

# Imad Mousa

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## Education and Courses

- **Academic Qualifications**

### University of Essex – UK

Masters Degree in Theory and Practice of Human Rights Oct 2006 – Sept 2007

### Al-Azhar University – Palestine

Bachelor Degree in English Literature and Humanities February 2000 – February 2004

- **Web / Internet Qualifications**

### CIW (Certified Internet Webmaster) – UK

Master CIW Designer Certificate (networks & Site/E-Commerce design) Sept 2008 - April 2009

### London School of Computer Education - UK

Object-Oriented PHP & Mysql Web Development (Certificate) June 16 – July 23. 2009

## Employment/ Work Experience

### Freelance Web Designer /Developer

**Current**

Currently working as a full-time web designer and developer, working on all sorts of web sites: personal, small businesses, brochures, e-commerce and media.

For further information please refer to my website [www.philistia.co.uk](http://www.philistia.co.uk). Also, for the time being, starting a project in cooperation with the University of Essex MA students to develop academic human rights based website.

Latest project: [www.spiritinbody.co.uk](http://www.spiritinbody.co.uk) current project: <http://jigsaw.freehostia.com>

### Assisting Web Designer

**Present**

I work as a voluntary assisting web designer for a Horsham based web design business, [www.profitablewebsites.co.uk](http://www.profitablewebsites.co.uk). I help design site templates, initiate website general design, finish off pending projects and assist in server-side programming and Photoshop/Illustrator designs and image editing.

**Freelance Artist****Ongoing**

I've been a professional artist for more than 10 years, I worked on several small and medium size art projects like: short story illustrations and murals, and recently took part in the Dewsbury Annual Art Exhibition. I occasionally paint personal portraits and deliver short-term art lessons.

**Title: Social Worker****Ongoing****Employer: British Red Cross**

I am currently taking an official voluntary role at the International Tracing and Message Services, British Red Cross. We mainly deal with individuals who have been separated from their families due to political conflicts or natural disasters. We help locate their missing families worldwide and convey long-awaited messages.

**Title: Logistic Assistant and Designer****February- 02/August 2008****Employer: Cultures United Centre, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire**

I worked with asylum seekers and refugees, from the Middle East, Africa and Asia, I helped study their files and their legal status, follow up their cases with the bodies concerned. Part of my assignment was to design leaflet, ads and online publishing as well as help collect funds through creating events and activities, awareness campaigns.

**Title: Refugees Researcher and Legal Adviser****September – December 2007****Employer: United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), Geneva**

My duties were to examine laws of citizenship and legislations on the refugees and displaced in North African and Middle Eastern countries and their compatibility with international law and human rights law. I was assigned to investigate any newly passed legislations related to refugees in these countries. I would then forward legal comments and suggestions to the UNHCR regional offices working in these areas.

**Title: Freelance Journalist and Translator****2003 – August 2006****Employer: Several news networks, worldwide (Sweden, Palestine)**

I worked as a professional freelance reporter and interpreter for international news agencies such as the BBC, Reuters and a Japanese agency ASAHI. I also worked for a year as the correspondent, translator, political analyst and fixer for the Swedish newspaper, "Aftanbladet". I did the dubbing and Linguistic revision of a number of political documentaries and TV stories, including the a BBC documentary British by journalist Sean Martin in January 2006. I worked as a simultaneous interpreter in a few conferences and in live TV programmes conducted by local TV networks between 2004 and 2005.

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**I have several years experience working with computers and internet technologies and I am competent in the**

### **WEB PROGRAMMING**

- HTML / XHTML
- CSS/ CSS2/ CSS3
- JavaScript and DOM
- JQuery
- PHP & Object Oriented PHP
- Mysql
- XML
- AJAX

### **WEB GRAPHICS**

- Photoshop CS2/CS3/CS4
- Dreamweaver CS3/CS4
- FireWorks CS3/CS4
- Illustrator CS2/CS3/CS4
- Adobe Premiere CS3
- Adobe After Effects CS3
- Flash 8/CS4 & ActionScript
- FrontPage/Expression Web 2.0
- Joomla & Wordpress (CMS)

### **MICROSOFT PACKAGE**

- MS Word
- MS PowerPoint
- Outlook / Outlook Express

### **WEB RELATED SKILLS**

- Established practical knowledge of the web usability and accessibility standards (W3C Standards & WCAG Guidelines).
- Search engine optimization (SEO).
- Cross-browser compatibility web programming.
- Established skills in W3C compliant XHTML, CSS, JavaScript and PHP hand coding.
- Ability to build fully functional websites from scratch without any GUI / WYSIWYG softwares.
- Working knowledge of the web and e-commerce legal issues and regulations.
- Ability to create web sites from Photoshop template (PSD).
- Google Analytics.

### **OTHER SKILLS**

- 5 years experience as a professional Arabic/English English/Arabic translator (journalistic, political, legal and computer technology translation)
- 10 years experience of portrait painting and 2 years of artistic human anatomy. Created several art projects, taught art and took part in a few exhibitions.

- Project Management and workshop organization.
- Academic & journalistic writing and editing skills.
- Practical knowledge of human rights and refugee issues.

## **PERSONAL SKILLS**

- Passionate about acquiring more skills, and like to Keep in touch with the latest web/graphic design standards, accessibility and usability features and information architecture developments.
- Have a creative artistic attitude and a sharp eye for details.
- Self motivated, use initiative and proactive team player.
- Reliable, responsible & punctual. Enjoy working as part of a team, as well as using own initiative too. Like to keep busy and have the ability to work under pressure.
- Have high sense of duty and work ethics.

## **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

It is my goal to build a website that is not only artistic and visually appealing but also easy to use and navigate, and of course one that can deliver the right message, serve the required purpose and communicate on all levels.