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AREAS OF STRENGTH

Masters in Adult Education & Community Development
Community-Based Learning Strategies
Project and Event Management
Network & Partnership Development

Training Design & Facilitation
Lifelong Learning
Online Workshop Delivery
Community Engagement

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Peer 2 Peer University, USA

March 2017 – Dec 2020

Community Lead

- Trained hundreds public librarians in the development and implementation of adult learning and community development programs through in-person and virtual training workshops
- Designed and produced training material and online courses for use as professional development for librarians and library staff
- Introduced and led the Learning Lab with Next Library, an international gathering for forward-thinking library professionals
- Managed and reported on multi-year projects funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Open Society Foundations, and the Knight Foundation
- Guided and advised public library systems and staff across Canada, USA, Germany, and Kenya

Connecting Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada

August 2015 – Jan 2017

Project Manager

- Managed a network of 50 social service, legal and immigrant services with the aim of improving access to justice for people who are not proficient in English or French across the Ottawa Region
- Supervised two full-time staff (lawyer and social worker) and reported on a project budget of over \$250,000.00 to the Law Foundation of Ontario

Jane's Walk, Toronto, Canada

Oct 2013 – June 2015

Program Manager

- Developed and managed the community outreach strategy for the Jane's Walk, the global community-learning festival present in over 200+ cities
- Designed tools and facilitated hands-on workshops for educators with a specific emphasis for working with and supporting marginalized neighbourhoods through community-led public education walking tours
- Initiated and coordinated partnerships and trainings with community-based agencies including the Toronto Public Library, social housing agencies, community health centers, and the municipal governments

Toronto Drop-in Network, Toronto, Canada
2013

April 2011 – Oct

Training and Capacity Building Coordinator

- Facilitated and coordinated an active coalition of 50+ Drop-in centers across Toronto, working with people who are homeless, at-risk youth, marginally housed, socially isolated and newcomer groups with a focus on capacity building, meeting community needs, consultation, advocacy, and community development
- Designed and delivered workshops and resources for more than 500 social service workers on topics such as community engagement, data management, evaluation, social media and other best practices for service providers
- Managed a 12-week Participant Engagement training project, covering topics such as conflict resolution, group dynamics, working within an anti-oppression framework with the goal of mobilizing and training drop-in community members to advocate and support the needs of their community

SCORE, Lusaka, Zambia & Eastern Cape, South Africa

July 2006 – Sept 2008

Acting National Manager & Team Leader

- Managed, supervised and supported 30 international education through sport organizers in 12 rural and urban communities around Zambia and South Africa, facilitating in-country orientation, in-service training and end of service workshops
- Created and managed budgets, program plans, needs assessments and community planning processes
- Developed and managed successful proposals and partnerships with UK Sport, UNICEF, and the Norwegian Olympic Committee
- Designed, developed and delivered training courses focused on HIV/AIDS education through sport for more than 150 youth and school teachers in 4 provinces of Zambia

EDUCATION & TRAINING

The University of Toronto

Sept 2009 – Dec 2010

Masters of Education, Adult Education and Community Development

The University of Western Ontario, London, ON

Sept 2002 – May 2006

Bachelor of Arts Honors Kinesiology

- **Open Source Leadership** (Mozilla)
- **Mentorship Train the Trainer** (United Way Toronto)
- **Neighbours: Policies & Programs** (Tamarack)
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- **Training for Trainers** (The Hincks-Dellcrest Centre -Gail Appel Institute)
- **The Art of Hosting Conversations and Collaborations Across Generations** (Authentic Leadership in Action Summer Institute)
- **Facilitation Process and Methods** (SCORE South Africa)
- **Conflict Mitigation** (Food for the Hungry International)
- **Kicking AIDS Out Trainer** (Commonwealth Games of Canada)

Languages: English, French *Bilingual (Novice)*

Drivers License, CPR First Aid

ENGAGEMENT & EDUCATION PROJECTS

Skillshop, Toronto, Canada

2013 – 2014

- Created an innovative place-based learning method and social enterprise called Skillshop which organized free public workshops run by businesses inside their own stores all at once
- Developed successful partnerships with business improvement associations leading to 45 local business owners offering more than 60 public workshops

