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Profile:

I am a versatile and professional graduate with a range of skills and experience, through my initial university studies in theatre, and through my international education work. My primary focus areas are community empowerment, gender-rights and early childhood education; within conflict and displacement contexts. I am a keen linguist with an advanced knowledge and understanding of Spanish, intermediate French, as well as beginner level Arabic and Swahili. I am seeking to combine and utilise my academic, professional experience, in the Non-Profit sector.

Educational Qualifications/Awards:

2021 - 2022:	MA International Development University of East Anglia	Expected Merit
2015 - 2018:	BA (Hons) Performance for Stage and Screen Sheffield Hallam University	2:1

Educational Awards:

2018	"Carry on Coubro"	Sheffield Hallam University
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Awarded for my international contribution to "Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow," focused on refugee/migrant integration in formal and informal educational environments.

Website: www.yttassociation.org

Career History:

June 2022 - Present	Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow	Gender Programming Specialist
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- **Monitoring / Evaluation:** Providing internal evaluation of programmes centred around inclusion, diversity and parity. Monitoring of refugee/IDP contexts in countries of operation (*currently Uganda*); awareness of gender-specific challenges faced by women and girls, men and boys.
- **Fieldwork:** Travel with the YTT core team to displacement contexts in East and Central Africa, helping to train educators with our partner refugee led organisations.

2018 - May 2022	Communications Officer
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- **Advocacy:** Ensuring programmes inclusivity and advising on humanitarian educational issues including: GBV, gender parity, refugee/IDP contexts.

* **Social Media/Communications:** Writing educational content for the organisations' social media platforms and website, sharing our weekly refugee/migrant drawings. Also responsible for growing and maintaining social media reach and audience engagement.

• **Fieldwork:** Co-lead organisations' Psychosocial Support Workshops, within displacement contexts. Previous fieldwork conducted in Serbia, Morocco and Bosnia.

2018	Global Forum for Media Development (GFMD)	Communications Intern
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- Creating and scheduling media stories relating to press freedom for Twitter
- Attending web-meetings (via Zoom) with other staff members
- Write own media stories focusing on press freedom and dangers to journalists in Latin America and Central Africa

2018	ABC News (London Bureau)	Foregin News Desk Intern
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- Researching into global breaking news stories & including writing own stories
- Researching for ABC News story on conflict diamonds and sexual violence in the DRC (*at request of Senior Foregin Correspondent*)
- Take phone calls from staff in New York and Paris Bureaus
- Assistant at Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle (2018)

2017	Various	Freelance Journalist
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- Print work focuses on forced migration, post-conflict societies and faith stories. Bylines in: Sarajevo Times (*Bosnia and Herzegovina*), ABC News, Migrant Voice, L'Congolais (*DRC*).

Certificates:

- FGM Awareness (EduCare, Level 2)
- Child Exploitation (EduCare, Level 2)
- Sexual Violence (EduCare, Level 2)
- Human Rights: The Rights of Refugees (Amnesty International, July 2020)

Voluntary:

- Global Youth Ambassador for TheirWorld (May 2022- Present)
- Freelance Journalist at Sarajevo Times (Bosnia, 2017)
- Community Outreach Volunteer (OM Missions, 2016, Moldova)
- HIV/AIDS Community Support Volunteer (IVHQ, 2015, Uganda)
- Student Ambassador for PAPYRUS - Prevention of Young Suicide (2011-2018)

Languages:

English (Fluent), Spanish (Advanced), French (Intermediate) and Swahili (Beginner/Intermediate)

REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST