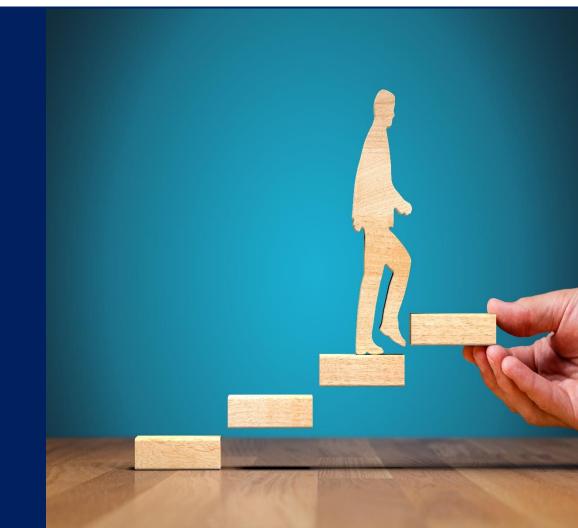






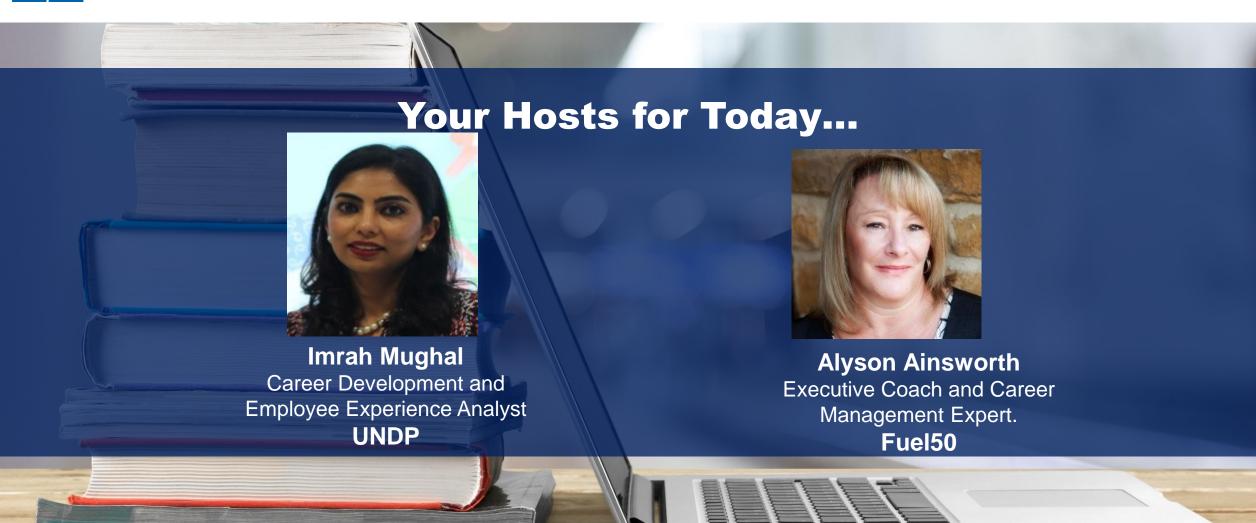
# How to write a successful CV















### Today's objectives



- Introduction
- CV checklist- what to leave in and out
- CV formats and Sample CVs
- Content of a CV
- Linkedin VS CV
- Final tips for a successful CV







### Introduction



- The purpose of this section is to get you thinking about your career to date and how to best represent that on your CV.
- Is the CV dead? Will LinkedIn take over? We cover both the CV and LinkedIn in this section. Both are still needed, but the key is keeping them consistent with each other.
- We link to a couple of exercises to help work out what you've enjoyed throughout your career and how to represent that in your CV and LinkedIn profile.
- We recommend that you initially create your CV as a record of what you've done and then start to think about tailoring it for future roles, and this section will help you with that.





### We want to hear from you



How confident are you on how to write/ update your CV? (Please select one from the list below)

- Very confident
- Confident
- Unsure
- Low confidence
- No Confidence







### Career appraisal



Reviewing your career to date is important to ensure you make decision about your future career.

