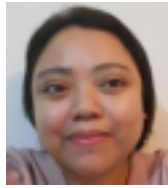


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SUMMARY

A communications practitioner and researcher with experience in the media industry, civils society and academia, passionate about gender equality, climate and sustainability, poverty alleviation and other social impact issues.

JOB EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

Monash Climate Change Communication Research Hub (MCCCRH) Malaysia Node, School of Arts and Social Science, Monash University Malaysia

August 2024 - February 2026 (expected end date)

I work remotely part-time on two research projects investigating how climate change is reported in the Malaysian and Indonesian media and propose ways how it can be improved. My job scope includes conducting literature review, performing data analysis, networking with stakeholders, writing reports, and stakeholder mapping and engagement including organising meetings, workshops and focus group discussions. My research, under Dr Azliyana Azhari, is expected to be published in a peer-reviewed academic journal soon.

Communications Officer

Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU)

February 2024 — August 2024

I worked at ABU's Publication division, where I wrote and edited stories for the ABU website, published the weekly e-newsletters, and produced the quarterly ABU News magazine. I also assisted with the publication of six issues of Technical Reviews each year, and managed ABU's social media presence (Facebook, X, LinkedIn and Instagram), on top of covering major ABU events.

Press and Communications Officer

Climate Action Network Southeast Asia (CANSEA)

October 2023 — March 2024

Hired on a 6-month contract to work on communication activities related to the OXFAM-funded I-Jet project. The project aimed to make Southeast Asia achieve a fair and equitable transition as the region increasingly shifts towards decarbonisation, renewable energy (RE) and a complete fossil phase-out. My job scope included producing social media copy and the CANSEA monthly newsletter, and writing op-eds, in-depth feature articles, and reports.

Freelance Researcher and Facilitator

2016 – present

Key research works include two publications for EMPOWER (funded by the Association for Progressive Communications) on digital rights for women, and a report on the efforts of politicians and civil society organisations in combating Gender-Based Violence (GBV) (funded by the United Nations Population Fund). My latest research is an ongoing project with Pertubuhan Kebajikan dan Persekitaran Positif Malaysia (SEED) and Legal Dignity on the topic of enforced identity conversion in Malaysia, funded by Outright International.

Freelance Editor, Journalist/Writer, Proofreader and Translator**September 2011 — present**

Bylines include Free Malaysia Today, The Malaysian Insider, Focus Malaysia, The Centre.

Founder**Athena Communications & Research****June 2022 — June 2023**

Brief stint as a founder of a human rights communications company. Clients included the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Women Help Women, and Legal Dignity.

Freelance Rapporteur**2008 — present**

Produce reports for human rights meetings and conferences. Clients include the Joint Action Group for Gender Equality (JAG), SIS Forum, Persatuan Kesedaran Komuniti Selangor (EMPOWER), the Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW), the Association for Progressive Communications (APC), Women's Aid Organisation (WAO), Bersih 2.0 (the Coalition for Clean and Fair Elections), the 2016 Pangkor Dialogue Conference, and the Peace Lab for Youth programme by INITIATE.MY

Group Discussion Facilitator**The Galen Centre of Health and Social Policy****May 2022**

Facilitated a group discussion on the topic 'Reproductive health of young people at the 'Tackling Unintended Pregnancies in Malaysia' conference held by the Galen Centre of Health and Social Policy. Key experts discussed the unmet needs for reproductive health services, family planning support systems, education, and gaps in contraceptive availability and access.

Research Assistant**Persatuan Kesedaran Komuniti Selangor (EMPOWER)****December 2021 – January 2022**

With funding by the United Nations Trust Fund (UNTF), I researched and monitored the work being done by Malaysian politicians and civil society organisations (CSOs) on trying to eradicate sexual gender-based violence (SGBV) in the country.

Content Management Executive**Ultra Works Sdn Bhd****June 2020 – April 2021**

Wrote, edited, proofread and translated various internal and external materials, including articles, video scripts, social media posts/ads, eDMs, web content, PowerPoint slides and printed materials. Managed the company's social media presence and monitored them in instances of adverse events involving the use of their clients' medications or vaccines. Worked on major public health campaigns, including making the Immunise4Life website SEO friendly.

Editor and Features Writer**Muslim World Today****2017 – 2019**

Wrote feature articles on topics such as pop culture and entertainment, women's rights, stories on refugees and ethnic minority Muslim groups, progressive Muslim organisations and leaders, as well on healthcare and education. Solicited, edited and published articles from writers around the world. Carried out media campaigns on female genital mutilation (FGM), refugee issues and interfaith celebrations. Managed the company's social media presence (Facebook and Twitter). Supervised interns from different countries.

Editor and Journalist

Tara Media & Communications

2015; 2017 – 2018

I was assigned editing and reporting tasks at the company's four online publications: Energy Oil and Gas Asia (EOG Asia, covering mostly mergers and acquisitions in the region), Malaysian e-Journal of Nursing (MJN e- News), Plastics & Rubber Asia (PRA) and Healthcare Asia (HCA).

Project Coordinator, Researcher & Writer

Persatuan Kesedaran Komuniti Selangor (EMPOWER) & the Association of Progressive Communications (APC)

February 2016 – June 2016

Report commissioned by EMPOWER, part of the APC network, to study the situation of Freedom of Assembly and Association online in Malaysia. An overview and five case studies were produced through conducting desk reviews and interviews.

VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

Member & Volunteer

Reproductive Rights Advocacy Alliance Malaysia (RRAAM)

January 2021 – present

RRAAM promotes access to safe, legal, and affordable abortion and contraceptive services. I volunteer my time by writing, proofreading, and doing translation work, as well as representing the organisation at events.

Communications & Marketing

Lean In Malaysia

February 2020 - December 2022

Created the organisation's monthly newsletters using Mailchimp, developed press statements in response to news and current affairs on women's rights in Malaysia and beyond, and wrote copy across various social media channels.

Drafting & Advocacy — Malaysian Anti-Sexual Harassment Bill

Young Women Making Change (YWMC)

August 2014 — July 2022

The Bill was passed in July 2022.

EDUCATION

University of South Australia

Bachelor of Journalism

2008 - 2011

3+0 program at Taylor's University Malaysia.

Grade: Second class upper.

SKILLS

Feature writing • online journalism • magazine publishing • press statements • web content writing • SEO • online newsletters • social media • editing • proofreading • translation • rapporteuring • qualitative research • advocacy • digital marketing • public relations • blogging • PowerPoint • Excel • Word-press • Trello • Slack • Mailchimp

REFEREE

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