

## Alexandra Bosbeer

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### Professional experience

12/2015 – **Freelance photographer**, Siegburg.

present [www.bosbeerphotos.com](http://www.bosbeerphotos.com); [www.thebeargallery.com](http://www.thebeargallery.com); @FotoBosbeer

Working directly with clients to organize and teach workshops for a variety of participant groups, as well as photographing events and people, and mounting exhibitions. Clients include the Protestant church in Rheinland, the Women's (Ecumenical) Synode in the Netherlands, and individuals.

Tasks include administration such as maintaining files and accounts, social media outreach, maintenance of websites, and blogging on art.

Leader of the Cologne branch of international photo club Photoresk ([www.photoresk.com](http://www.photoresk.com)); co-organizer of an informal photography club in Aachen.

12/2015 – **Blogger** at [thethinkingpot.org](http://thethinkingpot.org), analyzing and commenting on politics and policy at European and national scales. @thethinkingpot

5/2015 - **Friend in Residence**, Swarthmoor Hall, Cumbria, England.

10/2015 Supported staff at a Quaker retreat centre, including producing a newsletter and organizing events for local stakeholders, and welcoming visitors.

10/2012 – **Representative & Head of Office**, Quaker Council for European Affairs, Brussels.  
9/2015

Leader of a small team representing Quakers at the EU and the Council of Europe. Oversaw advocacy work on sustainability, peace, and human rights.

Typical tasks as Head of Office included:

- \* Development of an annual workplan and (adaptive) management of the staff and volunteers implementing the plan;
- \* Budget control and financial planning;
- \* Communication with stakeholders (Quakers in Europe) in person as well as through blogs and a newsletter, regarding the EU and Council of Europe

institutions and the Quaker advocacy program and methods;

\* Networking and collaboration with partner non-governmental organizations;

\* Training and mentoring of staff.

7/2011 –  
9/2012

**Photographer and Blogger** in Central- und North America.

Photography for community projects Amigas del Señor, Honduras, and women's textile cooperative Oxlajuj B'atz' in Guatemala.

[www.alexandrabosbeer.com/blog](http://www.alexandrabosbeer.com/blog)

7/2009 –  
6/2011

**Accreditation Program Manager**, Accreditation Services International, Bonn.

Quality control in the forest management audit system of the Forest Stewardship Council. The work entailed:

\* close contact with client organizations internationally,

\* coordinating ,calibration' of approaches to auditing within the company,

\* performing document and witness audits in forests and in business along the forest product supply chain. These audits took place in many parts of the globe (e.g. Europe, North and South America, Russia, Asia, Australia and New Zealand) and included verbal and written reports.

6/2001 –  
6/2009

**Self-employed ecologist**, Sylvan Consulting Ecologists, Ireland.

\* Science-based analysis of forest and nature areas including botanical and soil surveys. Work included customer relations, and bookkeeping.

10/1998 –  
6/2009

**Lecturer in Forest ecology and forest management**, Galway Mayo Institute of Technology, Galway, Ireland.

\* Designing and delivering teaching modules for undergraduates.

\* Providing support and supervision to students.

\* Serving on related national expert groups, such as the Forest Stewardship Council national initiative, Woodlands of Ireland, and a stakeholder group involved with local city park planning.

## **Education**

1/1996 –  
6/2001

PhD, Botany. National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland.

Thesis: "Galway's Woodlands: Inventory, Social Context, and Prospects for the Future"

9/1992 –  
5/1994

Master of Science (with honours), Tropical forestry. Wageningen University, Netherlands.

9/1983 –  
5/1988

Bachelor of Arts (*cum laude* with Distinction), Psychology.

Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA.

## Skills

Languages	English: mother tongue Dutch: fluent (B2+) German: fluent (B2; Goethe Institute Certificate) French: very good (B1) Spanish: basic (A2)
IT skills	Excellent knowledge of various software programs includes Salesforce, Dreamweaver, Wordpress, Twitter, Photoshop, Scribus, as well as MS Office and Libre Office. Good knowledge of InDesign and Illustrator. Excellent organizer.
Communication skills	Strong skills in communication and presentations developed during ten years as college lecturer and five years blogging. Capable and warm team member gifted with creative thinking.
Organizational skills	Experienced facilitator and team leader. Solution-oriented. Excellent at multi-tasking.

## Additional Information

Publications	<i>Complete list of publications:</i> <a href="http://alexandrabosbeer.com/publications.html">http://alexandrabosbeer.com/publications.html</a>  <i>Link to photography exhibitions</i> <a href="http://thebeargallery.com/AlexandraBosbeerindex.html">http://thebeargallery.com/AlexandraBosbeerindex.html</a>
Memberships	Member of UK Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management; Chartered Environmentalist. Organizer of a Siegburg networking group for freelancers.
Hobbies	Cycling, hiking, swimming; ceramics, textile handcrafts, and website design.