

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Curriculum Vitae Summary

- **Senior management specialist in the public services, international organisations and in the voluntary sector;**
- **proven track record with the defence forces, the prison service, industrial safety and emergency management, international organisations, and in the voluntary and human rights sectors.**
- **strong technical and academic background and excellent interpersonal and communication skills, and excellent academic achievement;**
- **active advocate for international peace, and on behalf of disadvantaged groups and individuals.**

Eight years experience as researcher/mature student at University of Limerick and TCD -
Achieved BA (first class hon) degree in History, Politics and Social Studies in May 2001 and M.Phil. postgraduate degree in Peace Studies. PhD in international relations almost completed.

Six years experience with international organisations including -
United Nations, OSCE, and the European Union, in eight countries, working in the areas of peacekeeping, logistics, democratisation and election monitoring.

Eight years as security and safety management executive -
Included two years in educational sector and eight years industrial/chemical sector

Twenty-two years experience as officer in Irish Defence Forces -
Involved wide and varied experience in personnel and facilities management, liaison with multiple public agencies and departments, as well as operational responsibility for mechanised military unit of over one hundred personnel.

Over thirty years as voluntary activist, manager and advocate -
Includes work with mentally handicapped, community development, peace groups, refugee and asylum support groups, and adult education.

Membership of Irish Peace and Neutrality Alliance, Irish Refugee Council, and Amnesty International.

Experienced in media communications, report writing and project management.

Published numerous articles and chapters in academic journals and books, as well as current affairs articles in national newspapers.

Wide experience in human resource management, and development of volunteer and employee skills.

Details Of Main Positions Held And Relevant Experience:

Present Occupation – Manager, Centre for Care of Survivors of Torture, SPIRASI, Dublin.

Jan 2006 to date

Researcher, (completing PhD.) University of Limerick, and part-time

international consultant in democratisation and election management.	Oct 2001 to date
Election Monitor – Zimbabwe and East Timor	March/April 2002
Authorised Officer – Refugee Applications Commission	June/Aug 2001
Mature student University of Limerick BA in History, Politics, Sociology	Sept 97 to May 01
Post Graduate Degree, M.Phil. (Peace Studies), Trinity College	Sept 98 to Sept 99
European Union Election Mission - Zimbabwe - Provincial Co-ord.	May 99 to July 99
European Union Election Mission - Indonesia - National Co-ordinator	May 99 to July 99
European Union Election Mission - Nigeria – Election Observer	Feb 99 to Mar 99
O.S.C.E. UNV, Bosnia and Herzegovina - Tuzla Election Supervisor	Sept. 99
United Nations UNV- Croatia – Field Manager, Vukovar	Nov 96 to Feb 97
O.S.C.E. Election Logistics & Security Co-ordinator - Central Bosnia	May 96 to Oct 96
Irish Pre-School Playgroups Association - Director of Services	Apr 95 to Mar 96
Security and Safety Consultant - Integrated Loss Management Ltd.	1994 - 1995

AUGHINISH ALUMINA LTD.

Manager - Security, Fire and Emergency Services **1987 -**

1994

TRINITY COLLEGE (DUBLIN)

Chief Security and Fire Prevention Officer **1986 - 1987**

IRISH DEFENCE FORCES

1963 - 1986

Held variety of appointments including, Lecturer Command and Staff College 1985-86, Officer Commanding Tank Squadron, 1983 - 85, Officer in Charge Armour Technical School, 1981-83, Logistics Officer Curragh Command, 1980 - 81, Officer in Charge Army Civilian Employees, 1979-80, Service with UN Peace Keeping Forces, 1966, 1971 and 1973, Army Cadet Training, 1963-65. Availed of early retirement in 1986, having achieved rank of Commandant (Major).

PRISON SERVICE (on secondment from Defence Forces)

Deputy Governor Curragh Prison **1974 - 79**

Officer in Charge, Detention Centre, Curragh Military Hospital **1976 - 79**

Military Commander Portlaoise Prison **1981**

EXTRACT OF WORK ACHIEVEMENTS

United Nations Volunteer Service – Democratisation Programmes

Extensive experience in co-ordination and management of democratisation projects with a wide variety of people and officials in challenging circumstances, while working with three separate international organisations, the United Nations, European Union, and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

Zimbabwe: June/July 2000, and March 2002: Provincial Co-ordinator, European Union election mission to Zimbabwe.

East Timor: Election Monitor, August 2001 and April 2002.

Indonesia: May 1999 to July 1999: European Union election mission to Indonesia, and EU Liaison Officer to Indonesian Government.

Nigeria: Feb. to Mar. 1999, Election Monitor with EU Mission in Central Nigeria for Presidential and Assembly elections.

Bosnia: September 1998, Election Supervisor, Bosnia.

Croatia: Nov. 1996 to Mar. 1997 - Field Manager, UN Election Mission, Vukovar, Croatia. This task included responsibility for facilitating the registration and election participation of refugees and displaced persons in East Slavonia.

Bosnia: May 1996 to Oct. 1996 - Election Logistics co-ordinator with the OSCE /UN for the first post-war elections in Bosnia & Herzegovina.

Present Appointment: As manager of the **Centre for Care of Survivors of Torture**, I coordinate and administer a team of expert physicians, counsellors, and therapists who provide care for survivors of torture. Our clients are those refugees and asylum seekers who have suffered torture and other abuse, and who have managed to seek refuge in Ireland. My responsibilities also include advocacy towards the prevention of torture and greater justice for the victims of torture, who are not fortunate enough to penetrate “Fortress Europe”.

Authorised Officer – Refugee Applications Commission, Department of Justice.

