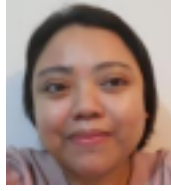


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A communications practitioner and researcher with extensive experience spanning the media industry, civil society and academia.

JOB EXPERIENCE

Part-Time Research Assistant

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

August 2024 — end of August 2026 (confirmed end date)

I investigate how climate change journalism in Malaysia and Indonesia can be improved. My job scope includes conducting literature reviews, performing data analysis, networking with stakeholders, writing reports, conducting stakeholder mapping and organising meetings, workshops and focus group discussions. My research, under Dr Azliyana Azhari, is expected to be submitted to a peer-reviewed academic journal soon.

Press and Communications Officer

Climate Action Network Southeast Asia (CANSEA)

October 2023 — March 2024

I was hired on a 6-month contract to work on communication activities on 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 newsletters, and also writing op-eds, in-depth feature articles, and reports.

Independent Communications Practitioner (Writing, Editing, Proofreading and Translation)

2010 — present

My bylines have appeared in publications such as Focus Malaysia, Free Malaysia Today, The Centre and Ova, on issues such as lifestyle, pop culture, socio-economic news, and public health. I have also edited, proofread and translated documents for various human rights organisations.

Independent Researcher

2016 — present

My research includes topics such as Gender-Based Violence (GBV), digital rights, and most recently, enforced identity conversion, funded by Outright International.

Independent Rapporteur (Report Writer)**2008 — present**

I have produced reports for human rights meetings and conferences by organisations such as the Joint Action Group for Gender Equality (JAG), 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 2016 Pangkor Dialogue Conference, and more.

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

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

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

I 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. I also managed the company's social media presence and monitored them in instances of adverse events involving the use of their clients' medications or vaccines. I also worked on major public health campaigns, including making the Immunise4Life website SEO-friendly, and conducted media relations and monitoring.

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

I wrote feature articles on topics such as pop culture and entertainment, stories on refugees and ethnic minority Muslim groups, progressive Muslim organisations and leaders, as well on healthcare and education. I also solicited, edited and published articles from writers around the world, while also carrying out media campaigns on female genital mutilation (FGM), refugee issues and interfaith celebrations. I also managed the company's social media presence (Facebook and Twitter) and 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).

VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

Member and 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 and Marketing Volunteer

Lean In Malaysia

February 2020 — December 2022

I created and sent out 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, especially for the organisation's career comeback program.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Journalism

University of South Australia

3+0 program at Taylor's University Malaysia

Grade: Second class upper

Co-curricular activities: subeditor of campus newspaper

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 • Wordpress • stakeholder mapping • literature reviews • data analysis • Focus Group Discussions (FGDs)

REFEREES

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