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PROFILE SUMMARY

European Studies and International Relations / Youth, Peace and Security

Key skills: Policy research and analysis; Advocacy and Interest Representation; Conflict transformation & peace-building training/workshops; Program development and management; Program evaluation; Conflict sensitivity and conflict analysis; Advocacy; Key stakeholder relationship-building

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Programs Coordinator, Trainer & Rapporteur

September, 2014 – Present

- **Service Civique Européen** (Strasbourg – February, 2020 - Present): European and International Programs Team Member
- **Youth Initiative Centre, Armenia** International Board Chairperson for the period of 2018-2020 (1st mandate), International Board Incumbent Chairperson for the period 2020-2021 (2nd mandate)
- **Franco-German Youth Office** (Berlin/online– Mars, 2020 – February, 2021): Youth Trainer and Coach of "Youth for Peace – Global tools, Local Actions – Follow-up" International Youth Event
- **Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe** (Bratislava – December, 2019): Speaker, Youth Representative, OSCE Ministerial Council and a Side Event "Youth for a Safer Future – The role of youth in peace and security across the SOCE area Peace"
- **Franco-German Youth Office** (Paris – November, 2019): Youth Trainer of "Youth for Peace – Global tools, Local Actions" International Youth Event
- **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland/Search for Common Ground/United Network of Young Peacebuilders** (March, 2019): Speaker at the First Symposium on Youth Participation in Peace Processes
- **Assembly of European Regions** (December, 2018 – January, 2020): External Member to the Advisory Board for Youth Program "European Youth Together - Road to the Future"
- **Center for Conflict Studies of the University of Marburg** (Marburg – November, 2018): Speaker at the International Conference "Young People's Participation in Peace-building – an Underestimated Contribution on the Way to Sustainable Peace"?
- **Franco-German Youth Office** (Berlin – November, 2018): Youth Trainer of "Youth for Peace" International Event
- **European Youth Centre** (Strasbourg – October, 2018): Facilitator of International Youth Seminar on Human Rights Education
- **EU Neighbours east** (October, 2018 – October, 2019): Young European Ambassador from Eastern Partnership Region
- **UN Volunteers - Sri Lanka** (March – September, 2018): Mentor on Youth, Peace and Security
- **Fundació Catalunya Voluntària** in partnership with the European Youth Centre (Barcelona – September, 2015-Mars, 2017); Rapporteur of a series of international training courses designed for youth leaders and trainers on "Understanding and Working with Conflicts"

University of Strasbourg

European Project Manager

August, 2020 – Present

Strasbourg, France

- Day-to-day coordination of a cross-border European project co-financed by the European Commission on interreligious and intercultural dialogue designed for employees of enterprises and future employees, especially young people in neither education nor employment and people of migrant background
- Ensure communication between partners, organize meetings and events, draft meeting reports
- Design project mid-term reports and compile financial report submissions
- Guarantee the smooth realization of the project actions and document its progress and results in accordance with the pre-identified indicators
- Implement the communication strategy, ensure visibility and dissemination of the progress and results of the project

Recruited by PHeDRA Formations and delegated for the French Office for Immigration and Integration

January, 2020 – Present
Strasbourg, **France**

Interpreter (from French into Armenian, English or Russian)

- Conduct simultaneous interpretation during civic trainings destined for migrants and refugees who have signed Republican Engagement Contracts with French relevant authorities

**Association and Socio -Cultural Centre Camille Claus
Teaching Assistant / Youth Trainer**

March, 2019 – January 2020
Strasbourg, **France**

- Organize, assist and run French language courses for adults of Koenigshoffen district of different origins by contributing to their integration and community participation
- Empower a group of young women of different origins to improve French language skills, better integrate in the French society, and participate in district activities
- Support children and youth promoting their active participation, professional and personal development as well as smoother integration in community life and activities

Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe

May, 2019 – December 2020

Young Expert - "Youth Perspectives 2030 – Shaping Peace and Security in the OSCE area" Austria

