

Louis Birach

Project coordinator

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Career Objectives

Highly motivated professional with a passion for people and human rights. As a dual citizen of the USA and Germany, I bring a global perspective and cross-cultural understanding. I have lobbied in Washington for immigration reform, collaborated with business and community leaders, and represented nonprofits at conferences. My experience includes conflict resolution training under Colombian peace negotiators, studying migrant integration in Germany during the refugee crisis, and assisting New Americans in adjusting to life in the USA. As a coordinator, I gained expertise in grant writing (EU & US), project development, and leading workshops on human rights and social impact.

Skills

Legal Research & Case Analysis	Multicultural Communication	C2 English & B1 German
Policy Advocacy & Analysis	Data Analysis	Strategic Planning
Grant Writing (USA & EU)	Training & Mentoring	Public Speaking
Project Coordination & Creation	Stakeholder Partnership Development	

Experience

Tratwa, Center for Catastrophe / Project Coordinator

May 2023 - PRESENT, Wrocław, Dolny śląsk

- Led and managed a team of 12 European Solidarity Corps (ESC) volunteers, providing mentorship, professional development support, and daily operational oversight at a cultural center.
- Designed, launched, and managed 7 large-scale ESC projects focused on peacebuilding, democratic engagement, and personal/professional development, successfully coordinating up to 40 international volunteers per project.
- Developed and facilitated 30+ workshops and training sessions on Democracy, Emergency Preparedness, Peace Studies, and Interpersonal Skills, equipping participants with critical knowledge and practical skills.
- Oversaw recruitment efforts, conducting over 200 interviews to identify and onboard volunteers best suited for program objectives, ensuring a diverse and engaged cohort.

Birach Law PC / Immigration Law Paralegal

March 2016 - May 2023, Southfield, Michigan, USA

- Advocated for immigration reform by representing the American Immigration Lawyers Association at their annual National Day of Action in Washington, D.C. Regularly participated in the Bridges Initiative, working with Muslim and Arab communities and government officials to combat discrimination and Islamophobia.
- Provided direct client support, assisting individuals in navigating the U.S. immigration system, understanding local administration, and accessing community resources.

- Conducted in-depth legal research on country conditions, cost-of-living data, asylum claims, and protected status cases to support client applications.
- Managed legal documentation and case administration, preparing official forms, gathering client records, scheduling meetings, and coordinating communication between public and private partners.

Wayne State Center for Urban Studies / Community Organizer

July 2018 - August 2019, Detroit, Michigan, USA

- Led community safety initiatives, boarding up blighted homes, analyzing COMPSTAT data, educating residents on crime trends, and conducting home safety assessments. Organized community patrols, established safe pathways for children walking to school, created new neighborhood associations, and connected communities with grant writers to secure long-term safety funding.
- Collaborated with business associations to improve public safety by conducting security assessments, connecting shop owners with neighborhood groups, launching safety awareness campaigns, and sharing crime data to develop tailored security strategies.
- Trained and mentored new team members, equipping them with interpersonal skills, data analysis techniques, and practical safety assessment knowledge. Provided hands-on instruction in basic tool usage for home repair and community improvement projects.

Education and training

Wayne State University/ Bachelors of Liberal Arts in Political Science

May 2022, Detroit, Michigan, USA

Universidad del Externado De Colombia/ Peace Studies

September 2018, Bogotá, Distrito Capital,, Colombia

Notre Dame / Certificate in Nonprofit Fund Development

May 2021 South Bend, Indiana, USA

Gustav Stresemann Institut/ Empowerment and inclusion of Migrants in Europe

November 2023, Bad Bevesen, Niedersachsen, German

Dale Carnegie / Dale Carnegie Course

September 2021 Novi, Michigan, USA

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