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### **Who am I ?**

I'm a teacher and a student. I believe my pupils can show me how to understand the world in new ways as I teach them how to relate to the world. For me, education is always a two-way street which we walk up and down several times a day.

### **Why the Tzama Ecole Project in France?**

At 24 years old, I've worked for all kinds of language schools, both big and small, family-run and corporate. Throughout my career I've developed an interest in the margins of education, the schools that do not conform with traditional schooling tenets but go the extra mile in providing new and innovative teaching experiences for their communities. I believe Tzama is one of those schools.

### **What is your favourite quote that inspires your daily work?**

"The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery" Mark Van Doren

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire" William Butler Yeats

### **What does Montessori mean for you ?**

It means flipping the traditional concept of teaching on its head, developing a new relationship with the students and placing the focus of the educational process on them and not the teacher. It is, I believe, not merely a new method but an entirely different mindset which requires the utmost care and attention on the part of the teacher, and their humility to set themselves aside in order to be an aid and never an obstacle for the students.

### **What are your talents or tools you would like to share and use within the school and the association ?**

Although most of my experience lies in teaching, I have some other skills I could use to benefit both the school and the association. I am a medium-level skilled graphic designer, I know and have applied the principles of accounting, I'm an entrepreneur at heart and I've spent several years in a Scout group, which I believe will help in nature education and taking the students on nature walks.