- Conduct research and policy analysis on peace and security challenges in the region
- Contribute to thematic research areas, identify policy gaps and propose recommendations
- Attend preparatory meetings in Vienna and work in small groups on new peace and security narratives from a youth perspective

United Network of Young Peacebuilders (distance based)

April, 2016 – Present

Regional Representative for Europe/Youth Advocate for YPS agenda

The Hague, **Netherlands**

- Develop and monitor multi-annual strategic plans and adopt jointly with the Board
- Develop contextual inputs on regional issues and members' needs
- Review applications for membership and make decisions on approval or rejection
- Represent UNOY Peacebuilders at local, regional or international events related to work areas
- Develop advocacy strategies for the promotion of youth, peace and security agenda at the European level
- Conduct relevant policy analyses and facilitate contacts with field stakeholders
- Take part and follow-up to the advocacy missions to the European Union, Council of Europe and UN

Council of Europe

September, 2017 – February, 2018

Trainee – Directorate of Policy Planning

Strasbourg, **France**

- Conducted research on the situation of human rights across Council of Europe member States
- Attended meetings of the statutory bodies of the Council of Europe with a view to compiling reports and meeting synopses
- Provided assistance and supported to the implementation of the World Forum for Democracy 2017

Fundació Catalunya Voluntària

October, 2015 – July, 2016

Project Assistant - "Voices for Peace" Program

Barcelona, **Spain**

- Promoted capacity building for civil society institutions through organization and implementation of "Understanding and Working with Conflicts" training series,
- Designed, implemented, and compiled narrative reports of youth-aimed international training courses and strategic partnership activities on peace education and conflict transformation
- Facilitated strategic planning, networking and partnership building in the framework of "Peace Bag EuroMed" informal network of young peace-builders

- Developed technical, monitoring and evaluation, and contextual inputs for donor proposals that address the capacity building of young people and youth workers: promoted gender mainstreaming and conflict sensitivity integration into projects
- Worked with relevant national stakeholders and European partners active in the field of youth work
- Provided consultancy to young people interested in EU funded projects,
- Coordinated European Voluntary Service /EVS/ sending projects,
- Supported the development of Multi-Annual and Annual Strategic Plans

EDUCATION

- 2018-2019 **Institut d'études politiques – Sciences Po Strasbourg (Strasbourg, France)**
MA 2, European and International Studies
Specialization: European Security and International Stability
- 2016-2017 **College of Europe (Warsaw, Poland)**
MA of Arts, European Interdisciplinary Studies
Specialization: European Public Affairs and Policies
- 2019-2019 **Columbia University – School of Professional Studies (New York City, USA)**
Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict and Complexity
First Cohort of Youth, Peace and Security Leadership Programme

PUBLICATIONS

- **"Engaging Youth for a Safer Future"**, Discussion Paper, Young Expert at the OSCE Perspectives 2030 Initiative, May 2019-December 2020
- **"Migrant, Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women and Girls in Europe"**, Gender Equality Division of the Council of Europe, February, 2019
- **"Reflections on the Role of Women in Peace-building and the Complexities of Women's Inclusion in Peace Processes"**, University of Marburg / Center for Conflict Studies, November, 2018
- **"Lobbying the European Union: Between Praise and Criticism"**, ERA Institute - Eurasian Research & Analysis, June 20, 2018
- **"La Révolution de Velour" opens up a new Chapter in Armenia's State-building Process**, College of Europe Students Blog, May 21, 2018
- **"Gyumri Youth Situation Analysis. A Guide to the development of Local Youth Policy"**, Local Researcher, Gyumri "Youth Initiative Centre" 2015

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Languages: Armenian: native speaker; English: fluent; French: fluent; Russian: fluent
ICT skills: MS Office, Data visualization, Graphic design, Website maintenance and administration

OTHER INTERESTS

Hiking, Mountain trekking, Running, Swimming, Arts, Cultures, Languages

