

CURRICULUM VITAE- LIDIA GHEORGHIU

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SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES

Good knowledge of the Roma culture, due to previous experience in the social area
A skilled bi-lingual negotiator (Romanian and English) with excellent communication and interpersonal skills

Ability to interact effectively with people at all levels with tact and diplomacy

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 09/ 2010-08/2011 Research Assistant-Transformation Project, Aston Business School
Birmingham
<http://www.thetransformationproject.co.uk>
-Write academic articles
-Dissemination of the results of the project through academic events and conferences
- 11/2007–2010 Romanian-English Interpreter, Birmingham, UK
-Face to face interpreting in medical centres, schools, home visits
-Telephone interpreting
- 01/2006–07/2006 Programme Coordinator - Project: “Child trafficking regional response programme” -Save the Children Organization, Romania
Editing programs/proposals in order to help children in need and abused women,
-Map and analyse national child protection mechanisms
-Support child-led initiatives to advocate and raise awareness about child trafficking and to promote child protection through peer-counselling, peer-to-peer education workshops, school debates
-Design and implement information and advocacy campaigns with civil society and government in order to promote policy and practice which reduces the incidence of child trafficking
- 10/2005-09/2006 Programme Coordinator – Project: “Regional network for the prevention and the combat of human trafficking” -Social Alternatives Association, Iasi, Romania.
-Prevention activities/meetings in schools, including rural area
-Editing and distribution of flyers regarding human trafficking
-Interviews/meetings with authorities in Galati County to increase protection of the rights of trafficked women, children and persons at high risk of being trafficked from Galati County
- 03-10/2003 Project Worker Local Council, City of Galati, Romania
-Provision of food, social welfare and support within a specialised centre for those marginalised by society
-Provision of support to help individuals to find work and housing and also to provide specialist counselling and assistance
- 05-10/ 2003 Social Worker The Social Residence for Young People, Galati, Romania
-Support for abandoned children once they leave the confines and welfare system provided by placement centres and integrating them into wider society
-Assistance with education, finding new homes and work
- 03-11/2002 Social Worker ,Child Heart’ Foundation, Galati, Romania
-Support for abandoned, homeless and HIV+ children: find them adoptive families, integrate them into society, provide medical and social care, and education.
- Leisure activities: camps and artistic events to entertain them during leisure time.

EDUCATION

- 2008-2012
(expected) PhD, at Aston University, Business School, Birmingham.
Dissertation title: 'The practice and process of creating the 'Governmental Strategy for the Improvement of the Roma Situation in Romania' – using receptivity for change framework to explore government strategy as practice'
- 2007-2008 University of Birmingham, School of Social Sciences
Dissertation title: "The failure to protect the Rights of the Child in Romania"
Specialty: M.Sc. Human Rights and Human Values
- 2006-2007 "Babes-Bolyai" University of Cluj Napoca
Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences
Specialty: Judiciary Psychology
- 1997-2001 "Babes-Bolyai" University of Cluj Napoca, Faculty of History and Philosophy,
Dissertation title: 'The Family, A Functional or Dysfunctional Group'? The Causes of the Family Disruption in Romania'
Area: Sociology-Psychology-Pedagogy, Specialty: Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

- As a Research Assistant for the TRANSFORMATION Project**, ESRC funded project:
Butler, MJR and Gheorghiu, L (2011) Exploring the Creative Process Leading to the Actor Analysis and Receptivity for Change Toolsets. An Action Research Approach Engaging Co-Reflexivity, the 33rd Annual Conference of EGPA, 2011, Bucharest, Romania.
Butler, MJR and Gheorghiu, L (2011) Managing from the Outside In. Problem Solving through Inter- and Intra-Organizational Innovation, the 15th IRSPM Conference in Dublin, Ireland, 2011, "Value, Innovation, and Partnership".
Butler, MJR and Gheorghiu, L (2011) The TRANSFORMATION Project, Aston Business, as an Innovation Hub – A Co-Reflexive Account of Partnership Initiation, Development, and Impact, the 15th IRSPM Conference in Dublin, Ireland, 2011, "Value, Innovation, and Partnership".
- As a PhD student:**
Gheorghiu, L and Butler, MJR (2011) What's the Effect of the Public Policies on the Roma Women in Romania?, Nevi Sara Kali-Roma Women's Journal, 3rd issue, June 2011, p. 152.
Gheorghiu, L and Butler, MJR (2010) Europe's Forgotten Citizens-Exploring Poor Health Policy Implementation in Roma Communities: A Network Learning Perspective, the 14th IRSPM Conference in Berne, Switzerland, April 2010, "The Crisis: Challenges of Public Management".
Butler, MJR and Gheorghiu, L (2010) Evaluating the Skills Strategy through A Graduate Certificate in Management: An Experiential Learning Theory Approach, Education + Training, 52(6/7), pp. 450 – 462.
Butler, MJR and Gheorghiu, L (2010) Exploring the Failure to Protect the Rights of the Roma Child in Romania, Public Administration and Development, 30(4), pp. 235-246.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2008 – 2009) -Aston Business School, Internal PhD Support, 'Testing Organizational Receptivity in the Context of International Development – The Case of Roma Education and Health in Romania'

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 10/2002 Training Course for Community Social Workers organized by the Galati District Authority for Child Rights Protection, Romania Certificate of attendance- Intervention in different types of child abuse, adoption, abandon issues, legal framework
- 10/2002-02/2003 Training Programme for Social Workers organized by Ministry of Work and Social Solidarity and Ministry of Education and Research Romania Social Worker- Identifying high risk situations, social investigation report, support for people with different/special needs
- 10/2004 Basic training “Victims Support”, Cheltenham, UK. Basic volunteer- Listening skills, general knowledge for different types of crimes, crime prevention.
- 06/2006 Training– Project “Joint East West Multi Stakeholder Training on Trafficking in Children for Sexual Purposes in Europe”

VOLUNTEERING WORK

My volunteering work includes: Prison Fellowship Romania, Rescue Romania, “Child Heart” Foundation, “Victims Support”, Cheltenham. At the moment I am interpreter volunteer at the British Red Cross, working with Romanian Roma.

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Romanian (native speaker), English, French
Basic understanding of Spanish and Italian

IT SKILLS

Extensive experience using MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Nvivo

INTERESTS

Cooking-In my spare time I like to cook ,well thought’ meals and post them on a cooking website for reviews and reading.

Gardening-During the hot season, I like to work in the garden, to plant flowers and vegetables.

Learning/Reading-I like to learn new things; that is, in my free time I read books about health (yoga, acupuncture, food), I play violin, I read papers.

References available on request