

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### April 2014–Feb 2016 **Communications Officer**

*Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Helsinki (Finland)*

The first three months I worked at the Europe Information at the MFA, advising and informing citizens in matters relating to the EU and especially Finland in the EU. I was also responsible for the MFA's communication regarding the current negotiations between the EU and the US on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).

Since August 2014 I worked in the Current Affairs Unit due to an internal reform of the Department for Communications. My position involved web communications, writing press releases, media monitoring, media contacts, organisation of media events, updating and developing the MFA's presence on social media, communication development, and furthermore I continued to be responsible for the MFA's communication regarding the ongoing TTIP negotiations between EU and USA.

### May 2011–April 2014 **Parliamentary Assistant**

*Parliament of Finland, Helsinki (Finland)*

I was the parliamentary assistant for the chairperson of the Swedish parliamentary group, Mikaela Nylander. My duties included managing the MP's calendar and emails, arranging meetings, to provide background materials and write memos on current affairs, writing draft speeches, questions and letters to the editor, maintaining the website, planning seminars, attending meetings on behalf of the MP and acting as a sort of right hand. The tasks were very diverse.

### Jan 2010–June 2011 **Political Secretary**

*Svensk Ungdom, Turku (Finland)*

I served as manager of Svensk Ungdom (youth organisation of the Swedish Peoples' Party) in Åboland region. I was rapporteur officer and secretary of the regional board, the International Committee and of the local branch meetings, and handled the regional and local branches finances. I played a central role in the planning, coordination and implementation of Svensk Ungdom's election campaign in the Southwest Finland constituency during the 2011 parliamentary elections.

## EDUCATION

2010	<b>Master of Social Science</b> (Political Science) (Politices Magister) Åbo Akademi University, Turku (Finland)
2008	<b>Bachelor of Social Science</b> (Political Science) (Politices Kandidat) Åbo Akademi University, Turku (Finland)
2004-05	<b>Borgå Folkakademi</b>
2004	<b>Matriculation examination</b> Borgå Gymnasium, Porvoo, Finland

## SEMINARS AND TRAININGS

07/2010

"You(th) are part of the discussion", seminar on the inclusion of young people and other marginalised groups in Saint Petersburg, Russia. Organised by the International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY)

07/2011

"Migration: Enriching Societies", seminar on migration to and within Europe in Timisoara, Romania. Organised by the International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY)

03/2012

"Training on Communications skills", training in political communication and crisis communication in Tallinn, Estonia. Organised by European Liberal Youth (LYMEC)

07/2012

"Youth Culture and Study Tour to Taiwan", a two-week international study tour with the aim to enhance the knowledge of the culture and politics of Taiwan. Organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Taiwan

03/2013

"How to Construct and Promote Liberalism for the Young Electorate", training on finding the target voter, engaging activists and using new media as a communication tool in Helsinki, Finland. Organised by European Liberal Youth (LYMEC)

07/2013

"Advancing Higher Education in Belarus", training for Belarusian student politicians in Kyiv, Ukraine. I was one of the trainers.

2013

"The Leadership Academy", a leadership and networking forum for swedish-speaking and bilingual young leaders in Finland, launched by Carl Haglund (Sfp). We had four contact meetings with topics such as international relations, sustainable development and the future of the welfare state.

10/2015

"To be a friend and support for newcomers", a short introductory course for people wanting to volunteer with asylum-seekers and refugees organised by the Finnish Red Cross.

## SIDELINES

### **City of Porvoo**

Member of the Swedish Section of the Education Board, deputy city councilman (2013-2016)

### **European Liberal Youth – LYMEC**

Treasurer (June 2014-)

Internal Auditor (2012–2014)

### **Finnish Youth Cooperation – Allianssi (National Youth Council)**

President of the International Committee (2013)

Member of the International Committee, chairperson of the working group on Europe (2012)

### **Nordiska Centerungdomens Förbund NCF**

(Nordic centre youth)

Bureau member (2013-14)

### **Svensk Ungdom**

International Officer (2012-2013), Member of the National Board (2013-14)

### **Svenska studerandes intresseförening SSI**

(National organisation for Swedish-speaking students)

Vice president (2011-12)

## **Åbo Akademi Student Union**

Chairperson of the working group on reducing the seats in the representative body of the student's union (2011)

Member of the Representative Body (2010)

Board member responsible for student traditions and marketing (2009)

Student representative in the Åbo Akademi University Board (2011-12)

## **LANGUAGES**

Swedish	Native (bilingual)
Finnish	Native (bilingual)
English	Proficient (CPE, Grade A)
French	Limited

## **SKILLS**

### **Communication skills**

Good communication skills gained through working at the Communications Department at the MFA as well as my experience from working in customer service

Very good contact skills gained through my experience from LYMEC and Svensk Ungdom as well as positions of trust in the Student Union and National Youth Council

Very good oral and written communication skills gained through working in politics

### **Organizational / managerial skills**

Leadership (chairperson of the International Committee of the national Youth Council (Allianssi) 2013, chairperson of the International Committee of Svensk Ungdom 2012-13)

Excellent organisational skills gained through my current positions of trust as well as my past work experience

Experience in planning and organising events, seminars and meetings gained through current and past professional positions, as well as through various positions of trust and volunteering in different youth- and student organisations

### **Job-related skills**

Work well under pressure

Quick learner

Good at multi-tasking

Able to rapidly gain a broad overview of the issue at hand, "sees the big picture"