# Swim Teacher Biographies





#### **Ana Leal**

Swimming was always a constant in my life since a toddler, either in open sea or pools. Since an early age I was interested in practising different sports and the love of teaching grew with all those experiences that I had. I started to teach with 17 years old on camps activities and juniors lessons. It's always very rewarding to help children achieve their goals and learn new abilities, improve their

motor skills and help them to introduce heathier life styles.

Master in Physical Education for Primary and Elementary School | BsC - Sports and Well Being | Swimming Teacher (Swim England Level 2) and Swimming Teacher Assistant (Swim England Level 1) | National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (RLSS) | Rookie Lifeguard Instructor | Paediatric First Aider



#### **Anita Bartholomew**

My love of water started back when having school swimming lessons at Richmond baths. I continued swimming for the many health and social benefits and set myself a target to complete each year several National Swimathon's 5000 metres individual events from 1988-1999. Swimming is great, giving a sense of calmness, motivation, freedom, health and fitness benefits along with the awareness of water

safety. Many Roehampton Club Members may remember me, as I taught swimming from 1992 – 2000. Pioneering the Roehampton Club Swimming Squad, the Club held several competitive galas. Roehampton Club and its Members has always had a place in my heart and it is a real pleasure to be back.

### ASA Certificate for Teaching Swimming | ASA Certificate for Assistant Club Coach | IOSH – Managing Safely



#### Maciej Flajszer

I've been brought up in an area with lots of lakes and I learned to swim as a kid in open waters. That's why, until now my biggest hobby is Triathlon and long distance open water swimming. I became a swimming instructor in 2002 in Poland. In UK I did my qualifications in 2015. I have taught various levels of children and adults since qualifying and the biggest motivation in my job is to see the development of

young children from complete beginners to being self-sufficient in the water.

Major Academy of Teaching Physical Education | Swimming Teacher (Swim England Level 2) and Swimming Teacher Assistant (Swim England Level 1) | National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (RLSS)



#### **Peter Georgiou**

I started swimming when I was five years old at Wimbledon Merton Swimming Club. I believe that I have achieved a very high standard of teaching during my time as a fully qualified STA level 2 Swimming teacher. I have built up an extensive teacher profile teaching up to 120 people a week aged from three years to adults. My hobbies are swimming, Badminton and Wu Shu Kwan Chinese

Kickboxing where I achieved a 3rd dan black belt.

**Assistant (Swim England Level 1)** 



#### Salma Sajil

I began swimming at the age of ten where I developed my love for the water after learning to swim and participating in small competitions. My passion to teach stems from that love which I now implement in my teaching. I have been within in the Swimming Industry for the past three years. I bring forth my experience and different style of teaching which creates a progressive and enjoyable learning

environment that has been loved by many over the past few years. I love to work with children of all ages, creating lovely relationships and enjoy the reward of their progression and enjoyment.

Swimming Teacher (Swim England Level 2) and Swimming Teacher **Assistant (Swim England Level 1)** 



#### **Darren Cloonan**

Often described as an enthusiastic and engaging swimming teacher, my motivation is to develop highly-skilled young swimmers with an additional sprinkling of fun! One of my proudest achievements is developing two young swimmers in one-to-one lessons from beginner level to medallists in the IAPS national swimming finals. I completed a Bachelor of Science (Honours) Degree in Mathematics and Computer

Science with The Open University. So, of course, I really like maths! As for other interests, I play the guitar and piano, like to keep myself fit and healthy, and enjoy hiking. Looking forwards to meeting you in the pool!

Swimming Teacher (Swim England Level 2) | Swimming Teacher **Assistant (Swim England Level 1)** 



#### **Cristell Victoria**

I grew up near the sea and a pool. Water has always been a part of my life. From a very young age I have always liked sports, especially water sports, so learning to swim became essential. My passion for teaching others how to swim began when I was given the opportunity to be part of a volunteer program that I did with a swimming club for disabled people, after that I had no doubt that this would be

my vocation. It is satisfying to see how children and adults of all ages learn something so important and necessary for survival.

Swimming Teacher (Swim England Level 2) and Swimming Teacher **Assistant (Swim England Level 1)** 



## **Maximilian Davies-Haywood**

I was swimming without armbands from the age of two, and my natural ability and love for swimming gave me the opportunity to join the City of Norwich swim club. I regularly trained up to 12 hours a week in the pool and competed at regional and national levels. I feel my swim journey experience gives me a unique perspective to understand what it takes to develop someone

into being a confident and competent swimmer. My aim as your swim teacher is to give new swimmers a lifelong love of the water. Chlorine is my favourite perfume.

STA Level 2 Award in Teaching Swimming / National Rescue Swimming Teacher (Swim England Level 2) and Swimming Teacher Award for Swimming Teachers and Coaches / IQL Level 3 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work / Safeguarding (Child Protection)