# **Ray Heffernan**

A highly motivated, inspiring and engaging educator, I am passionate about the use of creativity in developing students' communication skills. With the ability to work to deadlines and to set goals, a playful and engaging teaching style and the capacity to adapt this to work within and beyond the rules of any given language, I am a strong addition to any language teaching or communication-based project or team.

## EXPERIENCE

#### Dec 2021 - June 2022

English Mother Tongue and Cambridge Cross-Curriculum Expert

#### ACOF SCUOLA MEDIA, BUSTO ARSIZIO

*Implementation of Global Perspectives-based projects to create cross-curriculum projects and context learning across all middle school classes.* 

#### Oct 2020 – June 2021

English Mother Tongue Language Expert LICEO SCIENTIFICO ANTONELLI, NOVARA Creative and engaging discussion and context learning using monthly discussion and elaboration projects.

#### SEPT 2018 - SEPT 2020

Head of English, Cambridge Exams Officer and Parents Liaison, Global Perspectives Expert ISTITUTO ROSMINI, BORGOMANERO

Resident Cambridge expert, coordinating cross-curricular Global Perspectives Project of Stages 1-9 of the Cambridge International Education Program in English as a Second Language, Mathematics, Music, Art&Design and Digital Literacy. In this time, I followed protocol to gain all requisite certificates to integrate these subjects into the Italian Education framework

#### 2017 - PRESENT DAY

#### CAMBRIDGE CERTIFIED SPOKEN ENGLISH ASSESSOR

Qualification certificates and Certificate of Assessment 2020 for levels A1, A2, B1 and B2 on request.

#### 2011 – PRESENT DAY

#### FACILITATOR OF LANGUAGE LEARNING, MUSIC4LIFE

Work with teachers and coordinate with the school curriculum to initiate and deepen a knowledge of the chosen language. Write and record original songs in the classroom to employ the students' creativity in their language learning Prepare a final show/presentation of the work done in class (references from over 18 schools in various European countries available on request)

#### 2006 - 2011

#### DIRECTOR, MAN AT REST

Performing Songwriter, Concert organizer and promoter Partner with Tourism Ireland to promote Irish artists in mainland Europe.

## **EDUCATION**

#### **FEBRUARY 2017 – PRESENT DAY ANNUAL CERTIFICATE OF ASSESSMENT – ENGLISH SPEAKING TESTER** MY OPEN SCHOOL, BUSTO ARSIZIO & NOVARA

JUNE 1996 BA HUMANTIES - THEOLOGY/SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY UNIVERSITE DE COMPIEGNE

**JUNE 1995 DIPLÔME MUSICOTHÉRAPIE DU TRAVAIL QUOTIDIEN** UNIVERSITE DE NANTES

**JANUARY 1993 JUNIOR ENGINEERING DIPLOMA** BOLTON STREET COLLEGE, DUBLIN

**JUNE 1990 LEAVING CERTIFICATE WITH HONOURS** O'CONNELL SCHOOLS, DUBLIN

### SKILLS

- Rich and colorful classes with thought-provoking conversations
- Using music and poetry to deepen the knowledge of vocabulary and grammar
- Compelling and Engaging communication style
- Capacity to adapt and coordinate

## LANGUAGES

English	Mother Tongue
French	C2
Italian	C2
German	A2
Irish	B1

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## **NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS**

I am a well-known and celebrated songwriter with a catalog of over 400 songs, in various languages, including international hits and prestigious collaborations. An accomplished multi-instrumentalist, I bring music, creativity and a passion for original to my teaching method.