

SZILVIA SIMON

Curriculum Vitae



PROFILE

My strength lies in connecting different worlds, cultures, ages and walks of life, and in building communities. I initiate and lead transnational collaboration and innovation, with cultural sensitivity and social skills. I am energetic, enthusiastic, keen on learning and on contributing to the learning process of others. I believe in the power of relationships where people pass on their knowledge and wisdom to the new generations.

PERSONALIA

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Szilvia Simon project development, youth empowerment, coaching, international networking

Freelance | jan 2025 - now

- International and national collaborations for exchange and innovation;
- Project management and project development to promote social change in the field of youth empowerment and the integration of migrants, sustainability and beyond;
- Community and network development;
- Living labs across organisations and networks;
- Communities of Practice - initiate, moderate, support;
- Transnational event, trainings, exchange.

EDUCATION

NHL Stenden University

MEd Master of Learning and Innovation (2016)

NHL University / Friesland College

Pedagogisch didactisch getuigenschrift / Certificate of pedagogical and didactic skills (2009)

Friesland College

Dutch as a second language state exam (1997)

University of Applied Sciences for Trade, Hospitality and Tourism, Budapest

BA Tourism (1997)

Thames Valley University London

MA programme European Studies, postgraduate certificate (1996)

Project coordinator European collaborations

Mentoring Europe / MentorProgramma Friesland | sept 2012 - dec 2024

- Develop and lead innovative collaborations to promote social change with focus on youth empowerment, mentoring, integration of migrants, social entrepreneurship, female leadership, civic engagement, youth active citizenship and more;
- Initiate, write and coordinate European projects for collaborations, such as: Youth in Action, Leonardo, Erasmus+, Horizon, Amif actions of the European Union.
- Promote European exchange for formal and non-formal learning: mobility, volunteering, internship, study visits;
- Initiate new networks and communities across borders, cultures, sectors and challenges;
- Coach and train (inter)national youth, students, youth workers and teachers: individual and team coaching;
- Develop formal and non-formal learning methods, trainings, tools;
- Participate in European networks, TCA's, working groups, platforms.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Community manager

Mentoring Europe | sept 2015- dec 2024

- Develop and grow a network of schools, foundations, cso's, governments and corporates in Europe that are committed to empowering youth through mentoring relationships;
- Develop and facilitate Communities of Practice: exchange, peer learning, new collaborations, match making;
- Initiate research / practice collaboration and exchange to grow evidence-based programmes and translate evidence to practice;
- Lead a 'youth lab' of VET / HEI students and volunteer youth to support the international community and its activities;
- Organise and moderate webinars, workshops, short courses, trainings and other learning events of peer learning and exchange;
- European advocacy to connect to policy- and decision makers and promote the added value of mentoring practices for an inclusive Europe;

Co-ordinator and match maker

MentorProgramma Friesland | sept 2005- dec 2024

- Leading mentoring services for VET and university students in the North of the Netherlands, as a collaborative effort of Friesland College, Friese Poort, NHL Stenden University and VHL University;
- Shape the corporate network of mentors; develop and execute activities;
- Team development; match making, fundraising, student lab;
- Initiate bachelor, master and scientific research collaboration, to improve the programme methodology;
- Events, presentations, interactive sessions to showcase the mentoring expertise of the programme.

Manager multi-cultural student company

Present Promotions | sept 2005- july 2014

- Coach a multisectoral and multilevel team of students;
- Manage the activities, together with a team of experts;
- Develop a new educational method of students in the lead, where VET and university students collaborate and work on real-life assignments from industry and society.

Staff member of Communication Department

Friesland College | 2002 - 2003

- Promotional activities and events such as Open days;
- Orientational days with partners in the region;
- Data collection and analysis of markets.

Career advisor

OSG Piter Jelles, Internationale Schakelklas | 1998 - 2002

- Develop a new career centre at the international school;
- Career orientation and guidance: op-on-op, training, school visits;
- Coach migrant and refugee pupils and students;
- Participate in the care and safety team of the school;
- Organise events such as Open days, Parents days, leisure workshops.

Staff member interculturalisation

Friesland College | 1998 - 2005

- Starting, developing and executing a regional mentoring programme;
- Launch a promotional team of immigrant and refugee youth;
- Build a network of corporate mentors and organise networking activities.

Freelance work

Hungary | 1991 - 1996

- Travel guide
- Interpreter English / Hungarian;
- Tutor and teacher english language at an elementary school.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Volunteering

- 2012-2015: canteen work at the football club, activities with youth, MKV '29 Leeuwarden;
- 1998-1999: project Ferhalen fan Fierrens, guest lessons by migrants at elementary schools, COS Fryslân;
- 1998: interpreter Dutch – English during lessons of social orientations at the asylum seekers centre, Bergum