instructor, ACS

August 2022 – Present

Online

Co-author curricula for Permaculture, Biophyllic design and regenerative agriculture courses. Online tutor for 16 courses, correcting papers and handling student queries.

Education Co-ordinator, Living Commons

March 2020 – September 2021

Cork, Ireland

Designed and manufactured the 'Self-assembly' structure on display at the Cork Printmakers – organised and monitored the build, budgeted and acquired materials, trained the community members on the use of the structure. Managed waste stream education and the 'green' policies for the organisation.

Project Manager, Diar-E-Rumi

March 2019 – July 2019

Dhofar, Oman

Designed and managed the construction of an Earthbag dome – organised and monitored the site, budgeted and acquired materials, trained staff, made architectural drawings and 3D models, and liaised with clients and investors.

Farm Manager, Capstan Hill Organic Farm

March 2018 - February 2019

Redding, CT

Designed and implemented new Permaculture designs for the Farm with structures using Recycled and Natural materials, plant and animal systems. Organised and managed Farm to Table events and produce for the local Farmers Market including Salads, Greens, Fruit, Vegetables, Eggs, Worm Juice and Preserves.

Head Instructor, Fern Hallow

January 2018 – March 2018

Athens, OH

Led a sustainable building course – constructed the curriculum, managed 3 instructors, ran social media and marketing
Assisted on the Permaculture farm – planting, harvesting, pruning and general land maintenance

Instructor, Cal-Earth Institute

April 2017 – January 2018

Hesperia, CA

Studied the comprehensive literature provided, constructed curriculums for 6 different courses related to sustainable living and building. Taught in a hands-on environment with up to 20 students of varying ages

Affiliates and Associations

An Taisce Climate Ambassador 2020

Festival of Lost skills with Common Knowledge 2023

Permaculture Educator with The Permaculture Association (Britain and Ireland)

References available upon request