Starting with your most recent job, think about the following:

- Job title
- Outline of the role
- Key Achievements
- How you felt about these achievement
- Reasons for accepting the role
- Reasons for leaving

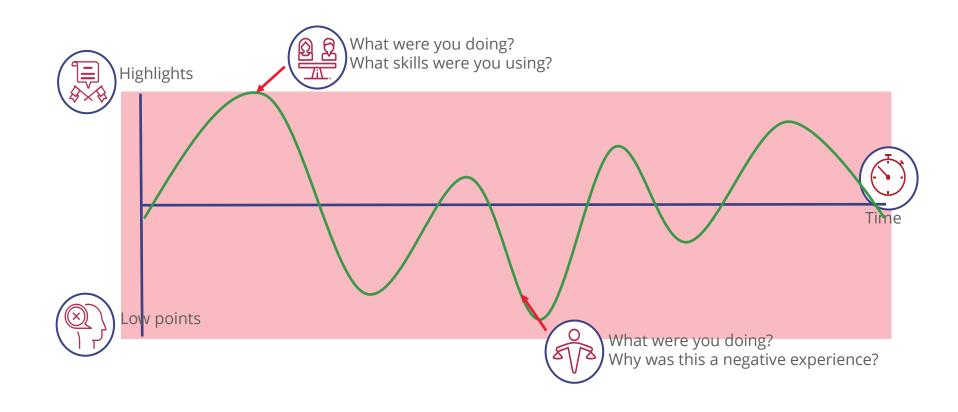






# Career lifeline









### **Achievements**



- Going back to the notes you've started on your most recent role.
- You will have initially written down roughly what you did.
- Now try to identify your achievements in the last role:

- What did you do?
- Timescales/when you did it

- How did you do it?
- Outcome or result







# **CV Checklist**

You should include:	
Name	Yes
Telephone contact	Yes - Mobile and/or home
Personal email address	Yes
LinkedIn URL	Get this from your profile and paste it to the top of your CV
Career history	Yes
University / college education	Yes
Secondary school	Yes – only if less than 5 years' work experience
Professional memberships	Yes
Knowledge/Key skills section	Some people like to highlight this on their CV as a separate section
Training & development	Yes – if relevant
Publications, research, working groups	Yes
Voluntary work	Yes
Hobbies and interests	Yes – if relevant



You should not include:	
Date of birth	No – unless you have less than 5 years' work experience
Religion	No
Referees	No
Marital Status	No
Sexual Orientation	No
No. of children	No
Political affiliations	No
Reasons for leaving	No
Any conflicts with employer, colleagues, etc.	No
Disabilities/ill health	No- Include in covering letter if affects ability to work
Exaggerations	Don't make up a degree or anything to do with work!
Criminal convictions	No – if required to disclose these then do so in a covering letter or in person, but not onse a CV

Possible	
Address	Better to include the location of where you'd like to work
Nationality / rights to work in UK	If appropriate/necessary
Driving licence	If applicable for what you are applying for
Photo	Much debate on this - LinkedIn has them, so why not on a CV?





### **CV** format



- Chronological
- Functional (Skilled based)
- P11 UN
- Contractor
- Career gap
- Technical









# Chronological: Ideal layout



- 1.Name at the top
- 2. Contact details directly underneath (can put both these in Header and embolden and increase size of font)
- 3. Profile statement
- 4. Option: skills listing
- 5. Career history and achievements: most recent first with more detail for previous 7 10 years
- 6. Professional qualifications and training
- 7. Education (for some roles eg education and law) it can be preferred to be straight after profile statement









# CV Samples



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# CV Samples



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FULL NAME





# Skills based: Ideal layout



- 1.Name at the top
- 2. Contact details directly underneath (can put both these in Header and embolden and increase size of font)
- 3. Profile statement
- 4. Between 3 and 5 sections which breaks your CV down into clear work areas that you have experienced e.g. admin duties, managing people, customer service etc
- 5. Career history: Organisation, job role and dates. This can be in table format
- 6. Professional qualifications and training
- 7. Education (for some roles eg education and law) it can be preferred to be straight after profile statement







### CV Samples

#### FirstName Surname | Job <u>Title</u> Location

Telephone Number | email address | linkedin URL

Profile statement - this should be around 4 - 5 lines long and summarise the key skills, knowledge and experience you have. On your first CV make this general about the most recent role you have and then for subsequent versions, when you are applying for roles customise, this to use similar language to that of the job advert so that you appeal to the reader.

