

# tiara shafiq

multicultural, multcreative, multitasking

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## EDUCATION

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- 2008** | **Queensland University of Technology – Vacation Research Experience Scholarship**  
Collaborating with Dr Vivienne Muller on updating Disability Resources Wiki with research on arts & wellbeing and disability representation in media.
- 2006 – 2008** | **Queensland University of Technology – Bachelors of Creative Industries (Interdisciplinary)**  
Submajoring in CI Management and Creative Writing. Recipient of Creative Industries Dean's Merit Scholarship. GPA: 5.15/7. Participated in Career Mentor Scheme.
- 2004 -2005** | **Limkokwing University of Creative Technology – Foundation (Mass Communications)**  
Specialized in Film & TV and Journalism. Did one semester of B.A. in Mass Communications.

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## WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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- 2006 - present** | **Founding Blogger, EducateDeviate (<http://educatedeviate.wordpress.com>)**  
Blog about alternative education and youth - regular daily readership internationally and has led to participation in blog events and publications in national press.
- 2008 - present** | **Volunteer, Working Wonders (Royal Children's Hospital) – Wonder Factory**  
Entertained children through games, toys, books, and activities in Wonder Factory and in wards. Maintained hygiene control for Wonder Factory resources.
- 2008** | **Assistant Stage Manager, Woodford Folk Festival – Street Theatre**  
Roved with puppet performance group Bottled Theatre to protect them from hecklers, obstacles, watersprays, and other obstructions. Also took care of performers' needs and promotions.
- Secondment, Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre**  
Reorganised policy and procedures documents, including writing Employee Handbook and risk management strategies. Prepared research for grants. Also assisted with general office duties.
- Work Placement, Transit Lounge Brisbane (Youth Arts Queensland)**  
Assisted with development and delivery of arts business training program Navigation (including logistics such as catering and student records). Developed project scoping plan for cultural diversity strategy. Also assisted with general office duties.
- Marketing Project, Brisbane Writers Festival**  
Co-developed survey and research strategy to monitor feedback for the Word Play schools program, as well as the General Audiences program.
- Delegate, Brightest Young Minds**  
5-day conference on practical measures towards social change and sustainability. Co-developed The Social Broker, a networking agent for non-profits, universities, and companies.
- TestPilot, KaosPilots Rotterdam**  
Chosen as one of 30 people to the Admissions workshop for Team 02 Rotterdam. Only Asian participant. Developed strategies for encouraging more tourism and creative development in

Dordrecht, including forming community consultative group.

**Childcare Assistant, Fortitude Valley State School**

Assisted Outside School Hours Childcare staff with taking care of school children ages 4-12 before and after school hours. Helped children with their homework and activities, took care of health and safety, and assisted in preparation and cleanup of childcare center.

**Aussie, University of Queensland**

Assisted English as a Foreign Language learners by holding English conversations and sharing information and thoughts about cultures and lifestyles.

**Researcher, BrainStore**

Researched company profiles and background information prior to meetings with BrainStore.

**2007 Media Volunteer, Youth Social Enterprise Forum 2007 (GKP 3)**

Assisted GK3 and Perception Management staff with PR and media duties. Wrote and took photographs of YSEF events for the GK3 newsletter.

**TestPilot, KaosPilots Stockholm**

Chosen as one of 29 people to the Admissions workshop for Team 01 Stockholm. One of two non-Scandinavian participants. Developed strategies for encouraging creativity in the Nacka community as part of Nackakommune.

**Delegate, Youth Entrepreneurship Symposium (YES07)**

Discussed and learned about practical information related to entrepreneurship and starting a business. Developed and distributed extensive Resource Kit with links to various youth and entrepreneurship resources online.

**Delegate, Asia Pacific Cities Youth Summit**

Convened with other youth delegates in the Asia-Pacific Region to discuss issues related to communities and sustainable cities.

**Delegate, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Assembly at the United Nations**

Worked with other international youth delegates in developing community/NGO projects and setting up a Youth Declaration of Peace calling for action in Darfur, Korea, the Middle East, and sub-Saharan Africa. Also received thorough knowledge on NGO development and the Millennium Development Goals.

**Member, ActNow Incubator**

Researched and examined content for ActNow's website related to youth issues.

**Contestant, Queensland Business Icon**

Business and entrepreneurship competition testing skills in marketing, product development, fundraising, and so on. Successfully raised over \$3500 through organizing an event for the Oaktree Foundation, and was pivotal in maintaining ethics in the alcohol industry.

**International Students Director, QUT Student Guild**

Researched, managed, and provided for needs and representation of QUT international students.

**2006 & 2007 Volunteer, Brisbane Writers' Festival**

Admin worker, venue manager, Info Booth, and Green Room usher - helped with administration work, managed individual events, took care of guests' needs.

**2006 Stage Manager, Walk In Beauty Sacred Peace Concerts**

Managed running of show, took care of artists' needs, assisted Director in show management. Was able to work professionally with minimal rehearsal time and limited preparation.

**Writers for Women's Rights Workshop - All Women's Action Society (AWAM) Malaysia**

Learnt about feminist and media issues in Malaysia, contributed Letters to the Editor and

suggestions for articles, coordinated group performance on women's rights as part of IWD.

**Production Assistant, Channel [V] International**

Coordinated, wrote for, and produced content for various shows including launch of variety magazine show *Popparazzi*.

**2005 Operations Intern, Up with People**

Coordinated bus travel (USA), managed Morning Meetings, assisted with Operations work.

**External Relations Intern, Up with People**

Coordinated public relations and advertising activities through the Internet, wrote articles.

**Crew Member, Up with People**

International tour (USA, Japan, Europe) to work on community projects, gain professional development, learn about international and current issues, and produce cultural performances on peace and understanding. Elected Crew Rep for Alumni Association.

**2004 Volunteer, Amnesty International (Malaysia)**

Coordinated booth management, organized membership, educated public on human rights and women's rights, wrote letters to Heads of State.

**2003 -2004 Youth Journalist, The Star – BRATS**

Contributed to monthly pullout *Ole Brats*, including interviews with Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Seri Abdullah Badawi, Opposition leader Lim Kit Siang, and media personality Asha Gill. Worked on marine environment, social issues, and HIV/AIDS issues with local communities.

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## SKILLS

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**Languages** English (fluent), Malay (fluent), Bengali (conversational)

**Research** Extensive ability to find enough resources from various sources (media, Internet, libraries, journals, etc), as well as information on relevant people and organizations.

**Travel** Over 20 years travel experience to: Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Australia, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, China, Japan, Hong Kong, Macau, UK, France, Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Italy, Sweden, Denmark, USA, Canada

**Computing** Windows Vista and older, Mac OSX, office software, graphics software, Internet software, communications devices (mobiles, PDAs, etc). Able to quickly learn new programs.

**Writing** Fiction, non-fiction, professional/corporate writing, scripts, poetry, news, interviews, policy

**Performing** Singing, dancing, acting, public speaking, stage management, basic circus, improv.

**Others** Quick and motivated learner. Voracious reader. Dedicated and loyal to causes. Able to generate plenty of ideas. Often commended for enthusiasm, energy, and drive. Able to adapt to any location and circumstance. Interested in learning new things. Team leader and worker.

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## REFERENCES

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Available upon request.