Trade School Toronto, Toronto, Canada

2013 – 2014

- Organized the first Trade School in Canada, an alternative-learning project that runs on barter. Trade School's mission is to engage communities through accessible education and promoting alternative economies
- Coordinated more 100 in-person workshops with more than 1500 students through partnerships with local business storefronts, universities and community festivals

Old Town Ramble & Ride, Yellowknife, Canada

2014

- Coordinated a three-day community festival with the Old Town Community Association and the City of Yellowknife

Learning Circles, Ottawa, Canada

2015

- Designed and facilitated Professional Development Learning Circles for Hub Ottawa

MASS LBP, Toronto, Canada

2015

- Provided public engagement firm MASS LBP with facilitation and research support to projects with Halton Municipality and Health Quality Ontario

Civic Education Project – Northwestern University, USA

2010, 2011

- Instructed and facilitated a curriculum based on exploring issues surrounding poverty, social inequities, social action and leadership for selected youth from across USA in Chicago as well as New York City

Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia, Canada

2009

- Led education for sustainable development programming for students in a residential outdoor setting

MEDIA COVERAGE

- ["Lifelong learning in libraries" \(Knovvmads Magazine\) 04/2021](#)
- ["Libraries as learning locations" \(Goethe Institut\) 10/2018 German translation](#)
- ["Parking lot walk" \(CBC Ottawa Morning\) 05/2015](#)
- ["Skill shopping" \(Spacing Magazine\) 09/2013](#)
- ["Skillshops" \(Metro Morning CBC Radio\) 05/2013](#)
- ["TSTO aims to spur barter economy" \(Huffington Post\) 11/2012](#)
- ["Trade School Toronto launches this week" \(Torontoist\) 09/2012](#)
- ["A little mob money can nudge businesses to help save the Earth" \(The Globe and Mail\) 04/2010](#)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Learning Circles	June 2019
<i>UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, Hamburg, Germany</i>	
Lifelong Learning Strategies	June 2018
<i>Coalition of Community Health and Resource Centres of Ottawa, Canada</i>	
Alternative Education Models	Nov 2016, 2017
<i>Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada</i>	
Citizen-led Walking Tours	March 2015
<i>Toronto Public Library, Toronto, Canada</i>	
What does Community Engagement look like?	July 2014
<i>The Institute for Circumpolar Health Research, Yellowknife, North-West Territories, Canada</i>	
21st Century Learning: Social Enterprise	April 2014
<i>Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Toronto, Canada</i>	
Barter Schools as Partnerships	March 2013
<i>Deans Conference, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Toronto, Canada</i>	
Design your own learning...or How to not be a zombie	November 2012
<i>Pecha Kucha Toronto, Toronto, Canada</i>	
Mobilizing Community Action	March 2012
<i>Daily Bread Food Bank Member Conference, Toronto, Canada</i>	
Scandinavian Folk High Schools and Canada: Global Live Stream Conversation	Oct 2010
<i>Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Toronto, Canada</i>	
Education Through Sport	March 2009
<i>School of Health and Human Performance, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada</i>	

PUBLICATIONS & WRITTEN WORK

Koenig, Nico (2019) '[Educating the Public](#)'. WISE Qatar Foundation

Kester, K., Koenig, N.(2013) 'Carrotmob: Where Values meet Profit'. *Peace and Conflict Review* 7 (2) 85-95

Dalton, A, Koenig, N. (2011) 'Grundtvig's Yippies: Sweden's innovative folk high creates space for global learners'. *Global Citizen Digest*, Winter 2011, 17-19

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Board member - Kingston Frontenac Public Library, Kingston, Ontario	2019 – 2020
Generation Squeeze Campaign Organizer, Toronto, ON	2013 – 2016
Campaign Worker, Halifax, NS; Toronto, ON	2003, 04, 09, 11, 14
Cycle Toronto Advocacy Member, Toronto, ON	2010 – 2014