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**Occupational field** International Development and Communications

## Summary

International development professional with broad range of experience at the local, national and international level. Sound understanding of public information and external relations functions and tools. Experience in the development and implementation of communications strategies and action plans. Consummate technical capacity to lead communications through print, web, audio visual and radio mediums. Capacity building and training for NGOs and CBOs to design and implement development projects and engage key stakeholders. Comprehensive understanding of development policy and field experience in a variety of contexts and regions. Full working knowledge of Spanish.

## Education

Dates September 2005 to September 2006  
Qualification **Master (with merit) in Social Development**  
Principle Subjects Theories and Concepts of Development, Refugees and Development, International Humanitarian Law, Methods in Social Development, Aid and Projects  
Dissertation *Assisting the Internally Displaced in Colombia: Humanitarianism and Intrastate Conflict*  
Name of School University of Sussex, Brighton, United Kingdom

Dates September 1996 to June 1999  
Qualification **Bachelor (with honours) in Mixed Media Arts**  
Principle Subjects Communication Theory, Photography, Film and Television, Graphic Design  
Name of School University of Westminster, London, United Kingdom

Dates September 1994 to June 1996  
Qualification **A-Levels**  
Principle Subjects Media Studies, Art, History  
Name of School Hills Road 6<sup>th</sup> Form College, Cambridge, United Kingdom

## Work Experience

Dates May 2008 to present  
Employer **United Nations – Office of the UN Resident Coordinator**, Tirana, Albania  
Position held *Communications Officer*

- ❖ Implementation of inter-agency Delivering as One UN Communication Strategy
- ❖ Communication lead for Joint Programmes implemented under One UN
- ❖ Coordination of activities to mark UN Days throughout the year
- ❖ Support design of Joint Programme to build the capacities of journalists in social sector reporting
- ❖ Development of advocacy campaigns on minority integration, gender equality and road safety
- ❖ Lead UN and UNDP presence online through dedicated websites and social media platforms
- ❖ Communications oversight for all UNDP Albania projects

Dates August 2007 to April 2008  
Employer **Organización de Afectados Tarinakuy**, Lima, Peru  
Position held *Civil Society Development Advisor*

- ❖ Training in the Guiding Principles of Internal Displacement
- ❖ Capacity building for the design of social development projects and communications tools
- ❖ Development of participatory needs assessment

Dates January 2007 to April 2008  
Employer **Rotary International**, Lima, Peru  
Position held *Project Coordinator*

- ❖ Coordinated implementation of dental, water and sanitation projects
- ❖ Establishment of project partners
- ❖ Community liaison and outreach

Dates September 2007 to March 2008  
Employer **EveryChild Perú**, Lima, Peru  
Position held *Cooperation Advisor*

- ❖ Production of corporate business plan and donor mapping study
- ❖ Development of private sector partnerships
- ❖ Support project development and donor funding applications

Dates October 2006-December 2006  
Employer **Peace Brigades International, Amnesty International**, Remote  
Position held *Communications Consultant*

- ❖ Design of PBI 25 Anniversary publication
- ❖ Design of online domestic violence advocacy material

Dates June 2005-September 2006  
Employer **Sky Television**, London, United Kingdom  
Position held *Communications Consultant*

- ❖ Production of animated segments for a European entertainment show

Dates March 2005-May 2005  
Employer **Hi Phi Phi**, Phi Phi Don, Thailand  
Position held *Emergency Relief Volunteer*

- ❖ Environmental regeneration and small business restoration
- ❖ Support development of a disaster preparedness project

Dates September 2004-February 2005  
Employer **Medecins Sans Frontieres**, Sydney, Australia  
Position held *Advocate Team Leader*

- ❖ Implementation of advocacy and fundraising campaigns on internal displacement in Colombia and Sudan
- ❖ Train and lead 8-10 person fundraising team
- ❖ Monitor and evaluate staff development and performance

Dates May 2004-August 2004  
Employer **Lakota Aid**, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota, USA  
Position held *Project Development Advisor and Researcher*

- ❖ Design of social development projects promoting Lakota culture and language
- ❖ Co-ordinate a series of meetings between Lakota elders
- ❖ Development of participatory needs assessment

Dates March 2003-April 2003  
Employer **WaterAid/BBC**, Tanzania  
Position held *Photojournalist*

- ❖ Photographic and written documentation of water and sanitation projects

Dates June 2002-August 2003  
Employer **EveryChild UK**, Eastern Europe / Southern Africa  
Position held *Documentation Officer*

- ❖ Photographic and written documentation of child focused projects
- ❖ Photographic and written documentation of Southern African Food Crisis and the HIV pandemic

Dates October 2000-June 2004  
Employer **Capital FX Ltd**, London, United Kingdom  
Position held *Communications Officer*

- ❖ Edit television adverts and film sequences for global distribution
- ❖ Produce digital computer effects and animation
- ❖ Develop corporate identity and marketing tools
- ❖ Focal point for translation services

Dates June 2000-October 2000  
Employer **Oxfam GB**, Cambridge, United Kingdom  
Position held *Communications Assistant*

- ❖ Develop publication materials and support event coordination

Dates December 1999-April 2000  
Employer **Central Tibetan Authority**, Dharmasala, HP, India  
Position held *Refugee Reception Centre Volunteer*

- ❖ Provide English language tuition
- ❖ Day-to-day organizational duties

## Training

Stakeholder Consultation, Public Awareness, and Media Relations Strategies, IP3, Sept – Oct 2009  
Humanitarian Law and Policy (online), Harvard University, June 2008

## Language Skills

Mother tongue English  
Other languages Spanish - full working knowledge

## Technical Skills

Win/Mac, Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Studio (Print/Web), Digital Cameras (Still/Video), Drivers Licence

## Additional Information

### PUBLICATION

*"Displacement, Recentralization and Reparations. Development in Post-Conflict Peru"*  
Forced Migration Review, *Protracted Displacement Situations*, September 2009

## References

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