

## ABOUT ME

Passionate advocate & change maker specialised in EU and UN policy. Current Board Member of Civil Society Europe and member of the Expert Group on the Future of Cohesion Policy.

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## EDUCATION



**TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN**

Bachelor of Law

2010



**UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM**

Master's in International Law

2011

## LANGUAGES

English(native), French (advanced),  
German(basic)

# AILBHE (ALVA) FINN

## SEASONED ADVOCATE AND LEADER

### EXPERIENCE

#### SECRETARY GENERAL

*Social Platform (May 2021- Present)*

Leading and inspiring the work of Social Platform. Responsibilities include: motivating the team through people management, designing effective advocacy and communication strategies, donor engagement and financial management.

#### ACTING HEAD OF ADVOCACY & POLICY

*Save the Children Europe (Sep 2020-May 2021)*

Leading and inspiring the Advocacy and Campaigns Team to execute the EU influencing strategy.

#### SENIOR ADVOCACY ADVISOR(GLOBAL HEALTH)

*Save the Children (Feb 2018- Sept 2020)*

Responsible for advocacy on the EU's foreign and aid policy with a focus on global health and nutrition and managing a large grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

#### POLICY MANAGER

*Mental Health Europe (Jan 2016- Feb 2018)*

Responsible for the management of projects and advocacy activities on human rights and mainstreaming mental health in EU policies.

#### POLICY AND HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER

*Mental Health Europe (Aug 2015- Jan 2016)*

Responsible for policy and advocacy on mental health, social policy and human rights. Successfully project managed the revision of the groundbreaking 'Mapping Exclusion' [report](#).

#### CONSULTANT

*UN Special Rapporteur on the right to health (Oct 2016- Feb 2017)*

Worked as a consultant to the UN Special Rapporteur on his first-ever report on the right to mental health. (See: [A/HRC/35/21](#))

#### HUMAN RIGHTS ATTACHÉ,

*Irish Mission to the UN, Geneva (Aug 2014 -July 2015)*

Represented Ireland at the Human Rights Council, negotiating key resolutions and initiatives and building key relationships.

#### LEGAL ADVISOR,

*AMERA, Egypt (Dec 2010 -Oct 2011)*

Legally represented refugees and asylum seekers before the UNHCR in Cairo. Acted as focal point for unaccompanied minors.