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Education

2006 - Master of Arts in Social and Public Policy (Conflict Resolution), Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, USA

2004 - IREX fellowship, graduate certificate in Conflict studies, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, USA

2003 - Bachelor of Arts (Honors) in Philology and Literature, Yakutsk State University, Russia

1998 - Graduate, Namsky Secondary School, Russia

1997 - Exchange student at East Tosa High School in Wisconsin, USA

Experience

Jun'09- pres Programme Associate (Bangkok, Thailand)

Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development is a Regional advocacy organization on population and development issues with the concentration on gender equality, SRHR, family planning and GBV. It aims to build partnerships and mobilize policy-makers in the Asian region including Central Asia and the Pacific.

- Project management: design parliamentary advocacy projects on CEDAW and ICPD in Central Asia and UNDRIP in the Asia-Pacific. Manage the implementation of advocacy projects. Prepare project proposals, budget plans, narrative reports.
- Edit organizational e-news and print newsletter in Russian on Central Asia; prepare press releases, media backgrounders and media alerts for the projects of responsibility;
- Research: produce abstracts, factsheets, and concept papers on questions related to MDGs, SRHR, gender; manage production of abstracts and papers for meetings;
- Networking and linkage-building: maintain good working relationship and represent the organization at meetings/conferences and liaise with parliamentary staff, parliamentarians, UNFPA, IGOs, INGOs, NGOs and parliamentary networks from various parts of Asia and Europe;

Jan-June'10 Recruitment Coordinator and Trainee Trainer (9 days) (online and Spain)

Peace Brigades Int. is an international grassroots organization founded in 1981 that aims to protect human rights and provide protection to Human Rights Defenders (HRDs).

- Coordinate recruitment process of field volunteers;
- Participate in designing, planning and co-facilitating a 9-day training.

Jan'09-Apr'09 International observer - including the training (Mindanao, Philippines)

Nonviolent Peaceforce

- Develop and maintain positive working relationships with civil society/human rights organizations and provide international protective presence for accompanied human rights organizations;
- Monitor the situation of IDP communities:
- Monitor the security situation in the area and meet with security forces;

Jan'08-Jan'09 International observer (volunteer) (Papua, Indonesia)

Peace Brigades International

- Develop and maintain positive working relationships with civil society/human rights organizations and provide international protective presence for accompanied human rights organizations;
- Prepare meeting agendas, facilitate team meetings and note decisions and track the news/political/human rights situation in Indonesia; provide input to team decisions, strategy planning, and security protocols;
- In coordination with the field volunteer teams and In-Country Coordinator, represent PBI IP at networking/lobbying meetings with diplomats and key politicians, INGOS, NGOs, UN institutions, and governmental and civil employees in order to dissuade any potential violence or threat and to raise concerns;
- Undertake day to day office tasks, including responding to emails, telephone enquiries, filing, maintaining and updating of records and contacts databases.
- Support local peace initiatives, such as conflict transformation workshops, peace discussions, film screenings in cooperation with local partners:
- Mobilize our partners to organize Peace Day celebrations in Wamena with the aim of building bridges among community activists.

Apr'-Oct'07 Project Coordinator (Yakutsk, Russia)

Innovational park "Three Valleys" at Yakutsk State University Yakutsk State University is one of the leading universities in the Russian Far East region. Innovational park aims to motivate young researchers focus on innovational research/entrepreneurial projects.

- Consult with major experts/research institutes/youth/government officials and design two projects (research project on biodiversity cryopreservation and small business development for young professionals);
- Strategize implementation of the projects with the executive director.

Nov'05-Jan'07 Researcher (Pittsburgh, USA)

Small Business Development Center is a network of not-for-profit centers that consult small business owners on ways to manage their businesses.

- Perform market research to aid clients (small business owners) in their selection of geographical regions and partners for import/export;
- Consult the clients on the outcomes of the research.

Apr-Aug'04 Assistant Liaison to the United Nations - internship (New York, USA)

Global Youth Action Network is a network of over 200 youth-led NGOs and youth activists around the world. GYAN aims to unite youth movement and empower them to take part in policy decision-making.

- Editor of "VOICE," e-newsletter advocacy on youth activism at the UN level;
- Conduct research and preparatory interviews with youth from Palestine/Sierra Leone/Israel for the Chat Hubs project, real-time dialogue between young people in conflict zones using modern video technology for Chat the Planet. www.chattheplanet.org;
- Represent the organization at the UN sessions/meetings; mobilize youth at UNPFII and speak at public events on behalf of the organization.

Oct'03-May'06	Volunteer at Thomas Merton Center for Peace and Justice In USA
	I was involved mainly with Fair Trade area of the Americas project and the fundraising project for the renovation of the Thomas Merton Center.
Jan'00-Jul'03	Volunteer at UNESCO Council in Russia

I was mainly involved with the Indigenous peoples project, assisting with organizing
conferences, translation of presentations, etc.

Skills

Computer literacy: Office (excel, ppt, word, outlook), SPSS, html, Dreamweaver, In Design,

Languages: Yakut and Russian (native), English and Indonesian (fluent) French (intermediate)

Design of workshops and facilitation (still developing)

Additional info

Since September 2010 – Member of the Peoples' Committee of Peace Brigades Int. Indonesia Project Correspondent for www.maestro-news.ru, news about South-east Asia in Russian 01/2010 USIP certificate course in Conflict Analysis 08/2007-12/2007 Indonesian language training, Wisma Bahasa Language School, Indonesia 10/2004-04/2005 Graduate course in Ethnic conflict and Media, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland 10/2000-12/2000 Training on strategies of HIV/AIDS prevention, Center for Prevention of HIV/AIDS, Russia

Passions: poetry, social justice, traveling, learning, human relationships, lomography, filming, laughing.