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Experience

(Multiple Clients) Freelance Designer 2010–

Aalto University Business Students Art Director 2023–2024

HBL (KSF) Media Visual Journalist 2012–2016; 2023–

Berry Creative Design Internship 2019

The Finnish Broadcasting Company Radio Newscaster 2009–2010 Design projects of a varying nature, often alongside my studies. Primarily print design, branding, and illustration for different smaller clients.

A year-long contract. Planning and executing the association's larger visual projects, with a focus on print products like magazines and books.

Mainly layout for the newspaper Hufvudstadsbladet and its digital evening edition HBL Kväll. At times also proofreading and translation.

A five-month-long internship. Branding, layout, and illustration for two larger projects, working both in teams and on my own.

Writing and delivering radio news reports on the Swedish-language youth channel X3M. Cutting soundbites and operating the studio when on air.

Education

Master of Arts Visual Communication Design Aalto University 2022

Bachelor of Culture and Arts

Graphic Design Lahti University of Applied Sciences 2018

Bachelor of Social Sciences Journalism and Communication The University of Helsinki 2015

I completed a year-long minor in pattern design (PatternLab 2021). Each participant had to make 30 cohesive, finished patterns for three shared collections, which were then sold.

I studied abroad for a year, at The University of Kansas in the USA, in 2017–18. I focused on trying new things, taking classes in subjects like motion graphics, hand lettering, and packaging design.

I minored in political science as well as film and television studies. In my last year, I pivoted from writing to visual journalism, and wrote my thesis about newspaper layout.

Etcetera

AYY Design Calendar

My design proposal for Aalto University's student union AYY's pocket calendar was chosen for production in 2020.

European Newspaper Award

A spread I designed for KSF Media's regional newspaper Hangötidningen won an international layout award in 2015.

Dance Gamers of Finland

Designer (2010–2020); Board Member (2010–2017); Vice Chair (2014–2015); Main Organizer of the European Championships (2014–2017).

The City of Helsinki

I've helped organize national elections three times: in 2009, 2011, and 2012. I checked voters' identities and counted votes.

MIRKA LARJOMAA GRAPHIC DESIGNER