

I am currently the training manager for TorFx, an award winning multi-national company based in Penzance and I have previous experience in senior management, training and development and financial management with Nestle and Kraft Foods (now Mondelez), the 1st and 2nd largest food companies in the world. I have also been the UK Training and Development Manager for Linde, the world's largest fork truck manufacturer. Additionally, in my last corporate role with Handleman, the world's largest music distributor, I had personal responsibility for 149 people, £80 million turnover and a business expense budget of £1.9 million. I have owned businesses in France and the UK, all trading in profit and which improved my French to a reasonably proficient standard.

One of my businesses was the sale, installation and repairs of swimming pools and spas. Through this I gained experience of construction, became a qualified plumber and gained an electrical qualification.

We are blessed with a son we adopted in 2005 so passed stringent CRB, NSPCC and local authority checks. I also have a certificate of good conduct from the French Government. More recently, because of my current role, I have passed more CRB checks and gained compliance accreditation from the FCA.

I have a strong belief in education being able to offer all an opportunity in life. I am consequently an ardent egalitarian and believe everyone should have the chance of a positive start in life, which means accessing the best an education system can provide.