

Curriculum Vitae

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Marital Status: Married
 Permanent country of residence: UK
 Nationality: British

Skills

Research: Qualitative and Quantitative research both in the field and desk studies	Management: Managing staff and volunteers in a variety of contexts
Networking: Starting & maintaining networks of individuals & organizations to meet strategic goals	Publishing: Weekly briefings, research papers, press statements and opinion pieces
Advocacy: Conducting high level advocacy with policy makers	Computer: Advanced use of Word, Excel, Publisher, DreamWeaver, the Internet, and Email
Strategy: Able to plan and think strategically, and develop strategies in collaboration with colleagues and coalition partners	Administrative: Including budget management, report writing, cataloguing and other administrative tasks

Qualifications

Dates	Course completed	Place of training	Grade/result
2007 - 2009	MSc Violence Conflict and Development (two years part-time)	School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, UK	Graduation in 2009
1999 – 2003	BA Arabic and Persian (Hons)	School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, UK (including 1 year at the University of Damascus, Syria)	2:2
1997 – 1999	3 A- Levels (Sociology, Religious Studies and Psychology)	Therfield School, Leatherhead, Surrey, UK	A,B &C respectively
1995 - 1997	10 GCSEs, including Maths and English	Reigate Grammar School, Reigate, Surrey, UK	10 A-C grades

Employment History

Dates	Employer's name and location	Job title and summary of duties
Feb 08 – Present	Co-operation for Peace and Unity (CPAU)	Representative Establishing and directing the European office of Co-operation for Peace and Unity. Co-ordinating research activities with the head office in Kabul. Lobbying and advocacy based on CPAU's research. Liaising with institutions and organisations that work with CPAU in a range of research projects.
Jul 07 – Feb 08	Amnesty International 1 Easton St London WC1X 0DW	Afghanistan Researcher Leading and designing Amnesty's portfolio of work on the ongoing conflict in Afghanistan. This includes carrying out research into a variety of actors including international military forces, the Taleban, and security and justice Ministries of the Afghan Government. Developing high-level diplomatic contacts within Afghanistan, the UK and Europe. Giving media interviews on a variety of issues including Taleban tactics and women's rights.
Nov 06 – Jun 07	Self Employed Location: Various, however based in	Advocacy and campaigns consultant My role varied according to the contract with the client, however my services to date have included the following; Management & Strategy For the Turquoise Mountain Foundation I reviewed internal policies and procedures of the organisation and instituted a plan to improve the functioning

	London, N1	<p>of the office. I also assisted staff to plan strategically and develop programme and project plans.</p> <p>Research I analysed primary data for Cooperation for Peace and Unity (CPAU), and edited the report The Role and Functions of Religious Civil Society in Afghanistan: Case studies from Sayedabad and Kunduz, July 2007</p> <p>I edited and reviewed the following reports; The Development of Civil Society in Afghanistan; Afghanistan Civil Society Forum (ACSF), English edition 2007 We Voted We Will Vote Again; Human Rights Research and Advocacy Consortium (HRRAC), English Edition 2007</p>
Aug 05 – Oct 06	Oxfam GB Afghanistan House 398, St 1, Qala-I Fatehullah, District 10, Kabul, Afghanistan	<p>Policy and Advocacy Adviser Creating and implementing Oxfam's advocacy strategy in Afghanistan. Managing & carrying out advocacy, research and policy analysis in the following areas; humanitarian issues, governance, education, civil military relations, trade & the Afghanistan National Development Strategy. Playing a key leadership role in several coalitions and networks that Oxfam is part of. Lobbying donors, government actors and other stakeholders Engaging with the media reactively and proactively Line managing one national advocacy adviser and 3 policy officers Managing a budget of more than £100,000</p>
Sep 03 – Jun 05	The Japan International Volunteer Center (JVC) 6F Maruko Bldg, Taito-ku, Tokyo, Japan	<p>Advocacy and Research Adviser Creating and managing a network of Japanese NGOs working in Afghanistan (Japan Afghan NGO Network). Providing analysis of the political, security and reconstruction environment in Afghanistan to the network members. Conducting research and advocacy on disarmament and civil military relations in Afghanistan as part of JVC's advocacy department. Managing a group of volunteers who assisted the projects.</p>
Jun 02 – Sep 02	Refugee Council 240-250 Ferndale Road, London, SW9 8BB	<p>Asylum Case Worker and Admin Assistant (Voluntary) Providing information and advice to asylum seekers who were housed in holding centres. Advice was given around housing, health and asylum issues. Interpreting for Arabic and Farsi speaking asylum seekers. Assisting with administrative activities. Admin Assistant to the British Agencies for Afghanistan Group</p>

Publications and Research published and managed:

Disarmament, Demobilisation and Rearmament? Written by Christian Dennys, based on primary research I conducted across 4 provinces in Afghanistan from January 2004 – June 2005

The call for Tough Arms Control: Voices from Afghanistan; Written by Christian Dennys, based on primary research that I managed in 5 provinces and desk studies from October 2005 – January 2006

Getting the fundamentals right: Afghanistan's WTO accession; Written by Mary Kirkbride, I managed the trade project for which this paper was used as an advocacy tool. I commissioned and managed the policy paper from May – October 2006

Free, quality education for every Afghan child; Written by Basira Mojaddidi, This report was a part of the education project in the advocacy programme which I managed. The research was coordinated by Basira Mojaddidi, while I acted in an oversight role ensuring thorough research methodologies and policy work from February – October 2006

Afghanistan: Detainees transferred to torture: ISAF complicity? Written by Christian Dennys, Nov 2007.

Training

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Oct 2007	Media Interview Skills	CSV, London	Passed
Sep 2007	Hostile Environment and First Aid Training	Centurion Risk Ltd, UK	Passed
Feb 2006	Oxfam Programme and Learning System	Oxfam, Kabul	Passed
Oct 2004	UNHCR E-Center – Basics of Humanitarian Emergency Response	UNHCR E-center, Japan	Passed
Summer 2001	Studying Persian	Ferdowsi University Mashhad, Iran,	Passed
Summer 2000	Studying Arabic	CALES Center, Sana'a, Yemen	Passed
Summer 1999	Studying Arabic	Fajr Center, Cairo, Egypt	Passed