

Biography of the Training Consultant



Sohani Weerasooriya

Qualifications

- Cambridge CELTA, New Zealand language centres, Auckland
- Chartered Accountant, New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants
- Double major: Economics and Accounting, University of Auckland, New Zealand

Profile

Sohani graduated from the University of Auckland, New Zealand in 2006 with a BA BCom. She initially trained as a Chartered Accountant and had the privilege of working for BDO International and Fletcher Building (the largest listed company in New Zealand) before retraining as an educator with an interest in cross cultural communication.

She is fluent in French, Spanish, Sinhalese and English and has extensive experience in teaching General English as well as English for Specific Purposes (ESP) and Academic Purposes (EAP), with a range of organisations across the world.

Before leaving New Zealand in 2012, Sohani worked in Finance for 6 years and then went on to work and travel through South America and Australia. In 2014, she moved to the south of France and delivered communicative training programs/workshops to a varied public including Universities, Local and National Enterprises. In 2016, she joined the French National Aeronautic and Aerospace Graduate School of Engineering (ISAE-SUPAERO) as an Intercultural and English Language Trainer with a special focus on personal and professional development.

Sohani's foundational career in business, coupled with her bi-cultural heritage gives her a unique perspective when she runs professional training programs. She moved to Colombo and joined the British Council, in December 2018.

Sohani is truly herself when she is in nature or on a big hike. She currently spends some of her time off practising improvisational theatre with the Basement Playback Theatre Company in Sri Lanka.

International experience: New Zealand, Australia, France

Previous Clients Include: Tisseo, DGAC, Continental SCR, The Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Arcesi Academy - the National French Civil Aviation University (ENAC), The National Institute of Applied Sciences (INSA), The National French Interdisciplinary School of Engineering for Matter Transformation and Energy (INP ENSEEIHT)