

Curriculum Vitae Pauline Kastermans

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Work Experience

June 2013 – Jan 2016 **International Officer, D66** (*Dutch Democratic Party*)

June 2013 – July 2014: 32 h/week; September 2014 – January 2016: 12 h/week

Mainly responsible for the execution of the yearly programme of the international foundation.

- Fund-raising and financial reporting of a budget of €200.000+.
- International event-management (e.g. in Brussels, Tunisia, Azerbaijan, Serbia and Belarus).
- Representing D66 and maintaining its international network.
- Setting up and managing communication channels (website, Facebook, Twitter).

Jan – May 2014 **Candidate #8 for the European Parliament Elections, D66**

Result: #5 with 12,306 preferential votes:

- Setting up personal political campaign, marketing strategy with a team of 15 volunteers.
- Managing communication strategy: [website](#), newsletter, writing and circulating press articles. Participating in (televised) [debates](#) and presentations.
- Main policy focus: youth representation, foreign affairs and educational policy.
- Glamour's Woman of the Year 2014 – [Nominee](#) in the category 'Better World'.
- Nominee 'Young European of the Year 2015' of the Schwarzkopf Foundation

Fall 2012 **Research Internship, Lousewies van der Laan** (*Political Consultant*)

- Preparing materials for training session of the Africa Liberal Network in Ivory Coast.
- Research on African political developments and liberal parties.

Education

Spring 2016 **MBA Exchange Program, Peking University**

Following courses at the Guanghua School of Management & Mandarin.

2014 – Currently **Student MSc Business Administration - GPA: 8/10, RSM Erasmus University**

Courses included Entrepreneurial Challenge, Corporate Governance, and Innovation Management.

Thesis: Corporate Political Activity – Lobbying strategies in a multi-institutional context (8/10)

2010 - 2013 **BA Liberal Arts & Sciences - Cum Laude, Amsterdam University College**

Major: Political Sciences & International Relations & minor: Literature & History.

2012 **BA Exchange Program, Freie Universität Berlin**

Followed courses at the faculty of Political Sciences & German (level: C1).

2002 – 2008 **Pre-University Education (VWO), Maartens College, Haren**

Bilingual program (IB-MYP). Certificate IBO English A2 - Higher level.

Extracurricular Activities

April 2015 – Currently **Educational Committee, RSM Erasmus University – MScBA**
Monitoring and evaluating MScBA-programme quality and regulations via participatory council of 2 students and 2 staff-members.

Dec 2014 – Currently **Human Rights Programme Manager, International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY)**
Lobbying for IFLRY's position on human rights policies at, among other places, Liberal International, UNHRC; and, encouraging Member Organizations to take up human rights advocacy.

Oct 2014 – Jan 2014 **Editor, Denkcafé Arminius**
Cooperation SG Erasmus and debate centre Arminius in Rotterdam – organizing a monthly discussion evening on a societal issue. Responsibilities: set-up of programme and inviting speakers.

Feb 2012 - Currently **Trainer, D66, Jonge Democraten and the Council of Europe**

- Developing training courses on varying political and civil issues, including human rights, campaigning, party organization and political ideology.
- Fund-raising at European and international funds (average: budgets of €7500 per project).
- Working in a wide variety of environments. Developed political and cultural sensitivity.
- Participant of the Trainer of Trainers in Human Rights Education 2013 of the Council of Europe. High-level, selective 1-year training course on non-formal education methods.

April 2012 – Sept 2013 **International Officer and Vice-President, Jonge Democraten**
Representing the organization at international events and organizing events on European & international topics, such as the US elections, the European neighbourhood and human rights.

2010 – 2012 **Member of several committees, Amsterdam University College**
Student Advisory Panel Humanities (2010); Amsterdam Honours Graduation Event (2011); AUC Graduation Working Group (2012)

2008 – 2009 **Spanish course in Barcelona**

Language Skills

Dutch	Mother Tongue	Spanish	High Intermediate
English	Fluent	German	High Intermediate
Mandarin	Beginner	French	Beginner

Technical Skills

Good command of Microsoft Office (Word, Powerpoint, Excel)
Basic command of HTML, Wordpress, Mailchimp

Interests

Traveling – China (2015), Lebanon & Jordan (2014), Thailand & Cambodia (2013).

Food – Attending food festivals; cooking inspired by Lebanese or Vietnamese kitchen; baking.

Attending interesting lectures conferences – UN Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals Summit (2015), Geneva Human Rights Summit (2015), TEDxTheHague (2014)

Visiting museums and music, fashion & film festivals – Andy Warhol exhibitions, Roskilde, Arnhem Mode Biennale, Amsterdam Dance Event, International Film Festival Rotterdam.