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*As an **experienced** and **creative** team player in the field of **public policy**, I have a proven track record of providing high-quality and **innovative solutions** in a broad range of settings and on multiple platforms. I am looking to secure a position where I can bring immediate and **strategic value** and further develop my skills and expertise in **change management**.*

Experience

2017 - Policy Officer (Communities)

London Borough of Barking and Dagenham – London, UK

Working on the development of several strategic priorities of the Council in relation to the promotion of citizens participation and engagement, civil society, community cohesion as well as social innovation.

Specifically, my role focuses on:

- Managing relationships and governance aspects between the Council, external funders and Participatory City Foundation in the framework of the UK's largest participation initiative 'Every One Every Day' (www.weareeveryone.org);
- Leading on the development of the Council's new civil society and community cohesion strategies;
- Chairing the Local Giving Group, which gathers large and small funders in the development of a place-based giving model
- Building relationships with stakeholders inside and outside the borough;
- Research and policy development around social innovation, social value, impact evaluation and wellbeing

2016 - Co-Founder and co-Director

Cobra Collective – Egham, UK

We use information and communication technologies to empower marginalised communities by helping them identify, record and promote community owned solutions. These solutions are born in and carried out by the communities themselves, in ways that are environmentally sustainable and socially fair. Our approach is fundamentally transdisciplinary and holistic, supporting practitioners working in the fields of development, nature conservation, health, natural resource management, social welfare and education.

2012 - 2016 **Consultant (freelance) / PhD Researcher**

The Open University – Milton Keynes, UK

Involved in a €1.9 Million EU-funded project ([Project COBRA](#)) involving multiple partners and stakeholders in Europe and South America. Designed and supervised the implementation of a communication strategy, including the production of a user-centred [web portal](#), a [handbook](#) for practitioners, and a [video](#) showcasing our work. Delivered trainings on Participatory Action Research methods and techniques (including participatory video and photography) to local communities and development practitioners and represented the project in academic and policy conferences in Guyana, Brazil, Costa Rica, the UK and Belgium.

2008 – 2012 **Project Officer**

Institute for Environmental Security (IES) - Brussels, Belgium

Led on in several research and advocacy projects in cooperation with European Institutions, universities and NGOs. Organised several international conferences on environmental and human issues (incl. climate change, natural resource extraction, international security).

2006 - 2008 **Communication Officer**

EUDemocrats - Brussels, Belgium

Management of the daily activities of a young European political party, acting as a focal point for members across Europe, and providing support to the Director in the development of funding proposals, and the preparation of internal and external communication material and reports.

Education

2012 - 2016 **PhD, Communication and Systems**

The Open University, Milton Keynes, UK

Thesis: *"Evaluating how Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Interventions Affect the Wellbeing of Indigenous Communities in the North Rupununi, Guyana"*

2005 - 2006 **Development Studies (DES)**

Catholic University of Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

2002 – 2005	Degree, Law University of Saint-Louis, Brussels (2000-2002) and Catholic University of Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium (2002-2005) Thesis: “A comparative analysis of worker’s social rights inside and outside the Belgian prison system”
1999-2000	Year abroad Exchange student – Pontiac, IL, USA

Skills & Interests

Writing & editing	Graphic Novel: Rider on the Storm (3 tomes). Publisher: Editions Paquet, Geneva, Switzerland “Pantanî: 33 Amerindian tales and legends”. <i>A collection of Indigenous traditional stories (self-published, 2018)</i> .
Graphic design	Branding (logos), icons, brochures, handbooks, reports, illustration
Web design	Project Cobra – Cobra Collective – Visit Rupununi – Pantanî Blog
Languages	French (mother tongue), English (fluent), Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Dutch (basic)

Academic Publications

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De Ville, G. (2008). **Climate Change – Bad News for Environmental Security.** *Environmental Law Review*, 10(3).