



**Ciara Patterson**

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**PERSONAL PROFILE**

Results-oriented professional with proven experience in research, strategic proposal design, and coordination in the Global North and South. Native English speaker with a proficient level in Irish (Gaeilge) and French. Strong working-knowledge and understanding of International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs), Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and the United Nations. Experienced in social protection programmes, migration research and socio-economic topics relating to Small Island Developing States (SIDS) covering a large economics portfolio. Familiarity with working alongside government, academic institutions and diplomatic entities focusing on strategic partnership.

**Skills**

Strategic Planning  
Research  
Quality Assurance

French Speaker  
Report Writing  
Presentations

Data Analytics  
Project Management  
Office Coordination

MS Office Suite  
Workshop Facilitation  
Donor and Stakeholder  
Engagement

**EDUCATION**

**UNIVERSITY OF BATH**

**Master of Science (MSc)** International Development

**Modules:**

- Doing Research for International Development, History and Theory of International Development, Social and Environmental Justice, Management of International Development, Humanitarianism

**Dissertation:**

- I completed a 12,000-word dissertation that was later edited and published, titled: Green Economy, Circular Economy and Palestinian Refugees: UNRWA as a Catalyst for Change? whilst carrying out an internship at ARDD's Question of Palestine programme.

**QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST**

**Bachelor of Arts (BA)** Irish and History (Grade obtained: 2:1/69)

**Dissertation:**

- I completed a 12,000-word dissertation exploring motherhood within the confines of slavery in the United States from 1600s-1800s.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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| <b>FHNW</b><br>Doctoral Student  | OCT 2024 – PRESENT  |
| <b>GOAL GLOBAL</b><br>PROGRAMME SUPPORT OFFICER FOR MIDDLE EAST<br>My role includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grant management: providing support to ME Desk and wider Operations Team members in their administration and management of GOAL's portfolio of grants and developing a working knowledge of mechanisms used to report to major donor agencies. (i.e. USAID and ECHO).</li> <li>- Information management: providing support to improve integrity and ensure the Grant Management System is up to date.</li> </ul> | JAN 2024 – SEP 2024 |
| <b>FRENCH LANGUAGE EXCHANGE</b><br>(Geneva, Switzerland)   | NOV 2023 – DEC 2023 |
| <b>MORNING STAR HOUSE HOMELESS SHELTER</b>   | JUN 2023- NOV 2023  |



**SUPPORT WORKER (Locum)**

- Undertaking initial and continuous assessment of needs and potential risk.
- Providing social, practical, and emotional support so that each individual can achieve their personal goals and aspirations.
- Empowering clients to ensure they receive the service and benefits they are entitled to and advocate on their behalf if and when required.
- Protecting the safety of the people I am supporting, following all management plans consistently including those relating to health, diet, medication, finances, and behaviour.
- Working within agreed boundaries, following operational guidance, policies, and procedures.

**TRAVELLING (Chile, Argentina and Peru)**

APR 2023 – MAY 2023

**UNITED NATIONS RESIDENT COORDINATOR'S OFFICE, JAMAICA.**

APR 2022 – APR 2023

ASSISTANT DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION OFFICER, UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEER (INTERNATIONAL YOUTH)

My role included:

- Being the primary focal point/communication liaison for RC economics portfolio.
- Developing strategic communications including graphic design.
- Coordinating of the Jamaican Economy Panel (monthly) including data collection, analysis, production and circulation.
- Significantly contributing to ongoing research on SDG-related topics such as climate resilience, innovative financing and ocean economy in context of Jamaica.
- Strategically contributing and coordination of the UN Jamaica Partnership Forum which engaged over 9000 participants, 8 SDG thematic panels with almost 50 industry leaders and practitioners.
- Strategic proposal design/ quality assurance and oversight of analysis and research.

**ARAB RENAISSANCE FOR DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT, JORDAN**

MAY 2021 – APR 2022

RESEARCH CONSULTANT (remote position due to the pandemic)

My role included:

- Proposal development and design.
- Coordinating of knowledge management and strategic events/ workshops, inclusive of high-level delegations as well as those targeting vulnerable populations such as youth.
- Acting as a partnership focal point for regional economic organisations.
- Conducting of strategic contextual research to Middle Eastern region.
- Publishing a paper.

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

**OUR WORLD TOO**

JUN 2023- DEC 2023

RESEARCH OFFICER

**CHILDREN OF THE NATIONS**

JUN 2018 – AUG 2020

VOLUNTEER RESEARCH ASSISTANT

My role included:

- Supporting strategic youth-orientated research focused on reintegration of vulnerable youth populations and mapping of best practices to contribute to future programme design.

**INTERNATIONAL MEETING POINT: centre for refugees and asylum seekers**

MAY 2017 – MAR 2020

VOLUNTEER CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING FOR ADULTS (CELTA) CERTIFIED LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR

My role included:

- Supporting refugees and asylum seekers in the integration process.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**ACCREDITATIONS:**

- DALF French, C1 JUN 2024
- Project Management for Development Professionals (Humentum) MAY 2024



Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz  
Hochschule für Soziale Arbeit

- Global Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Pathway certificate MAR 2024
- International Committee of the Red Cross, Introduction to International Humanitarian Law FEB 2023
- CVA and Social Protection Part 1: Introduction to Linking Humanitarian Cash Assistance and Social Protection JAN 2022
- CALP Cash and Voucher Assistance - The Fundamentals JAN 2022
- Arabic culture and language virtual exchange programme, Princess Samaya University for  
Technology/ University of Bath DEC 2020 – JAN 2022
- Formal Arabic, University of Bath, beginner certificate OCT 2020 – MAR 2021
- Cambridge English Language Teaching for Adults (CELTA) JUL 2018