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I am a highly intelligent, former Mensa member with an interest in life-long learning. I have recently completed an Open University degree in Earth Sciences, including modules in **Geology, Natural Resources, Renewable Energy, Ecology and Oceanography**, for all of which I was awarded either a 2.1 or a distinction. I have excellent communication skills and get on with people from many backgrounds. I am currently seeking work in the area of science and IT.

EMPLOYMENT

- 1988 -2006 **coach, bus and van driver**, with several companies - this work involved skill, punctuality, concentration and the ability to deal with large numbers of members of the public
- 1982 -1988 **a variety of unskilled jobs**, with short periods of unemployment
- 1980 - 1981 **Computer Programmer, ISA Ltd, Bradford** - with complete responsibility for payroll and accounting programs - my mission was to make numerous modifications to software packages - I was expected to write the code, test the new programs, and remove any bugs, all without any supervision or assistance
- 1979 -1980 **Animal Technician, Bradford University** - feeding, cleaning out and looking after animals
- 1978 - 1979 **Service station attendant, Heron Service Stations** - controlling pumps, selling goods, accepting payment - in this job I worked alone at night, and so was responsible for safety and security, and for handling large amounts of cash
- 1974 -1975 **Chemical Technician, Johnson Wax** - performing chemical tests, maintaining laboratory equipment, testing raw materials, products being manufactured, and samples from the production lines - despite this being my first job after leaving school, within a short time I was given considerable responsibility:
- ▶ *I had the power to call an immediate halt to production if there were any problems.*
 - ▶ *I was frequently the only person in the lab at weekends, and so effectively in control of the several hundred people working in the factory.*
 - ▶ *I also had more than once to reject deliveries of chemicals worth hundreds of thousands of pounds.*

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- 2006 **Cathedral Centre, Bradford:** *OCR level 3 Text Processing, HTML Web page production*
- 2004 - 2005 **Cathedral Centre, Bradford:** *European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL)*
- 2004 - 2005 **Bradford College:** *New CLAIT*
- 1998 - 2004 **Open University:** *2.1 Honours degree in Earth Sciences*
- 1975 - 1978 **Bradford University:** *Physics/Environmental Science*
- 1993 **Bradford College:** *WYMAS course in keyboard, telephone and communication skills - an eight-week full-time course specifically aimed at the position of telephone operator answering 999 calls*
- 1987 **NAT Holidays, Leeds:** *SV Driving Course*
- 1985 **Skill Centre, Low Moor:** *Carpentry and Joinery - City and Guilds part 1*
- 1967 - 1974 **Woolverstone Hall School, Ipswich:** *8 'O' levels, 'A' level Maths, Physics, Chemistry*

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

- DIY, gardening, studying, walking, swimming, reading, computing, films, music
- a long-standing interest in wild plants and ecology - I know the names of all common plants in English and Latin, and some in French - I also know whether they are edible, poisonous, or have medicinal uses