

Curriculum Vitae

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Research interests

My research interests are: Education for sustainable development, Environmental education, personal development and learning processes, knowledge uncertainty and children, value reflection and safe learning environments.



Work experience

May '11 - Present	Owner of Konekto Consultancy.
Jan '09 - Present	Project leader at SOM Nijmegen. Developing environmental educational projects for primary and secondary education dealing with e.g. energy and climate change (designing new and selecting existing educational materials, developing websites, developing training methods for youth (peer to peer) educators), networking, communication & PR (profiling the organization using social media, educational databases, internet websites, flyers and news letters), organizing communication processes (organizing information meetings, news letters, notes); acquisition and writing project proposals.
Jul '08 - Nov '08	Internship at SME Advies, Utrecht (A Dutch consultancy organization in the field of sustainable development, environmental communication and education). Getting acquainted with consultancy work and developing a lesson module for secondary school students explaining why studying the environment is a prerequisite for making sustainable decisions (part of the international GLOBE program).
Jun '07	Student-assistant Presentation skills (Supervising a group of international graduate students working on their presentation skills and feedback competences), Wageningen University.
Apr '07 - Aug '08	Member advisory committee of the local environmental education center, Het Groene Wiel. On behalf of the volunteers.
Nov '06 - Feb '07	Improving promotional function of educational activities (VWO Campus) for high school students and interesting them in BSc studies within the Social Sciences Department, Wageningen University.
Aug '05 - Present	Volunteer at the local environmental education center, Veldwerkcentrum Het Groene Wiel, Wageningen. Development of educational materials for primary schools.

Education

Nov '06 - Nov '08	MSc (With distinction) Communication Science + Minor Environmental Education, Wageningen University. MSc thesis focused on the extent to which an environmental education project from Schools for Sustainability engages students from the lower years in secondary school in the topic of litter and/or the educational process. Thesis supervisors: Prof. dr. ir. A.E.J. Wals (WUR), Dr. R.J. Renes (WUR), Ir. K. Sollart (Alterra) en S. Janssen (IVN Gelderland).
Mar '06 - Nov '06	BSc Forest- and Nature conservation, Wageningen University.
Sep '97 - Aug '02	
Sep '96 - Aug '97	Propedeuse Environmental policy design, Radboud University Nijmegen.
Sep '90 - Aug '96	High School, Rijnlands Lyceum Wassenaar.

Awards and nominations

Second place Rachel Carson Environmental Sciences Thesis Award 2008 – 2009.

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Publications

Tauritz, R.L. & A.E.J. Wals (2009). A history of environmental education and youth participation in The Netherlands. In: *Young people, education, and sustainable development: Exploring principles, perspectives and praxis*. Corcoran, P.B et al. (Eds.). Wageningen: Wageningen Academic Publishers.

Tauritz, R.L. (Forthcoming). Transforming learning environments and learning tools. In: Conference Proceedings ENSI Conference (March 26th – 28th 2009). 'Creating Learning Environments for the future – Sharing knowledge on Research and Practice'. Leuven: KHL Leuven.

Tauritz, R.L. (2008). *Zwerfafval als uitglijder?! Leerlingen uit het voortgezet onderwijs betrekken bij het zwerfafvalprobleem*. (Slippery litter?! Involving secondary school students in the issue of littering). Unpublished MSc Thesis. Wageningen: Wageningen University. (Available at www.phys.uu.nl/~hetwiel/).

Tauritz, R.L. (2007). *A Safe Haven. Social Learning in a safe learning environment*. Unpublished essay. Wageningen: Wageningen University. (Available at <http://rltauritz.wordpress.com/>).

Seminars

- May '10 **Crossing Boundaries and Expanding Horizons. Rethinking education and learning in an era of (un)sustainability.** International seminar about trans-disciplinary learning processes and sustainable development. **Contribution:** Development and organization of the seminar in close collaboration with Wageningen University, Netherlands. www.crossingboundaries.somnijmegen.nl
- Nov'09 **Educatie voor Duurzame Ontwikkeling in de NME-praktijk: uitdagingen voor Hoofd, Hart en Handen.** 23rd Benelux work conference in Oostende, Belgium. **Contribution:** Participant.
- Mar '09 **ENSI Conference. Creating learning environments for the future.** Sharing knowledge on research & practice in Leuven, Belgium. **Contribution:** Rapporteur workshop.
- Sep '08 **Engaging Research on ESD** in Möschberg, Switzerland (ENSI Network). **Contribution:** Short presentation of thesis work in small discussion group.

Professional Memberships

- ENSI Engaging research on Education for Sustainable Development (International Junior researcher group)
- DHO Dutch network organization focused on sustainability in higher education
- JGN Jane Goodall Nederland

Additional courses

- May '10 Online leertraject over "Web2.0 en platteland"
- Sep '09 Sharing Nature Workshop Intensive (Joseph Cornell)
- Jul '09 Location theatre (participative design, directing and playing)
- Jan '08 - Mar '08 Observation as a method of data gathering technique (Wageningen University)
- '06 - '07 Storytelling workshops (Studium generale, Wageningen University)
- Sep '06 - Nov '06 Non-violent Communication (COMMA2ME)
- Mar '06 Workshop Creative thinking (Centre for Development of Creative Thinking)
- '02 - '05 Option process and Option dialogue coaching (Option Support)