

~Mariana Lamaison Sears

Skills

Bilingual: Spanish/English
Cross-cultural
People/community-oriented
Organized
Flexible
Positive
Committed
Fast learner
Event-planning

Education

BA, Communication

University of Texas at San Antonio, 2005, (GPA 3.95)
Summa Cum Laude

Asoc Certificate in Tourism

Universidad de Moron,
Buenos Aires, Argentina,
1996, (GPA 3.6)

Accomplishments

Speaker for the Strategies to Thrive program, 2009 and 2010, invited by the Vermont Partnership for Fairness and Diversity

Rookie of the Year 2006, by the Vermont Press Association (2nd place)

About me

Looking for advocacy/nonprofit opportunity after staying home for several years growing up my family. During this time, I've learned to manage a household of six while engaging in my community by volunteering and networking with different environmental and social justice organizations. I recently moved to Essex Junction after living five years in Argentina.

What I did

America's First Fair Trade Town Committee, Media, PA

Executive Director (2020 to present): Promoting, educating, and raising awareness about Fair Trade by directing the campaign's steering committee and collaborating with local nonprofits, businesses, schools, the government, and business authority

Biblioteca Popular Estación Manzanares, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Volunteer for the Board of Directors (2016-2020): Organizing cultural and environmental activities and events for children, families, and the community in general. Responsible for directing and coordinating the monthly local Farmers and Artisans Market

America's First Fair Trade Town Committee, Media, PA

Volunteer, Coordinator (2011-2016): Participating in bimonthly meetings and running the campaign to declare Media Elementary School as Fair Trade School.

Greener Partners, Hillside Farm, Media, PA

Volunteer (2011-2016): Helping weekly with farm work and CSA share distribution

The Burlington Free Press, Burlington, VT

Free Lance Correspondent, Staff Writer and Editorial Assistant (2006-2011): Covered local news, features, profiles, photographed assignments, edited and fact-checked letters to the editor, posted digital content to blog

Diarios Rumbo, San Antonio, Texas

Intern and Correspondent (Jan – Dec. 2005): Covered and translated news, feature and sports articles in Spanish and English