I worked for three months in this position during the Summer 2001. It included undertaking a special course run by the UNHCR on behalf of the Department of Justice, and participating in the process of interviewing asylum seekers. This gave me a very good working knowledge of the procedures and legislation relating to the refugees and asylum seekers. I left this position because I was awarded a Government of Ireland Scholarship to undertake PhD research.

Irish Pre-School Playgroups Association: Director of Service was new position as manager and administrator of national voluntary organisation with over 2,000 members with responsible for fund-raising and administration of the organisation. Helped negotiate significant European Union and Irish Government funding for special projects.

Integrated Loss Management Consulting: Set up own company to develop and market Integrated Loss Management System. Also worked for short periods as a VEC leisure centre manager and as insurance sales agent. Carried out research and study into security industry and profession.

Aughinish Alumina Limited

- Developed and motivated a highly effective team of Security Officers at large chemical plant.
- Introduced new fire brigade training standards and improved the operational effectiveness of the Aughinish Plant Fire Brigade. Pioneered alternative and improved Fire Prevention Systems for computer and control rooms.
- Led Emergency Risk Analysis team and produced new Emergency Procedures and Emergency Response Plan. Organised two major disaster exercises in the Mid West Region, in co-operation with Health Board, Gardai, local and airport fire services

Trinity College Dublin

- Implemented and improved college Fire Prevention and Fire Inspection Systems.
- Improved college security by updating procedures and security measures, by careful investigation and follow-up of security incidents, and close co-operation with the Gardai.

Defence Forces

- Led an armoured troop of soldiers in a UN Peacekeeping mission in Cyprus and improved maintenance of armoured vehicles under operational conditions.
- Organised logistics for 1500 UN troops in Sinai Desert during aftermath of Yom Kippur War. This included responsibility for the provision, accountancy and re-supply of food, accommodation, equipment and transport.
- Developed Technical Training Systems for armoured corps heavy vehicles and organised Mechanical Fitter Training for selected personnel.

- Administered over 1,000 unionised civilian employees of the Army Engineer Corps, located throughout Ireland.
- Commanded and administered mechanised military unit with over 100 personnel.
- Senior lecturer at third level Command and Staff college.

Voluntary Activism:

- Member of the national executive, and International Secretary, of the Irish Peace and Neutrality Alliance (PANA), that campaigned on behalf of Irish neutrality in two national referenda.
- Founding member of the Shannon Peace Camp, set up to highlight the abuse of Irish neutrality due to use of Shannon airport by US military in Gulf War – undertook High Court Constitutional case, and other advocacy measures as a means of informing the Irish people on these matters.
- Active member of Doras Luimni, Development Organisation for Refugees and Asylum Seekers, campaigning for human and civil rights for refugees and asylum seekers in Ireland.
- Organised seminars and gave lectures and talks on topics such as racism, the Holocaust, international peace, neutrality etc.
- Intervened on behalf of groups and individuals who were having difficulties with the asylum process, including those held in prison.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

PhD. Research [UN Reform] Government of Ireland Scholar,	Sept 2001 – to 2006
M.Phil. (Peace Studies) Irish School of Ecumenics and TCD	1998-1999
Degree History, Politics and Sociology, (1st Class Hons) Univ. of Limerick	1997-2001
Diploma in Quality Management P.M.T.C., University of Limerick.	1994
The Entrepreneurs Programme Shannon Development	1993-1994
Enterprise Development Programme CMS Enterprise Consultants	1993
Consulting Skills Course Irish Management Institute	1993
Introduction to Counselling Plassey Centre Limerick University	1991
Diploma, Health & Safety Management Plassey Centre Limerick University	1987-1989
Security Management Course, Security of Institute Ireland	1987
Command and Staff Course The Military College	1979-1980
Commissioned as Army Officer Cadet School Military College	1963-1965
Leaving Certificate, St. Mary's C.B.S., Tralee	1963

Completed numerous courses in Ireland and Overseas, for example:

Advanced First Aid and Rescue, Fire Prevention, Advanced Fire Fighting, Industrial Emergency Planning, Logistics, Administration and Auditing, Vehicle Maintenance and Driving, Computing Skills Courses, Safety Health and Welfare at Work.

Instructed at all levels on a wide variety of Educational and Technical Training courses, in Defence Forces, Aughinish Alumina Fire Service, and the Security and Safety Institutes.

Computer Skills: 20 years experience as computer user and skilled in most popular office software applications.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of Birth: 12th June, 1945

Marital Status: Married – 3 children, 3 grandchildren (While I love my grandchildren dearly, I consider that each of the tens of thousands of children killed so far in Iraq, were just as important as each of my grandchildren. My awareness of the killing of innocent

children, and of my government's complicity in these killings, is an important motivation for my peace activism.)

Peace Activism:

My peace activism originated with my United Nations service as a military peacekeeping, and was reinforced by my subsequent service as a civilian UN Volunteer, in post-conflict situations. My studies and research into matters of peace and international relations have also informed my convictions that war and torture are counter-productive ways of trying to achieve international peace and justice.

My efforts to promote peace by peaceful means include:

- Organise peaceful demonstrations against the abuse of Irish neutrality arising from US military use at Shannon airport for unlawful wars in Afghanistan and Iraq from 2001 to date.
- Initiating a peace camp at Shannon airport in January 2001 to create public awareness of Ireland's breach of the Hague Convention on Neutrality.
- Took High Court Constitutional case against Irish Government over the Shannon issue in March 2003
- Returned all my military and UN decorations and Presidential Commissioning Certificate in Sept 2003, in protest at the Irish Government's participation in the Iraq.
- Unjustly and unlawfully arrested or detained during protests or while simply transiting through Shannon airport on four occasions, since 2002.

My efforts to promote peace and justice, by peaceful means and the rule of law will continue.