Journalist at BBC England | BJTC-accredited

Skilled in finding and telling original stories for digital, TV, and radio.

SKILLS/SOFTWARES

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Digital

 Adobe (Premiere Pro, Audition, Photoshop), FCP, writing for online (Cadmus, CPS, Optimo, Vivo), Dataminr, data vis & graphics (Datawrapper, Flourish, Canva), push notifications (Braze), livestreaming and live-clipping (Grabyo, Twitter Media Studio), live-blogging, long-reads (Shorthand.com), MoJo, OSINT, social media (YouTube, TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter)

Broadcast

 Self-shooting w/ Sony NX3, audio recording, iNews, on-camera and radio reporting, TV studio presenting, radio studio self-operation, podcasting, remote interviewing (Zoom, Zencastr)

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Sept 2023 – present BBC England

Journalist

- Pitching and writing online features on England-related topics that have collectively reached millions of readers e.g. <u>XL Bully attacks</u>, <u>the Kindertransport</u>, <u>humanitarian aid for Gaza</u>, <u>the effect of green</u> <u>policies on renters</u>, or <u>living off-grid</u>.
- Writing explainers and on the day news stories for indexes including UK, England, and regions.
- Working with regional teams to run live pages via Vivo; researching, writing, interviewing, and newsgathering under pressure.
- Conducting interviews with contributors, finding strong index images, clearing rights on photos, and arranging front page promotion for stories.

Oct 2022 – present BBC Newsnight

Impact Producer (Journalist)

- Writing <u>engaging SEO headlines</u> and descriptions for videos on the BBC News YouTube channel which have achieved <u>millions of views</u>, and creating eye-catching thumbnails via Photoshop.
- Editing and subtitling vertical videos, and <u>16:9 videos</u> for the BBC News website on FCP.
- Live-clipping the programme via Twitter Media Studio and writing snappy, eye-catching captions for <u>clips</u> that will maximise engagement. Curating Facebook content, organising rollout of Newsnight's stories, and pitching content to online and social news e.g. <u>Newsnight's first TikTok</u>.
- Producing analytics reports on content to inform editorial decisions.

Apr 2021 – Oct 2022 LBC (Global)

Content Editor

- Identified and cut clips of the best on-air moments for social media, including <u>interviews</u>, presenter <u>monologues</u>, and callers giving <u>opinions</u> or <u>clashing with presenters</u>.
- Wrote snappy, enticing captions which made clips go viral on Twitter (regularly >1m views) and caused shows to trend e.g. James O'Brien, Rachel Johnson etc.
- Wrote 400+ articles, push notifications, managed lbc.co.uk, and scheduled posts on Facebook and Twitter. Examples: <u>Diane Abbott: Starmer should 'consider his position' if he receives fixed penalty</u> <u>notice</u> & <u>James O'Brien on 'utterly soul-destroying' invisibility he felt selling the Big Issue</u>.
- Pioneered an eye-catching style of article image that produced high engagement and is still used today, using background removal (e.g. this of <u>Natasha Devon/Camilla Tominey</u>). Used Google maps to create timeline graphics e.g. mapped the <u>Queen's funeral procession</u>.
- Livestreamed shows on Global Player and identified news lines that led political discussion e.g. this <u>clip</u> which was subsequently reported on by BBC, ITV, Sky, The Telegraph, Independent, etc.



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Remote

YouTube in LinkedIn

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Sept 2019 – Sept 2020 CJS News

Broadcast Journalist (showreel, demotape)

- Scripted, edited, and voiced-over TV and radio reports using Adobe Premiere Pro & Audition.
- <u>Wrote articles</u>, produced and presented live TV & radio bulletins, scripted headlines & live two-ways, edited ulays/OOV, built rundowns in iNews, and made graphics in Photoshop.
- Live blogged and edited video, graphics, and data visualisations for social platforms.
- Sourced and reported on original stories, found suitable contributors, and requested UGC from social media and RoR statements.
- Exclusive data report: 'The dumping grounds of England: Deprived areas have more incinerators'.
- Distinction in dissertation on <u>COVID-19 student hardship in Wales</u>, produced for radio and online.
- Exclusive interviews: Chief Constable of South Wales Police, NUS Wales President Becky Ricketts.
- May 2019 The Guardian (Work experience) L
 Scripted and edited Guardian Documentary video trailers for Instagram and Twitter.

Nov 2018 – Feb 2019 Local TV Ltd.

Freelance Video Journalist

Scripted, edited, and presented <u>reports</u> for broadcast on TV and social media.

November 2018 Buzz Magazine (Work experience)

Interviewed Hugh Bonneville for YouTube and wrote articles for buzzmag.co.uk.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Nov 2018 - March 2019 Artis Community

Communications Intern

• Wrote newsletters, created social media posts, managed Eventbrite and Mailchimp campaigns.

June 2018: 2 months British Council: Generation UK - China Beijing, China

Communications & Events Intern

 Internships at Lifestyle Media 品味生活 - a luxury lifestyle brand, & NOWDO - an online comic and novel publisher. Wrote website copy, press releases, newsletters, blogs, and managed events.

July 2017: 1 monthIPBio Nature ReserveAtlantic Forest, Brazil

Volunteer: Biodiversity Research Assistant

- Lab research on frog ethology and disease progression in tadpoles, and site maintenance duties.

EDUCATION

2019 - 2020 Cardiff University

- MA Broadcast Journalism (BJTC-accredited), Distinction
- 2015 2018 University of Bristol
- BSc (Hons) Biology, 2:1

2008 - 2015Whitchurch High SchoolCardiff, Wales

 5 A level and equivalent: A*A*AA in Religious Studies, Photography, Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma, Biology, and Psychology

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