

Gregor Herrmann

Curriculum vitæ

Personal information

DOB/POB 1970-06-11. Wels, Austria, Europe Nationalities Austrian, EU

Overview

About me I have completed multiple studies in **human sciences** and have been working for more than 25 years in **addiction prevention**. In parallel with my studies and professional work, I am active as a volunteer, especially in youth work (**Guiding & Scouting**) and in the Free Software community (the **Debian** GNU/Linux distribution).

Strengths My strengths lie in conceptual and **analytical thinking**, structured planning and execution, and coherent thinking. I tend to work best in teams. Besides my extensive knowledge in diverse areas, I have long-standing experience in leadership positions, working with groups and as a trainer.

Interests My current areas of interest are **Free Software** and **Information society**, from both the technical and socio-political perspectives.

Education

Formal education

1976–1980 Primary school, Volkschule 10, Wels

1980–1988 **Grammar school**, Bundesgymnasium Wels/Schauerstraße, Bundesgymnasium Innsbruck/Sillgasse, 'Matura' (A-levels) with distinction Focus: languages (English, Latin, French).

1988–1994 **Diploma program in Business administration**, *University of Innsbruck*, Mag.rer.soc.oec. (Master degree, social and economic sciences)

Diploma thesis: "Learning by Doing. An analysis of adult leader training in Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of Austria from the perspective of human resource management."

1989–1995 **Diploma program in Political science and Philosophy**, *University of Innsbruck*, Mag.phil. (Master degree, humanities) with disctinction Diploma thesis: "Der Schoß ist fruchtbar noch. Political and sociological right wing extremism: Forms, causes, and counter-strategies."

1993–1995 **Postgraduate course in Interpersonal communication**, *University of Innsbruck*, "Akademisch geprüfter Kommunikationsberater" (Master of Advanced Studies)

Thesis: "Be your own chairperson. Analysis of Theme-Centered Interaction and its application in the training of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of Austria."

Non-formal education – youth work

- 1977–1987 **Youth member**, *PfadfinderInnen Österreichs (Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of Austria)*, Group Wels, Group Innsbruck/Turm
- 1988–1992 **Adult leader training**, *PfadfinderInnen Osterreichs*, Woodbadge course 3 part basic training plus various advanced seminars. Recognized by the World Organization of the Scout Movement.
- 1992–1994 **Trainer training**, *PfadfinderInnen Österreichs*, Trainer 2 part basic training plus various advanced seminars.
- 1996–2001 **International training**, *World associations, other national associations*, Spain, Denmark, Austria, Italy, Slovenia International seminars: participation and presentations. Working language: English.

Non-formal education - Free Software

2006–present International meetings, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Catalonia, France, Germany, Italy, Kosovo, Nicaragua, Quebec, Scotland, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, USA

International conferences and work meetings (Debian Conference, FOSDEM, Perl Workshops, et al.): participation, talks, and workshop facilitation. Conducted in English.

Vocational education

1998—present **Addiction prevention and prevention research**, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, France, Italy

Numerous national and international seminars, conferences, and congresses.

- 2004–2005 **Motivational Interviewing**, *Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers*, Trainer Basic and advanced seminar, "Train New Trainer" seminar.
- 2022–2023 **European Prevention Curriculum**, *EMCDDA*, National Trainer, Online, Berlin, Vienna EUPC Basic and advanced seminar, "Training of Trainers" seminar.

Experience

Internships, freelance activities, compulsary community service

- 1988-present **Programming**, Various programming projects. Databases, web applications
 - 1989–1998 **Student assistant in statistics**, *University of Innsbruck*, Department of statistics Support in coursework in Bayes and multivariate statistics.
 - 1992 Internship during Political science studies, *Grazer Büro für Frieden und Entwicklung (Center for Peace and Development)*, Graz, 1 month Editing the annual report; designing the video library; providing project assistance.
 - 1997–1998 **Compulsary community service**, kontakt+co Suchtprävention Jugendrotkreuz (Center for Addiction Prevention), Innsbruck

Vocational experience

1998-present **Employee**, kontakt+co Suchtprävention Jugendrotkreuz (Center for Addiction Prevention), Innsbruck, Information and education on addiction and addiction prevention

- Addiction prevention in youth work:
 - o Preparation, implementation, and updates of the concept for the target group
 - Creation of informational and pedagogical materials
 - o Participation in EU projects
 - o Seminars and coaching (addiction prevention in youth work, Motivational Interviewing)
 - o Workshops, talks and other events with teenagers and adults
 - Project support

