

ALISON BRIGHT

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EDUCATION

- London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, MSc Nutrition for Global Health** **2017-2018**
Modules included: Basic Epidemiology, Statistics for Epidemiology and Public Health, Fundamental Public Health Nutrition, Nutrition in Emergencies
Dissertation: quantitative study evaluating the effectiveness of nutritional intervention in three feeding centres in Yemen
- SOAS, BA Development Studies, 2:1** **2006-2009**
Key modules included: Key Thinkers and Theories in Development, Comparative Studies in Development, Development and Conflict, Issues in Gender and Development, Non-Governmental Organisations, Development and Change
Dissertation: A post-colonial assessment of development interventions in sub-Saharan Africa during the 1960s
- Fenchurch Academy, A levels** **2004-2006**
Government and Politics (A), Economics (B), French (B)

EXPERIENCE

- Action on Hunger, Project Manager, Senegal** **Oct 2015-July 2017**
Action on Hunger runs short-term feeding projects in conflict areas and long-term partnerships to bring about sustainable solutions in areas with vulnerable food supply chains. Skills gained include:
- **Leadership:** as leader of a team of six I was responsible for determining the strategic direction of a long-term project in Eastern Senegal, including securing buy-in from donors and the NGO's head office team
 - **Monitoring and evaluation:** established a robust framework for evaluating the project's outputs, leading to three years' renewed funding after the initial one year grant
 - **Building partnerships:** The Action on Hunger model is based on partnering with local organisations and I developed strong working relationships with local workers across the ten areas for which I was responsible
 - **Communication:** As well as developing relationships with local community leaders I reported directly to donor agencies, with my monthly reports directly contributing to the renewal of our funding
- Green Shoots, Programme Worker** **Dec 2009-Sept 2015**
Green Shoots is a small NGO working in Sub-Saharan Africa to facilitate community-led agricultural projects. I was placed in eight different locations for periods of 1-6 months each, also spending periods of time in the London head office.
- **Cross-cultural communication:** I was responsible for guiding and training new members to ensure all our activities and interactions were culturally sensitive
 - **Building relationships:** I was based at a new project in an area where Green Shoots had not previously worked, which involved quickly establishing trust and good relationships with the local community
 - **Organisational skills:** When I was at the London head office I supported the teams at all our locations, acting as first point of contact for any problems, dealing with queries where appropriate and escalating to senior managers where needed
- Partners in Development, Vice-President** **Sept 2007-May 2009**
Partners in Development is a student-led society which builds links between SOAS students and NGOs to facilitate knowledge exchange through student voluntary placements and activities
- **Empathic skills:** Internship intermediary for 3rd and 4th year academic students through listening to students' preferences and assisting them in finding a placement
 - **Publicity and marketing:** Edited the society's weekly newsletter, ran social media campaigns to promote our activities amongst students and potential partners
 - **Negotiation:** as Vice-President I was responsible for managing relationships with our link NGOs and encouraging them to offer placements to students
- Primark, Customer Service Assistant** **Nov 2006-Aug 2008**
- **Communication skills:** resolved customer queries and complaints
 - **Working under pressure:** dealt courteously with customers of all ages and outlooks within an extremely busy store, consistently meeting sales targets

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: English (Native), French (Fluent spoken/intermediate written) Spanish (Conversational)

IT Skills: Good knowledge of MS Office (Word, PowerPoint & Excel) and SPSS

INTERESTS

Field hockey, running, winter sports, reading, social activities with family and friends, music, travelling

REFERENCES ON REQUEST
