

My name is Monika Reti and I am 34 years old.

You could say I am a button-down person in the sense that I live in the same town where I was born and grown up and which I consequently like a lot as it is peaceful, picturesque and pretty close to Budapest. But fortunately my life has never been as dull as it seems.

As a student I was interested in practically everything and made bold attempts to try as many different things as I just could. As I love Nature I decided to study Biology and Chemistry at the University of Debrecen, which I graduated from in 1998.

I like meeting a lot of people, bustling around and (my husband says) I am also talkative and (in some of my students' opinion) a bit too inquisitive as well – so it was somehow a predestination that I became a secondary school teacher. I am happy to teach Biology, Chemistry and also Science in bilingual classes – and hope that my students feel the same too. I am the leader of the science department in our school and I am also the form master in a class of 34 brilliant and charming grade 10 students.

I have always taken an active part in non-profit civil organisations, especially in ones involving environmental protection and (any type of) education. Between 1992-2002 I used to lead an NGO – we organized various meetings, programs and (mainly summer) camps for young people between the ages of 6-18. I still volunteer; for some three years I have been an enthusiastic member of Hungarian Research Teachers Association, where I am a project leader.

I love arts – especially literature and music, but I am an ardent visitor at exhibitions, in theatres and cinemas as well.

In my spare time I sing in a choir, I like to handicraft but I also like growing, collecting and experimenting with herbs. My hobbies are trekking, sailing and cooking.