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- Addiction prevention in schools:
 - o Planning and implementation of peer education programs
 - Planning and implementation of a nation-wide program for addiction prevention for schools, including a scientific evaluation of efficacy
- Internal IT management:
 - o System and network administration (Windows and Linux servers, Windows clients, et al.)
 - Websites
 - User support
 - o Database programming
 - Desktop Publishing
- Information and knowledge management:
 - Assistance in the development of informational materials
 - o Design and implementation of library management system
 - o Electronic press and publications archive
- Networking:
 - Member of the Drug Work working group, Tyrol
 - o Coordination of Austrian trainers in Motivational Interviewing

Volunteer experience – youth work

- 1987–1994 **Adult Leader**, *PfadfinderInnen Österreichs*, Group Innsbruck/Turm 10 to 13 years olds. Weekly meetings and camps.
- 1991–1996 **Group Guide/Scout Leader**, *PfadfinderInnen Österreichs*, Group Innsbruck/Turm Led entire local group (all age sections). Program design and implementation, internal leader training, cooperation with regional association.
- 1992–1997 **Regional Commissioner**, *PfadfinderInnen Österreichs*, Regional Association Tyrol 10 to 13 year-old group. Responsible for program and training for youth members and adult leaders. Cooperation with national level, conceptual work, seminars.
- 1997–2000 **Regional Training and Program Commissioner**, *PfadfinderInnen Österreichs*, Regional Association Tyrol

Responsible for program and training for all age sections. Development and implementation of trainings, cooperation with national level, coaching of regional training team.

- 2000–2002 **Project Coordinator**, *PfadfinderInnen Österreichs*, National association Project "Adults in Scouting." Coordination of conceptual work.
- 1992–2005 **Adult Leader Trainer**, *PfadfinderInnen Österreichs*, National association Seminars for adult leaders at regional and national level, including Gilwell training: planning, implementation, and team leadership. Since 1997 recognized as "Assistant Leader Trainer" by the World Organization of the Scout Movement.
- 1997–2011 **Trainers' Trainer**, *PfadfinderInnen Österreichs*, National association Seminars for trainers at regional and national level: planning, implementation, and team leadership.
- 2008–2020 **eLearning tutor**, *PfadfinderInnen Österreichs*, National association Support for new trainers in eLearning portal.

Volunteer experience – Free software

2006-present **Contributor**, *Debian project*

Package maintainer, member of the "Debian Perl Group". Package updates, bug fixes, communication with users and upstream developers.

2008-present "Debian Developer" (project member), Debian project

Package maintainance, mentoring of new contributors, distribution-wide bug fixing, coordination of tasks within the Debian Perl Group, workshop facilitation at the annual Debian Conference (DebConf).

Affiliations

Professional

MINT Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers – https://www.motivationalinterviewing.org/

INEBRIA International Network on Brief Interventions for Alcohol & Other Drugs – https://inebria.net/

Youth work

PPÖ PfadfinderInnen Österreichs (Boy Scouts and Girl Guides of Austria) – https://www.ppoe.at/

WOSM World Organization of the Scout Movement - https://www.scout.org/

Free Software

Debian Debian – https://www.debian.org/

FSFE Free Software Foundation Europe – https://www.fsfe.org/

SPI Inc. Software in the Public Interest, Inc. - https://www.spi-inc.org/

VIBE!AT Verein für Internet-Benutzer Österreichs (Association for Internet Users) – https://www.vibe.at/

Language skills

Natural languages

German native French Grammar school level
English fluent, written and spoken Latin Grammar school level

Italian, basic knowledge Catalan, some fragments

Spanish Portuguese

Formal languages

Shell good LATEX basic knowledge PHP, Perl5 good C, C++ basic knowledge HTML, CSS, good Python, basic knowledge SQL Javascript

Computer skills

Operating Windows (clients & server), Linux (Debian & derivatives)

systems

Desktop Office suites (MS Office, LibreOffice), Desktop Publishing (Pagemaker,

software Indesign, Scribus), image processing (Photoshop, Gimp), statistical software (SPSS), et al.

Server Mail servers (Exchange, Exim, Courier), web servers (Apache), name server (Bind), et al.

software

Databases MS Access, MSSQL, MySQL/MariaDB, PostgreSQL, SQLite

Version CVS, Subversion, Git

control

Packaging Debian package creation and maintenance

Networking Basic knowledge TCP/IP, routing, firewalls, WiFi

Hobbies

Books https://info.comodo.priv.at/library.html Programmming https://www.toastfreeware.priv.at/

Cinema https://info.comodo.priv.at/movies/

Travel & https://archaeologie.comodo.priv.at/

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