

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

- Community pedagog (Youth work and civil action), HUMAK - University of Applied Sciences, Finland 2002-2008
- Vocational teacher, Tampere University of Applied Sciences 2015-2016
- Trainer, The Youth Department of the Council of Europe 2015-2016
- ITC engineer, LAB University of Applied Sciences 2020 →
- Also around 20 short courses about educational, environmental and NGO work

Work experience:

Occupation	Description of the work
Trainer, Erasmus+ Youth -programme, Finnish National Agency 2010-2013, later employed by SALTO Inclusion & Diversity, Hungarian NA etc.	I started leading trainings on international level as a member of the Finnish pool of trainers for then Youth in Action -programme. Since I have planned, implemented and evaluated trainings and events for a wide variety of organizations around Europe.
Trainer, regional secretary, camp leader in The Nature League 2000 →	I have worked and volunteered for the Nature League in multiple different roles developing especially the environmental education work and trainings
Trainer and a project worker in Social circus team of Sorin Sirkus ry. 2010-2011, 2013-2017	I worked and cooperated with international partners to introduce and develop Social Circus as a work method for vulnerable minorities in Finland and designed and implemented local and international circus courses and classes.
Educator, volunteer coordinator, trainer and mentor in Σώμα Φίλων ΑμεΑ (ΣΦΑ) 2015-2021	I worked as an educator designing and implementing year around educational programme for youth with mental disabilities, as a trainer responsible for training the staff and volunteers and as a mentor for European Solidarity Corps -volunteers.

Project worker, Service Foundation for People with an Intellectual Disability 2011-2013.	I was responsible for training the disabled participants, their families and social work professionals to empower the disabled participants to take control of their lives and needed support.
Educator, Inclusion Finland 2004, 2011-2014	I worked in several projects addressing mental health issues, empowerment and self-advocacy as a trainer and caregiver
Care worker, teacher and special education teacher in refugee, child protection, primary education and disabled housing units City of Tampere Youth services, Immigrant services, Disabled services, Child Care services and Educational services for varied periods over the years 2002-2009 and 2016-2017	I was a worker responsible for supporting people with a variety of ethnic, social and health background in their everyday life. Work included also cooperation with different officials and cooperation partners like families, official guardians, schools, police etc.
Over 100 planned, led and evaluated trainings for Scouts, YMCA and South-East European Youth Network among others	Themes I have taught are for example human rights, civil activism, training, volunteer work and project work

Skills:

- **As an educator and support worker:** Non-formal education, self-directed learning, person centered planning, adventure education, social circus, group exercises and online education. I have worked with children and youth, different ethnic groups, disabled, persons with mental health issues, seniors and sexual minorities.
- **Language skills:** Finnish and English: excellent level of communication. Conversational Greek and Swedish. Beginners level in French and very basics in Slovenian. Basic knowledge of alternative and augmentative communication methods
- **IT-technology:** Fluent use of basic office softwares, databases, multimedia presentations, layout and video editing, lately also coding, web design, IT-solutions

Relevant positions of volunteer work:

- **Finnish youth cooperation - Allianssi:** member and later the president of the committee on civic action and youth work 2008-2010.
- **Finnish Nature League:** Vice-president, member of the financial committee etc. 2000 →
- **Sorin Sirkus:** Member of the financial committee 2017
- **Support Association for Tampere Music classes:** Auditor of finances 2013-2015

Interest:

I practice a wide variety of circus disciplines, hike, jog and swim and I read a lot, play guitar and computer games and travel. I also get easily interested in new things and end up trying them very quickly.