JULIA FREEDSON

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Seasoned, energetic and committed leader in international human rights and humanitarian policy. Known for sound judgment, strategic thinking and professionalism. Experience includes advocacy, policy development, strategic thinking, organizational development, writing, representation, networking, coalition building, team management and fundraising.

SNAPSHOT

- International human rights and humanitarian policy professional; 20 years.
- Expert on children affected by armed conflict; 15 years.
- Founding director of international NGO network on protecting children affected by armed conflict.
- Track record influencing policy, including UN Security Council.
- Strategic advisor to governments and international organizations.
- Energetic and thoughtful facilitator of training workshops.
- Successful fundraising with governments and foundations.
- Guest lecturer (partial list): Harvard University, Columbia University, Tufts University.
- Public Speaking (partial list): Chatham house, Wilton Park, UN Security Council, press conferences.
- Work covered by (partial list): New York Times, BBC, NPR, CNN.
- Focus countries (partial list) Colombia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, DRC, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Sudan.
- Proficient in Spanish.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010 – present Independent Consultant Conflict Dynamics International (2010-present)

Boston, MA

Senior Policy Consultant

Director of Children and Armed Conflict Accountability Initiative

- Lead researcher, author and spokesperson for major publications and training workshops.
- Lead fundraising and donor relations for annual program budget of US\$400,000.
- Develop and manage staff and strategic partnerships (international and national).

Advisor to Program on Humanitarian Access in Armed Conflicts

- Co-wrote and managed publication of major training manual and advised regional training workshops.
- Strategic planning, grantwriting, donor relations and outreach.

Wellspring Advisors (2011-2012)

- Developed internal strategy to guide philanthropic priorities.
- Led a strategic review process of the children and armed conflict docket.

Global Coalition for Protecting Education from Attack (2010 - 2012)

Senior Strategy and Advocacy Consultant

- Advised on organizational development, methods, structure, membership, communications etc.
- Developed strategic plans, operating budget and fundraising outreach.
- Authored papers and conducted international advocacy campaigns.

2001 - 2009Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict

New York, NY

at the Women's Refugee Commission/International Rescue Committee

Director (2004-2009), Coordinator (2002-2004), Consultant (2001-2002)

- Led overall strategic direction, including successful advocacy initiatives.
- Managed all aspects of internal and external communications, primary spokesperson with media, governments, UN, conferences, national NGO partners etc.
- Recruited and managed staff /consultants and coordinated board of 6 major international NGOs.
- Managed fundraising activities and donor relations (annual US\$1,000,000 budget.)
- Lead researcher and author of reports/policy papers.

2000 United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)

Pristina/Peja, Kosovo

Legal Officer

- Supported establishment of five Central Civil Registry municipal satelite offices in Peja region.
- Prepared Administrative Directives and Regulations for regisration of Kosovar children.

2000 Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC)

New York, NY

Research Assistant

- Researched/drafted briefing on forced disappearance for Rome Statue/ International Criminal Court.
- Liaised with NGO/government officials on definition of forced disappearances (Latin America cases).

1995-1999 Anti-Defamation League (ADL)

New York, NY

Assistant Director, Middle Eastern Affairs and International Analysis (1998-1999) International Affairs Analyst (1995-1997)

- Researched and wrote papers, letters-to-the-editor, opinion pieces and speeches.
- Public representation; participated in development of organizational positions.
- Managed special programs.

EDUCATION

1991-1995

1999-2001 **Columbia University,** School of International and Public Affairs New York, NY

Master of International Affairs (MIA) (Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs)

Hartford, CT

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies: Concentration in Middle Eastern Affairs

1994 Hebrew University / Wesleyan University Program Jerusalem, Israel

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

• Children in Armed Conflict Accountability Framework, 2015 (co-author)

Trinity College

- Practitioners' Manual and Handbook on Humanitarian Access in Armed Conflict, 2014 (major contributor)
- Bridging the Accountability Gap: New Approaches to Addressing Violations Against Children in Armed Conflict, (author) 2011
- Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict Country Reports (author), Afghanistan (2001), Angola (2002), Burundi (2002), Israel and Palestinian Territory (2002), Sudan (2003), Liberia (2004), Colombia (2004), Democratic Republic of Congo (2003), Nepal (2005), Sudan (2007), Myanmar (2009).