

Swim Teacher Biographies



Sue Wilson

I have always been drawn to the water; swimming has been a lifelong passion of mine. In recent years, I've taken part in the annual Swimathon event, successfully completing numerous 5k swims over several seasons. As an endurance swimmer, I thrive on tackling longer distances at a steady, measured pace. I am also a

dedicated year-round open water swimmer, venturing into the Thames on a weekly basis and exploring lakes and the sea. Sharing the joy of swimming with all ages and abilities is something I'm deeply passionate about. I take particular pride in teaching adult beginners; there's nothing more rewarding than helping someone progress from a non-swimmer to completing their first full length – it's an experience that never fails to fill me with joy.

Swimming Teacher (Swim England L2) | Swimming Teacher Assistant (Swim England L1) | STA Open Water Coach | Mental Health Swim Host | PADI Rescue Diver



Lucy Carter

I have always felt extremely calm and comfortable in the water. I have swum from the age of two and continued until now. Whether that be swimming through Stages 1-10, joining a club and competing, enjoying my weekly swim before work, swimming at Bucklands Lake with my mum or helping the staff team beat the Members in our yearly swim gala. For me swimming is a life skill that everyone should be able to access. It isn't just about technique and strokes. It's about feeling safe, confident and finding that same love for swimming I did. I love teaching children to swim, those with additional needs and adults, from complete beginners to those just wanting to tweak their technique.

Swimming Teacher (Swim England Level 2) | Swimming Teacher Assistant (Swim England Level 1) | Higher stages CPD Stages 8, 9 and 10 | Starts and Turns CPD | Deaf and Visually Impaired CPD



Peter Georgiou

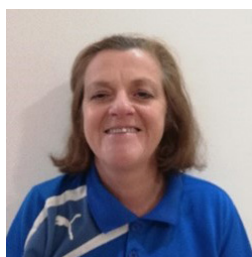
I started swimming when I was five years old at Wimbledon Merton Swimming Club. I believe that I have achieved a very high standard of teaching during my time as a fully qualified STA level 2 Swimming teacher. I have built up an extensive teacher profile teaching up to 120 people a week aged from three

years to adults. My hobbies are swimming, badminton and Wu Shu Kwan Chinese Kickboxing where I achieved a third dan black belt.

Swimming Teacher (STA level 2)

National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (RLSS)

Rookie Lifeguard Instructor



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. Roehampton Club and it's 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 the 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)



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 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 Award for Swimming Teachers and Coaches | IQL Level 3 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work | Safeguarding (Child Protection)



David Almeida

I have been into exercise and fitness from the young age of eight, competing nationally and internationally in several sports such as karate, tennis, handball and swimming. It was in karate that I started my fitness professional career, teaching young athletes, and progressing into adult fitness and exercise classes. After

leaving the martial arts world and completing the Swim England Level 2 Swimming Teacher course, I bring all my experience in teaching the young, to swimming, with the same principals and goals of promoting a healthy lifestyle and enjoyment in exercise.

Swimming Teacher (Swim England Level 2) | Swimming Teacher Assistant (Swim England Level 1) | National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (RLSS)



Zoe Ward

Growing up in the tropics of East Africa and Western Australia set the scene for being a water baby, I was always in the sea or pool! I competed in high level competitions from a very early age, competing in state championships for swimming, surf lifesaving, springboard diving, water polo, triathlons and open water swimming. My greatest

achievement was representing Aus in the Born '99 water polo team. I was then selected for the 'towards Tokyo 2020' squad but retired from the sport due to injury. I started swim coaching at 16 but my injury led me to put more time and energy into sharing my skills, teaching children and adults to love the water.

Swimming Teacher (STA Level 2) | AUSTSWIM Swim Teacher | Perth White Pointers Water Polo Club Head Coach | Phantoms Water Polo Club Coach | WA Waterpolo umpire WPWA