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EDUCATION & TRAINING

Bachelor of Civil Law Degree - Law and Criminology in Maynooth University Ireland.

2022-2026

Certificate in Global Migrant Literature and Culture

Maynooth University.

October – December 2021

Certificate of Achievement in Law Summer School Programme

Law Society of Ireland

August 2020

WORK EXPERIENCE

Amazon Ireland

August 2022 - 23 September 2022

Associate fulfilling warehousing and stock order duties. Responsible for deciphering work orders, location of stock and packaging and co-ordinating stock for shipment. Worked as part of a large team in a fast paced–environment where attention to detail, good organisational skills and a comprehensive understanding of the processing systems was essential.

Carraig Donn

October 2022 - January 2023

Worked as a sales advisor providing friendly, helpful, and excellent customer service at all times. Actively supported the store team with daily tasks including customer service, till operations, stock replenishment and merchandising.

UK Language Solution and Zamir Interpreting and Translation Company

August 2020 – Present

Working as freelance interpreter and translator in a part time capacity developing my communication and inter-personal skills.

VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

Youth Leader, Fóroige, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo

September 2021 – Present

- Supporting the Yoga group online through their zoom workshops
- Planning and facilitating cooking classes through zoom
- Encouraging and supporting the young people to engage in the workshops
- Identifying needs among the group and reporting issues to Foróige staff if necessary

Youth Leader, Irish Refugee Council, Dublin

June 2021 - Present

- Supporting the youth worker to plan and facilitate workshops that support young people living in Direct Provision.
- Welcoming new members of the group and support their integration into Ireland.
- Assisting young people with translation of documents and filling out forms.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Currently undertaking the Silver Award in Gaisce (Presidential Award).
- Nominated for a Mayo Garda (Police) Youth Award in 2019 for my community work with Foróige.
- Volunteer with Foróige Youth Club .
- Contributed a part of my story to 'Correspondents: Anthology to Call for an End to Direct Provision' which was published in 2019. Due to the success of this book, I was chosen to meet the Ireland President Michael D. Higgins. Additionally, I was invited to read my story at an event in Maynooth University for Law students and give an interview on the RTE Arena Radio show.
- Youth leader within the Irish Refugee Council Youth Project.
- Currently a member of the Irish Refugee Advisory Board of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) based in Dublin.
- Participation in research carried out by UCD and the University of Edinburgh, in partnership with MASI and the Irish Refugee Council, funded by the Irish Research Council 'New Foundations' Award and by University College Dublin and University of Edinburgh Strategic Partnership Initiative. Co-author of briefing paper entitled 'Research involving people of a refugee background: considerations for ethical engagement' (June 2022): <https://researchrepository.ucd.ie/handle/10197/12925?mode=simple>
- Participation in a research booklet called "Tight Spaces" which raises awareness of Direct Provision. My role included research, interviewing and writing content. I was also part of the media team and took part in interviews with the press and co-hosted the Booklet launch.
<https://www.irishrefugeecouncil.ie/tight-spaces>
- I was a guest panelist for a Q & A discussion with the director of the film Aisha that is directed by Frank Berry. My role involved speaking on behalf of people who have lived experience of Direct Provision and also sharing my opinions and insights for how we can create a more welcoming system of international protection.

CORE SKILLS

- **Fluent in Farsi, Dari and English Languages.**
- **Creative Writing**
- **Communication Skills**
- **Group Facilitation**
- **Public Speaking**

References are available on request