



# MALCOLM SMITH

## PROFILE

I spent ten years as an IT Engineer, before starting my own business as a music teacher and workshop facilitator specialising in West African drumming.

Consequently I have extensive experience in admin, book-keeping, website design, IT infrastructure, and all aspects of running a small business dealing with a wide range of corporate and educational organisations.

I also have good communication and interpersonal skills, having regularly led and inspired both large and small groups of adults and children.

By nature I am creative, conscientious, and have meticulous attention to detail.

I live near Aylesbury and hold a clean UK Driving Licence so can travel to Milton Keynes, Leighton Buzzard, Dunstable, Bicester, or further afield.

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## EXPERIENCE

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### 2007-PRESENT

#### DRUMMING IS FUN - MANAGING DIRECTOR

Teaching West African traditional drumming & song on djembe, dunduns & percussion: [www.drummingisfun.co.uk](http://www.drummingisfun.co.uk)

- Weekly classes at St Albans (since 2013) & Bedford (2009-2017)
- Extensive teaching in schools & colleges (2008-2018)
- Ran University Of Herts evening classes (2010-2012)
- Ongoing studies & performances with djembe masters like Iya Sako, Sidiki Dembele & Seckou Keita. Recorded a CD with Sidiki.
- Countless performances including St Albans Street Festival (2017)

### 1988-2007

#### VARIETY OF IT & CUSTOMER SERVICE ROLES

- IT Systems Team Leader for MicroRoute Ltd., organising engineers' rotas, holidays, staff training, day-to-day personnel issues
- IT Systems Engineer, installation and 1st & 2nd Line Maintenance of PC's, servers & networking hardware & software for various clients including IBM, NCR, Boots, RAF Wyton and the banking industry
- Customer Service Assistant, Retail

## EDUCATION

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### 1990-1993

#### UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE

Completed modules in BSc Combined Studies (Computing, Electronic Music, German & Linguistics)

### 1982-1990

#### WEST BRIDGFORD SCHOOL, NOTTINGHAM

2 'A' Levels (Pure & Applied Maths, Computer Science)

10 'O' Levels (including grade A in Maths, Physics, Computer Science)

## OTHER TRAINING

- 2011 Herts Development Centre, Stevenage: special needs courses on Autism, Listening & Communication & Understanding Challenging Behaviour
- 2009-2010 Sing Up "Take The Lead" courses learning to lead vocal workshops
- 2008 Business Link courses: Starting Your Own Business, Presentation Skills, Business Planning, Marketing Your Business
- 2000-2001 Oaklands College, Welwyn Garden City: C/C++ & Java Programming evening classes

## SKILLS

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- Technical problem solving on various computer platforms over two decades, now specialising in Linux, particularly Debian
- Designing & building websites, photo editing, proofreading
- Teaching & performing West African drumming & song
- Extensive work with vulnerable children & people with special needs
- Digital/analogue sound recording, mixing, synthesis & composition