

TIARA SHAFIQ - Multicultural, Multicreative, Multitasking

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EDUCATION

2006 - Queensland University of Technology - Bachelors of Creative Industries (Interdisciplinary)
present Submajoring in CI Management and Creative Writing. Recipient of Dean's Merit Scholarship.

2004 - Limkokwing University of Creative Technology - Foundation (Mass Communications)
2005 Specialized in Film & TV and Journalism. Did one semester of B.A. in Mass Communications.

EXPERIENCES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Community and Professional Involvement:

2007 AYA Dream Malaysia Awards

Nominated for Most Outstanding Youth award for perseverance, dedication, and inspiration.

Member, ActNow Incubator

Researched, examined, and come up with content for ActNow's website related to youth issues.

2006 Volunteer, Brisbane Writers' Festival

Admin worker, venue manager, and Green Room usher - helped with administration work (following up contacts, general communications), managed individual events, took care of guests' needs.

Volunteer, Straight out of Brisbane

Front door management (cashiering).

Stage Manager, Walk In Beauty Sacred Peace Concerts

Managed running of show, took care of artists' needs, assisted Director in show management. Was able to work professionally with minimal rehearsal time and limited preparation.

Booth Manager, The Educated Deviants - Levis 501 Day Youth Festival

Set up and organized booth about alternative education for festival celebrating youth events. Created and distributed zines on the subject and provided plenty of reference material.

Writers for Women's Rights Workshop - All Women's Action Society (AWAM) Malaysia

Learnt about feminist and media issues in Malaysia, contributed Letters to the Editor and suggestions for articles, coordinated group performance on women's rights as part of International Women's Day.

2005 Operations Intern, Up with People

Coordinated bus travel (USA), managed Morning Meetings, assisted with Operations/Logistics work.

External Relations Intern, Up with People

Coordinated public relations and advertising activities through the Internet, wrote articles.

Initiator, Brick In The Wall

Malaysian non-profit aimed at promoting alternative education. Still in pilot stages; under new leadership (taking supervisory role).

2004 Volunteer, Amnesty International (Malaysia)

Coordinated booth management, organized membership, educated public on human rights and women's rights (Stop Violence Against Women campaign), wrote letters to Heads of State.

2003 - Member, The Star - BRATS

present Worked on marine environment, social issues, and HIV/AIDS issues with local communities.

University and College Involvement:

- 2007 International Students Director, QUT Student Guild**
Researched, managed, and provided for needs and representation of QUT international student body.
Sponsorship Convener, International House BandFest
Motivated college residents to sell and purchase chocolate to raise funds.
- 2006 Student Achievement Award, International House**
For commitment and enthusiasm towards college activities (DanceFest, Soiree, and so on); still active in college activities such as ChoralFest and food coordination.

International Involvement:

- 2006 Premiere Cast, Up with People**
Performed with Up with People alumni and Denver community arts practitioners for Premiere Launch in Denver, Colorado, and worked on community projects.
- 2005 - present Crew Representative and Era Representative, Up with People International Alumni Association**
Participated in UWPIAA Board of Governors and discussed UWPIAA issues and alumni needs.
- 2005 Crew Member, Up with People**
International tour (USA, Japan, Europe) to work on community projects, gain professional development, learn about international and current issues, and produce cultural performances on peace and understanding.

Media Involvement:

- 2006 - present Owner and Maintainer, EducateDeviate (<http://educatedeviate.wordpress.com>)**
Blog about alternative education and youth - regular daily readership internationally and has led to participation in blog events and publications in national press.
- 2006 Production Assistant, Channel [V] International**
Coordinated, wrote for, and produced content for various shows including launch of variety magazine show *Popparazzi*
- 2005 Featured in Seventeen Malaysia**
Article on "My First Job" (as web designer).
- 2004 Semi-finalist, Hitz.FM Radio Icon**
Competition for aspiring radio presenters for national pop radio station.
- 2003 - present Freelance Web Designer/Developer**
Created and maintained various websites (mainly personal and portfolios), e.g. AshaGill.Com and FayKhoo.Com; includes content research, updates, and checking email.
- Young journalist, The Star - BRATS**
Contributed to monthly pullout *Ole Brats*, including interviews with Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Seri Abdullah Badawi, Opposition leader Lim Kit Siang, and media personality Asha Gill.
- 2003 SAFRA Radio Workshop**
Learnt basics of radio presentation, voice, radio show management.

SKILLS

Languages English (fluent), Malay (fluent), Bengali (conversational)

Research Extensive ability to find enough resources from various sources (media, Internet, libraries, journals, etc) that are relevant and informative, as well as information on relevant people and organizations.

Travel Over 20 years travel experience to: Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Australia, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, China, Japan, Hong Kong, Macau, UK, France, Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Italy, USA, Canada

Computing Windows Vista and older, Mac OSX, office software, graphics software, Internet software, communications devices (mobiles, PDAs, etc). Able to quickly learn new devices and programs.

Writing Fiction, non-fiction, professional/corporate writing, scripts, poetry, journalistic pieces, interviews

Performing Singing, dancing, acting, public speaking, stage management.

Others Quick and motivated learner. Voracious reader. Dedicated and loyal to causes. Able to generate plenty of ideas. Often commended for enthusiasm, energy, and drive. Able to adapt to any location and circumstance. Interested in learning new things. Team leader and worker.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.