



ZALA ŽBOGAR

COMMUNICATION AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR PURPOSE

ABOUT ME

Collaborative, mission-driven and reliable team player. Eternal optimist. Six years of diverse experience in communications, project management, research, outreach and event coordination. I have worked in several international organisations where I have been responsible for connecting local and global initiatives for systemic change, managing projects and events on a range of portfolios (women's rights and civil society, agriculture, climate change).

Top CliftonStrengths: Empathy, Achiever, Includer, Restorative, Responsibility.

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EDUCATION HISTORY

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD Master of Studies (Distinction), Women's Studies, 2014

- Thesis: "Gender, institutions and international criminal justice: the evolution of gender norms in the International Criminal Court"

UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS Master of Arts, International Relations and Spanish, 2013

- Thesis: "Gender mainstreaming from the bottom-up: Post-conflict analysis and women's organisations in Kosovo"

ERASMUS EXCHANGE Universidad de Alcalá de Henares and University of Iceland, 2011-2012

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA International Baccalaureate (40/45 points), 2009

Washington D.C. and Ljubljana

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

ADVISOR - PROJECT, COMMUNICATIONS, LEARNING

SNV Netherlands Development Organisation, The Hague | Jun 2019 - present

- Jan 2021: Project, communications, learning for COVID response initiative.
- Jun 2019-Dec 2020: Communications for agriculture portfolio (EUR 100 million annual turnover) & activities for a civil society capacity building programme.

GRANTS AND COMMUNITY COORDINATOR

Partners for a New Economy, Geneva | Jan 2019 - Jun 2019 (moved country)

- Grant management for portfolio covering economics, climate change and education at this philanthropic foundation.
- Coordinated community of grantees through online communications tools.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS COORDINATOR

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Geneva | April 2018 - Nov 2018 (end of contract)

- Coordinated 32nd International Congress involving 200 participants across 40 countries and a budget in excess of 150,000 USD, including parallel workshops, trainings and public conference on "Feminist Peace Movement in Africa".
- Responsible for report writing and editing.

COMMUNICATION AND CAMPAIGN OFFICER

CAP International, Brussels | April 2016 - July 2018

- Developed and implemented external communications and campaign strategies for 23 NGOs across 18 countries targeting the elimination of sexual exploitation and the promotion of gender equality.
- Mobilised networks and responsible for internal communication for CAP International's advocacy campaigns.
- Organised numerous events with external stakeholders, including annual General Assemblies and functions at the United Nations.

COMMUNICATION ASSISTANT

European Network on Debt and Development, Brussels | May 2015 - April 2016 (end of contract)

- Developed communications strategies and was responsible for distribution of customised products for target audiences, report writing and editing.

LANGUAGES

English - native
Slovenian - native
Spanish - intermediate
French - intermediate
German - basic
Dutch - basic

OTHER SKILLS AND PASSIONS

- Marathon runner
- Volunteer: street outreach with women in situation of prostitution, supervisor at underprivileged schools
- Love learning new languages, and Eurovision

IN WRITING

Capacity building

[The power of hard evidence in impacting systems change.](#)

International Food Policy Research Institute

Peacebuilding

[Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Annual Report 2018](#)

[WILPF 100 Years: A Brief Look at a Long History.](#)

Women's rights

[Poletno branje s feminističnega zornega kota: Zala Žbogar.](#)

(Summer reading from the feminist corner), Metinalista.si (in Slovenian)

[The Academic Feminist.](#)
Feministing.com

COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATE

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Geneva | Sept 2014 - May 2015 (end of contract)

- Developed and implemented communications strategy for two international conferences with budget 900,000 EUR. Managed all press.

YOUNG WILPF NETWORK INTERNATIONAL COORDINATOR

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Geneva | Jan 2015 - Jan 2016 (end of contract)

- Volunteer coordinator of an international network of 200 youth peace activists under 35 years old.

ASSISTANT PROJECT MANAGER

International Centre for Promotion of Enterprises, Ljubljana | June 2010 - August 2010 (end of contract)

- Coordinated and led two delegations of 30 Indian government officials for a week-long international training program.

RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR

University of Oxford Research Panel, Oxford | Sept 2014 - May 2015 (end of contract)

INTERNSHIP

Office of the President of the Republic of Kosovo, Pristina | June 2011 - August 2011 (end of contract)