#### Skills and Experience

Key Skill Title (For example Team Leadership)

- · Add some bullet points to show your achievements in this skill
- Consider your career as a whole and think of tasks /projects that reflect your experience
- · Typically have 3 skill sections which you can rotate depending on the role you are going for

Key Skill Title 2 (For example Training and Development)

- · Add some bullet points to show your achievements in this skill
- Consider your career as a whole and think of tasks /projects that reflect your experience
- . Typically have 3 skill sections which you can rotate depending on the role you are going for

Key Skill Title 3 (For example Project Management)

- · Add some bullet points to show your achievements in this skill
- Consider your career as a whole and think of tasks /projects that reflect your experience
- Typically have 3 skill sections which you can rotate depending on the role you are going for

#### Career Summary

List below the company name, job title and dates for the roles you have held throughout your career.

Company Name, Job Title

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#### Voluntary Work

- · List any voluntary work or positions you've held
- · Consider things like Scout/Guide Leader, School Governor, Fund Raiser, Sports Clubs and so on

#### Professional Qualifications

List here any work related qualifications that are relevant to the work you are looking for next

#### Education

Depending on the stage of your career, you can add education here in a format as follows: School or university name, name of course, grades, date

#### Additional Information

- · Hobbies which may be a good talking point if you have space
- You can include languages, work permits and other such things if relevant to you/the job applying for













On average how long do recruiters/ hiring manager spend looking at someone's CV? (Please select on from the list below)

- 60 Seconds or less
- 5 minutes or less
- 15 minutes or less
- More than 15 mins.







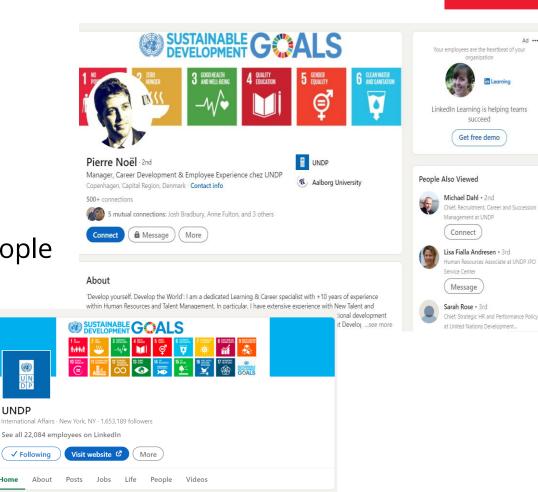
### LinkedIn

### Why should you use LinkedIn?

- On-Line presence
- Networking opportunities- with over 200 million people
- Building your brand

### My profile

- Should be a Live document
- A replica of your CV
- Understand LinkedIn groups and how to connect



About

The United Nations Development Programme works in nearly 170 countries and territories, helping to achieve the eradication of poverty, and the reduction of inequalities and exclusion. We help countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities and build resilience in order to sustain development.

See all details



### **P11United Nations**



- 1. Add all details as set out in the document.
- 2. Ensure you complete all sections in full and make sure if there are any you are unsure of to contact the hiring manager.
- 3. More detail the better- Ensure you complete all sections in complete with as much detail as possible. This is used for recruitment within the UN, and will be viewed ahead of your CV.
- 4. This is a live document and should be updated as and when your career changes or develops.
- 5. This document is only viewed by the recruitment person and is stored on a secure system.







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### Profile statement



- At the top of your CV, but often easier to write once you've written the rest of the document.
- Ideally 4 or 5 lines long, and it summarises your key skills and experience.
- Try to produce something that is focused on what you are looking to do next.
- Ideally, you will tailor your CV for every role you go for, and that applies to the profile statement as well.









### Examples of profile statements



### **Personal Profile**

**Experienced International Human Resources** Leader passionate about contributing to the Agenda 2030. Currently serving as the Chief, Strategic Talent Management at the United Nations Development Programme, leading the design and delivery of People Strategies and Programs for our people in over 150 countries related to Talent Management and Mobility, Career and Succession Management, Leadership Assessments and Selections, Diversity and Inclusion.







# **Optional Sections**



- Skills Listing
- Education
- Professional development
- Volunteering
- Personal information









- Reminder again tailor your CV for each specific role
- Produce a well organised professional document
- Check and re-check to ensure correct grammar and punctuation
- Two pairs of eyes ask someone to check it before it gets sent out
- Once you're happy with your CV, update LinkedIn to match it ensure consistency between the two











# **Thank You!**

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