

*Curriculum Vitae*

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***Naashia Mohamed***

*“I want to be all that I am capable of becoming.”*  
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## *Personal Details*

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## *Career Profile*

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*Sep 2006 – present*      **Assistant Director General**  
Educational Development Centre  
Ministry of Education, Maldives.

*Responsibilities include:*

- ⊙ Head of the Professional Development Unit
- ⊙ Coordinate all professional development activities for school leaders and teachers at national level
- ⊙ Coordinate all professional development related educational projects funded by international agencies such as UNICEF, World Bank and British Council

*Nov 2007 – present*      **English Lecturer (part time)**  
Villa College, Maldives

*Jan 2002 – Feb 2003*      **Curriculum Developer**  
Educational Development Centre  
Ministry of Education, Maldives.

*Responsibilities include:*

- ⊙ Design and prepare English language materials for teaching at primary levels.
- ⊙ Regularly attend schools to observe English lessons
- ⊙ Conduct in-service workshops for English language teachers

*Sep 2002 – Feb 2003*      **English Tutor (part time)**  
Centre for Open Learning  
Maldives College for Higher Education, Maldives.

*Jul 1997 – Jul 1999*      **English Teacher**  
Aminiya School, Maldives.

*Jul 1993 – Sep 1994*      **Assistant Teacher**  
Aminiya School, Maldives.

## ***Qualifications & Education***

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### *Tertiary*

University of Auckland, New Zealand

- ⊙ Doctor of Philosophy in Language Teaching and Learning. 2006.

*Thesis: An Exploratory Study of the Interplay between Teachers' Beliefs, Instructional Practices & Professional Development*

University of Auckland, New Zealand

- ⊙ Master of Arts in Language Teaching, First Class Honours. 2001.

*Thesis: Teaching Grammar Through Consciousness-Raising Tasks: Learning Outcomes, Learner Preferences and Task Performance.*

University of Stirling, United Kingdom

- ⊙ Bachelor of Arts in English Language Teaching, with Distinction. 1997.

### *Secondary*

Wycherley International School, Sri Lanka

- ⊙ London GCE Advanced Level, 1993.

Aminiya School, Maldives

- ⊙ London GCE Ordinary Level, 1991.

## ***Publications***

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2002. "Break the news." *English Teaching Professional*. 25. Modern English Publishing.

2003. *English 7: Student's Book*. Male': Educational Development Centre.

2003. *English 7: Teacher's Guide*. Male': Educational Development Centre.

2003. "Free expression." *English Teaching Professional*. 30. Modern English Publishing.

2004. "Consciousness-raising: a learner perspective." *ELT Journal*. 58/1 Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2004. "Assessment for the right reasons." *English Teaching Professional*. 35. Modern English Publishing.

2005. "Reflective teaching: improving teaching through systematic inquiry." [http://www.onestopenglish.com/esl\\_tefl\\_methodology/reflective\\_teaching.htm](http://www.onestopenglish.com/esl_tefl_methodology/reflective_teaching.htm)

2005. "Iron Sharpens Iron: Tapping the Teacher's Expertise." *ESL Magazine*, Issue 48.

2006. "Meaningful Professional Development." *English Teaching Professional*. 41. Modern English Publishing.

2006. "Do Learners Collaborate During Task Performance?" *Indonesian Journal of English Language Teaching*.

2007. "Children's literature." *English Teaching Professional*. 49. Modern English Publishing.

In press. " 'I Have Been Doing Things This Way For So Many Years; Why Should I Change?' Exploring Teachers' Resistance to Professional Learning." *New Zealand Studies in Applied Linguistics*.

Forthcoming. " 'Grammar is the body and soul of a language.' Exploring teachers' beliefs about grammar and grammar instruction." In Mahboob A. (ed) *Non-native English Speakers in TESOL*. TESOL publications.

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### ***Scholarships & Awards***

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Best PhD Thesis Award, Applied Linguistics Association of New Zealand 2006

Special Achievement Award from the President of Maldives for Completion of Doctoral Degree 2006

University of Auckland International Doctoral Scholarship 2003 – 2006

New Zealand Overseas Development Awards Postgraduate Scholarship 1999 – 2001

British Council Overseas Development Awards Scholarship 1994 – 1997

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### ***Referees***

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**Professor Rod Ellis**

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