**Curriculum Vitae**

Naomi Clarke

Date of Birth: 12/12/1993

**Education**

Scoil Cholmcille NS, Ballybrack 2003-2006

Rockford Manor Secondary School, Blackrock 2006-2012

Justice Discipleship Training School, YWAM Herrnhut, Germany 2012-2013

UCD Law with Social Justice 2013-present

**Employment Experience**

* **May - August 2016 Legal Intern, FLAC (Free Legal Advice Centres)**

As a legal intern with FLAC, I undertook a broad range of responsibilities. Working on the legal information-line, I dealt directly with callers, offering assistance across a wide range of topics including employment law, will and probate, credit and debt, personal injury claims, landlord and tenant law, and more. Dealing often with sensitive and complex issues, I was able to greatly develop my communication and interpersonal skills, as well as build my knowledge on a broad variety of legal topics.

I also assisted the Public Interest Law Alliance in collating their fortnightly bulletin which included researching, identifying and writing about relevant updates to domestic, European and international law, pro bono and access to justice issues, as well as training new interns in this capacity. Attending proceedings in the High Court, I assisted the solicitors in taking notes on ongoing litigation, and also assisted volunteer solicitors in FLAC’s drop-in legal advice clinics, liaising directly with attendees.

* **October 2013 - May 2015 Floor staff, The Orchard, Stillorgan.**

Working in one of Dublin Southside’s oldest and busiest pub/restaurants taught me a lot about positive communication, quality teamwork, and delivering and maintaining an outstanding customer service in a high pressure business environment. Throughout this role I amassed a capacity for multi-tasking and a rigid attention to detail. I learned about the imperatives of patience, flexibility, integrity, and co-operation in pulling together as a team when stress heightens, and of effective communication, listening carefully and speaking clearly, equally when relating with patrons as with other members of staff.

* **May 2015 – Backing Musician, RTÉ, Eurovision Song Contest**

In May 2015 I worked as a backing musician, representing Ireland at the Eurovision Song Contest in Vienna. In addition to excellent time-management skills obtained by balancing vigorous rehearsals at RTÉ with my continued studies at UCD Law, this position enabled me to gain valuable experience in co-operating with other musicians, producers, technology and wardrobe departments and publicity staff. This also included attending formal functions at the Austrian and Irish embassies in both Dublin and Vienna, and networking with European media outlets at official press conferences.

**● January - August 2013 Training Facilitator, Youth with a Mission.**

Christian Youth Organisation, 'Youth with a Mission' works globally in a wide sphere of activities, including community development, education, disaster relief and faith development.

In my six months at YWAM Ireland, I worked with the training department and helped provide leadership and oversight for a six month residential training programme. I worked with the students in a mentoring role and organised and led a field trip where we worked in Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda. This role called for planning, decision-making and communication skills.

**Other Experience**

* **UCD Music Society – External Liaison Officer**

I am the External Liaison Officer of UCD Music Soc, an active student society which facilitates the promotion of music on campus through workshops, an orchestral ensemble, a choir, open-mic and ‘Battle of the Bands’ events and more. My role includes, seeking out and inviting special guests to receive our Honorary Society Fellowship Award, event planning and promotion, and chairing open interviews with guests, enabling me to grow in my proficiency for administration, correspondence, public speaking, and networking.

* **Volunteer Youth-work with Asylum-seeker teenagers in Direct Provision**

As part of an outreach initiative led by a former resident of Mosney Direct Provision Centre, volunteered as a team leader at a number of events aimed at providing leisure activities and outings for children and teenager residents of the Direct Provision centre.

In early 2016 I co-led a twelve week youth development programme with teenagers in the centre. The aim of the programme was to open up conversation about faith exploration, social justice, and positive development through a Christian ethos. This role included co-ordinating activities at the centre, as well as organising Garda vetting and parental consent documents for day trips.

* **IYAC Delegate, Safer Internet Ireland Youth Advisory Panel**

In 2008 I was selected to be a member of the Irish delegation to the International Youth Advisory Congress in London, an initiative of the Virtual Global Taskforce, an alliance of law enforcement agencies aimed at addressing global child exploitation. In recognition of the complex challenges posed by the phenomenon of online and mobile technologies, this congress provided a forum for 140 teenage delegates from across the globe to meet with representatives from government, media outlets, law enforcement agencies, the education sector and industry, to provide input and discuss questions of online safety and security.

Building on this experience, I have continued to be involved in the promotion of safe use of technology. As a member of the Safer Internet Ireland Youth Advisory Panel, I have taken part in education initiatives all around Ireland and in the UK, delivering interactive presentations to students, teachers and parents, seeking to equip them with the information and skills necessary to maximise the benefits of information technology, while keeping children safe online.

* **ISPCC, Junior Advisory Board Member**

I volunteered as a member of the Junior Advisory Board for the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children for three years, from 2009-2012. Through this experience of working within a well-established NGO, I had the opportunity to be involved in the initial stages, and launching of the National Children’s Consultation 2011 report; Children and the Internet, as well as contributing to the 2012 report on Irish children’s mental health.

**Awards and Honours:**

* Distinction in Grades 1-6 Musical Theatre Singing, Royal Irish Academy of Music
* ECDL Qualified.
* Recipient of Silver Fáinne award for Irish language.

**References**

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