

CURRICULUM VITAE – Jitske Wildschut, MSc/MA (F)

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PROFILE – Jitske Wildschut has internationally demonstrated professional and academic experience in:

The unlocking of potential: Design and facilitation of personal leadership programs for young people, coaching, training (ToT) and mentoring of youth, staff, volunteers, and governing bodies.

Initiating intercultural collaboration: Initiation, coordination and oversight of youth exchange, regional consultations, working groups, knowledge sharing and advocacy initiatives, liaising with local communities, mediation, rallying support for ideas, helping stakeholders find common ground.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MeaningFuel, Curaçao, Jan. 2022 – present

Consultant: supporting young people in their quest for societal change. Through the design, facilitation and coordination of programs, modules, workshops and coaching packages incorporate personal leadership in existing learning processes to ensure sustainable commitment of full potential.

Wildschut Coaching, the Netherlands/ Curaçao, 2014 – 2021

Accredited coach: Facilitating personal and professional development in order to overcome inner and/ or external barriers stifling potential, through individual coach sessions and structured days of reflection. Specific experience with people working on societal change, people from diverse cultural backgrounds and young professionals. Collaboration with the international development sector, government, academia and general practitioners.

Erasmus University College, the Netherlands, Aug. 2019 – Aug. 2021

Lecturer: Design and facilitation of the personal leadership component of the Engaged Citizens Honors Program. Through masterclasses, one-on-one sessions and peer dialogue a culturally diverse group of students is introduced to the dynamics of personal leadership and how these effect the societal change they aspire. Observation, evaluation and grading of students. Topics: interpersonal skills, cultural understanding, inner awareness.

Joint Secretariat, Secretary of the Pacific Community, Fiji, Sept 2011 – March 2013

Coordinator/ Advisor: Support of two regional and various national governing bodies of the Pacific Islands to improve oversight and coordination of public health projects across the Pacific. Provided strategic governance, oversight and funding allocation advice to Chairs, local government & NGOs, development and donor partners. Mediation and consensus building between stakeholders on governance challenges. Project management and evaluation. Facilitation of professional development. Design and facilitation of governance training (ToT) across the region. Preparation of regional meetings and chairing of expert consultations.

Stichting Intermin, the Netherlands, 2008 – 2011

Manager: Development of leadership skills through secondment to government projects in combination with coordinated reflection and feedback sessions, coaching and management assessments.

Project Manager, Dutch Shipping Council, June 2010 – July 2011: Responsible for managing the building of ten government patrol ships. Provided direct guidance and support to the government shipping company and the multi stakeholder project team to foster inter-institutional public/ -private stakeholder collaboration on ship design, terms of references and covenants regarding multi-stakeholder collaboration.

Policy Advisor Sustainable Procurement, Dutch Ministry of Environment, Nov 2008 – April 2010: Initiated and supported the development of Dutch Government's policy on sustainable procurement within the European Union. Initiated and structured intergovernmental collaboration between seven EU countries to contribute to and advise on EU policy. Drafted Ministerial policy briefs and suggested next steps to be taken in the European arena. Organized international meetings attended by the European Commission and participating member states, and focused on facilitating discussion and exchanging best practices to enhance and strengthen national and EU policy. Initiated knowledge sharing platform.

Village Focus International, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, March – Aug 2008

Rural Development Advisor: Formulation and initiation of a pilot project facilitating intercultural cooperation between international youth and their local Cambodian counterparts through participation in and stimulation of rural community

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development initiatives targeting health, education, agriculture and land rights. Implemented training (ToT) for a group of Cambodian youth responsible for the facilitation of an inter-cultural field-experience.

Youth Challenge International, Vanuatu, Sept 2007 – Feb 2008

Group Leader: Facilitation of leadership development and mentoring of a group of international and local youth volunteers contributing to sustainable community development projects. Responsible for oversight of the development and implementation of community projects addressing the needs of the host community as identified by the communities.

EF Foundation, Sydney, Australia, Aug 2006 – Jan 2007

Regional Manager: Facilitating cultural awareness through management of an international education exchange program for international youth. Liaising with local communities, national and international counterparts to secure cultural and educational exchange. Recruitment, training, management, capacity building and mentoring of a nationwide group of voluntary field staff. Organization of conferences and introduction camps and counseling of students and host families.

Australian Centre for Independent Journalism, Sydney, Australia, Feb – July 2007

Researcher: Conducted in-country research on the effectiveness and level of sustainability of Australian Development aid projects in Vanuatu through interviewing professionals and locals involved and affected. Analyzed findings and reported back to the investigative journalism team.

EDUCATION

Master Coach, University Accredited Course, European Institute, Netherlands, 2011 - 2014.

Public & Political Support for International Development Cooperation, University Accredited Course, Centre for International Development Issues Nijmegen & National Committee for International Cooperation and Sustainable Development (NCDO), Netherlands, 2010

M.A Journalism, University of Technology Sydney, Australia, 2006

MSc Political Science, International Relations, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 2004 **Exchange Program,** Political Science, University of Melbourne, Australia, 2003

CONTINUED LEARNING - ADDITIONAL COURSES

Training, Mirroring through bodywork, 2BMoved, 2021

Training, Beschermjassen, creating room for diversity, Bureau Beschermjassen, 2021

Training, Voice Dialogue & creative interventions, ITP, the Netherlands, 2019

Training, Voice Dialogue & Transformational Psychology training, ITP, the Netherlands, 2017

Master Class, Recognising & practicing body work, Annet van Laar, the Netherlands, 2016

Online course, Buddhism & Modern Psychology, Princeton University, USA, 2016

Train the trainer, Workshop Facilitation, Lynda Jones & Bob Campbell, Australia, 2012

Train the trainer, Intercultural Communication, Refugee Council, Netherlands, 2010

Train the trainer, Activating Creativity, Marcus Geers, Netherlands, 2010

Training, Personal Influence Program, Bureau Zuidema, Netherlands, 2010

VOLUNTEERING

Chair & Public Speaker, Client Federation for pregnant women, The Netherlands Aug 2019 – Aug 2021

Coach, Talent Coach, Amsterdam the Netherlands 2014 - 2015

Coach, Dutch Refugee Council, the Netherlands, 2010 – 2011

Member, The Third Chamber Youth Parliament, NCDO, the Netherlands, 2009 – 2010

LANGUAGES

Dutch native, fluent English, proficient French, German and Bislama, basic Papiamentu