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PROFILE

With over a decade's experience in EU and Irish environmental advocacy, government, policy development, communications and management.

- Experience in analysing and developing environmental developments
- EU and Irish policy making and politics, advocacy and government
- Networks in Brussels and Dublin
- Skillset – communications, management, strategic development
- Excellent knowledge of Irish political and media ecosphere

CAREER HISTORY

Party Manager, Green Party

February 2025 – present

- Managing all party operations including membership, communications, operations;
- Working with party leader in development of strategic plan;
- Managing staff team to deliver on priorities

Parliamentary Political Manager, Green Party, Oireachtas Eireann

September 2020 – January 2025

The role included a wide range of cross-cutting work between various teams, including:

- Management of Parliamentary Party relations, including organisation of all Parliamentary Party meetings and **strategic development**;
- Oversight of the Leinster House Green Party team, including **recruitment and management** of 4 person policy team, HR, logistics, issue resolution and more;
- **Development of policy** in key areas, including the European, local and general Election manifestoes;
- **Ensuring coherence** across the wider organisation, in the Oireachtas, European Parliament and NI Assembly;
- Worked daily with the **Government** operations team to deliver on joint objectives;
- Acted as liaison on all **European political and policy issues**, including the 'Greens in Government' coordination, with a particular focus on climate and trade policy.
- Cultivated **network** of political and policy journalists and other influencers.

Head of Office, Grace O'Sullivan MEP

June 2019- August 2020

As below, with additional responsibilities:

- Set up and managed new offices in Brussels and Strasbourg, including recruitment of new team, establishment and management of office budget and parliamentary finances, HR and established strategy for the 5 year mandate;
- Advised and facilitated MEP in her work as Greens' coordinator on the Parliament's Fisheries Committee;
- Served as political advisor on all matters; assisted in daily social media communications of her work;
- Liaison with Irish Greens, the Green Group in the EP, and other relevant stakeholders.

Senatorial Assistant, Senator Grace O'Sullivan

June 2016-June 2019

- Ran senators' office, including preparation for Oireachtas Committees and other policy development;
- Managed all media relations, including multiple social media accounts, to deliver a coherent political message and personal approach;
- Handled all incoming communications, preparing political responses;

- Assisted in preparations for media interviews, prepare comments for journalists, ensure coherence, accuracy and a strong message;
- Prepared speeches and written materials to a high standard on multiple subjects, often in very limited timeframes

Communications Officer, [Seas At Risk](#)

Feb 2014-June 2016

- Handled all media and social media needs for small Brussels-based non-profit organisation campaigning for greater marine protection;
- Worked on shipping emissions campaign, focused on IMO and in cooperation with other Brussels based advocacy teams such as Transport and Environment, Friends of the Earth and others in the Green 10 coordination;
- Event preparation and promotion;
- Gave political advice to policy officers in preparations for parliamentary activities at the European Parliament, including policy briefings and committee hearings

Communications Officer, [Greenpeace EU Unit](#)

Nov 2012-March 2014

- Served as press and communications officer with a mid-sized well-respected policy advocacy organisation based in Brussels;
- Principle work consisted of preparation of press materials; relationship management with key journalists and policy focused social media communications;
- Gained valuable knowledge of EU policy development, advocacy and campaigning

Press Officer, [European Green Party](#)

Oct 2011-Oct 2012

- Working with the European Parliament teams and national groups to promote and communicate political campaigns and political developments.

Parliamentary Assistant, Minister of Environment John Gormley

Dec 2010 - April 2011

- Handled all incoming communications, assisted with parliamentary duties and campaign organisation; worked on media relations with party press team, gaining experience of government operations and policy development

Administrative Assistant, Green Party Ireland

April 2008-November 2011

- Managed the front of house operations for the Green Party Head office, including handling significant amount of incoming communications of a political nature; office administration; event organisation; management of the party's membership database and ensuring cross-cutting team integration.

Intern, Friends of the Earth

October 2006- March 2007

- I worked with Oisín Coghlan as one of a team of interns, preparing press materials, administration, financial and membership administration and development of campaigns.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Postgraduate, 2012: MA European Politics, 2.I, University College Dublin

Third level, 2004: BA Hons History, 2.II, Trinity College Dublin

Secondary, 1999: Leaving Certificate: 460/600 points, St. Andrew's College Dublin

OTHER RELEVANT SKILLS

- Extremely experienced in all MS Office suite, a number of CRM systems and website maintenance, updating and development;

- Established profile with network of connections in climate and policy sphere on Twitter and more recently BlueSky;
- Languages: acquired French to a B2 competency while living in Belgium – studies ongoing;

INTERESTS

Active cyclist with a keen interest in sustainable transport and energy policy. Fascinated with history and the origins of contemporary political trends.

References

Available upon request