# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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Personal information	Language skills
Place of birth: London, UK	English: <i>native</i>
Nationality: British	French: fluent

#### **PROFILE**

Freelance editor specialising in international development, with editorial, research, coordination, communication and project management roles, working independently and as part of a team. Solid experience has been gained in the following fields:

- ✓ **Editorial:** reviewing, copyediting, proofreading and formatting reports, books and other products. Working closely with authors to develop articles. Managing a peer review and production process for international journals in English and French. Liaising with translators to produce multilingual outputs. Working with designers and publishers to develop templates, providing a full service from rough draft to finished product.
- ✓ Event management: organising conferences and meetings; commissioning speakers.
- ✓ Communications: networking, writing for the web, blogging and website design.
- ✓ Liaison with donors: writing funding applications and reporting.
- ✓ Organising and co-facilitating participatory workshops and writeshops: convening participants for the co-creation and curation of knowledge.

## **EXPERIENCE**

#### **CURRENT: FREELANCE EDITOR**

- Developmental and copy editing, proofing and formatting various knowledge products, such as briefing papers, working papers and country reports.
- Liaising with authors and partner organisations to review, copyedit and proofread articles for publication.
- Commissioning designers to design templates and artwork.
- Liaising with printers to ensure quality of final product.

## RECENT AND ON-GOING FREELANCE COPY- EDITING WORK

International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) London, UK. Consultant Editor: Copy editing and proofing a range of reports and research papers. Recent papers include: REDD+ hits the ground: lessons from Tanzania's REDD+ pilot projects and Small, but many, is big: Challenges in assessing the collective scale of locally controlled forest-linked production and investment

<u>Plan International</u> Copyediting policy briefs and country reports for Plan Zambia on the 18+: Ending Child Marriages in Southern Africa sub-regional programme that aims to eradicate child marriages in Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The programme is a flagship initiative of the Global Girls Innovation Programme (GGIP) of the <u>Because I Am a Girl Campaign</u>.

<u>Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN)</u> Copyediting a research paper on affordable electricity in the West Nile Region, Uganda: <u>Generating Hope for a Brighter Future</u>

<u>Bond</u> Copyediting papers on <u>Engaging Generation Z: Motivating young people to engage positively with international development and What development means to diaspora communities.</u>

### INCRISD South Asia (Inclusive Community Resilience for Sustainable Disaster Risk Management)

Copyediting and editorial guidance on a framework and toolkit on disaster risk management for a consortium of ActionAid, Handicap International and Oxfam GB: http://incrisd.org/toolkit.php

<u>Care-Denmark / IIED</u> Editing and coordinating the design of a series of toolkits on Climate Change Advocacy: <u>www.southernvoices.net</u>

<u>London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London,</u> UK. Proofing and formatting the Sanitation and Hygiene Applied Research for Equity (SHARE) country reports, and the SHARE Annual Report to DfiD.

Réseau Billital Maroobé Niamey, Niger. Editing and design of a book on pastoral law in Niger in English and French.

### **CONSULTANCY WORK**

FEB 2014 TO JUNE 2016: World Bank Maputo, Mozambique

Providing support to the Knowledge Management Centre at the Climate Change Unit in Maputo, Mozambique. Assignments include editing and designing a series of briefings on climate change and advising and assisting on a range of knowledge products, including <u>website</u> and electronic newsletters.

2012 TO DATE: Our Food - Coordinator/Networker

Developing a learning community of practice around food policy research; Promoting participatory methodologies in dialogues with communities; Assisting in the strategic development of Phase II of the project; Coordinating a drama competition around food and farming; Coediting a book on *People's Knowledge*, to be published by the Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience (CAWR) at the University of Coventry, UK in late 2016.

#### PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

1991 TO 2013: International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) London, UK

I have held several positions at IIED, many running concurrently. Editorial roles include:

- ✓ Coordinating Editor: Climate Change Working Paper series (2011-2013)
- ✓ Co-editor: Participatory Learning and Action series (2004-2013)
- ✓ Editor: *Gatekeeper* series (2012-2013)
- ✓ Coordinator, Gender and Generation team (2010-2013)
- ✓ Production Editor: Haramata bulletin of the drylands and Drylands Issue Papers (1991-2010)

## **EDUCATION**

**University of Edinburgh, School of Health and Social Sciences** – Masters-level course on Community Participation in Professional Practice (2013)

Farnborough Technical College, UK - Postgraduate diploma in bilingual administration with French studies (1983) University of Wales, UK - BA (hons) Modern Languages (French and German) (1982)

#### **TRAINING**

2014: Advanced editing and proofreading (SfEP, London, UK)

2013: Facilitation skills training (Talk Action, London, UK)

**2012**: Theory of change essentials (BOND, London, UK)

2012: Working Smart with Outlook (Priority Management, London, UK)

2012: Editing with Indesign (Media Training, London, UK)

2010: Mainstreaming participation (BOND, London, UK)

2009: Excel - Intermediate (Happy Computers, London, UK)

## **SELECTED PUBLISHED WORK**

SAGE Handbook of Action Research (2014) Contributed entry on Participatory Learning and Action

Chambers, R., Kenton, N., and Ashley A. (Eds), 2004. <u>Critical reflections, future directions</u> *Participatory Learning and Action* 50, IIED London.

Kenton N., and Ashley A., 2004. <u>Critical reflections, future directions: an overview</u> in *Participatory Learning and Action 50*, IIED London.

## **BLOGS**

Community Participation in Professional Practice

Agricultural Development: business as usual is not an option

What makes a citizen?

Telling stories: the uses and misuses of communicating for change

#### IT Skills

Microsoft suite:MS Word, MS Excel, PowerPoint , MS Access - ProficientPublishing and design:Adobe Acrobat Pro – Proficient; Indesign - ProficientWebsite editing:Content Management System/ Joomla – Proficient

Social media: Facebook, Twitter, Linked In - Proficient

**VOLUNTARY WORK** 

Since 2015, Advisor for <u>Pastoral and Environment Network in the Horn of Africa (PENHA)</u>, assisting with their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference "Pastoralism: past perspectives and future policy" hosted at the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), London in October 2015. Board Member since January 2016.

Since 2012, Project development, fundraising, donor liaison, website design and communications for <u>The Whole Picture</u>, a community youth sports and arts project in West London.

Since 2010, Trustee of Charushila, a participatory design charity which works in the UK and internationally.

Since 2009, Editorial reviewer for <u>Development in Practice</u>.