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WORK EXPERIENCE

TRINITY MIRROR
MULTIMEDIA JOURNALIST
DEC 2015-PRESENT

- Produces both written and video content for county-wide website Kent Live
- Stories in Sevenoaks Chronicle and Kent and Sussex Courier newspapers
- Awaiting NQJ qualification results to become a senior journalist

PRESS ASSOCIATION
TRAINEE REPORTER
COMPLETED DEC 2015

- Received a gold standard NCTJ Diploma in Multimedia Journalism
- Modules included news reporting, media law, court reporting, public affairs and government, production and an assessed portfolio
- Achieved 100wpm in teeline shorthand
- Worked shifts on the elections desk, most notably for the 2016 referendum

CAREER CAMEL
CHIEF BLOG EDITOR
MARCH 2014-PRESENT

- Sole editor of the Career Camel blog which receives 30,000+ views every month, also interned for the main site over summer 2014
- Commissions, edits and writes posts, and runs social media

THE INDEPENDENT
EDITORIAL INTERN
JULY 2015

- Worked mainly in the Voices section on the opinion matrix for the i
- Interviewed Amy Winehouse's ex-manager for a first-person perspective comment piece which was shared thousands of times

SPA
MARKETING OFFICER
MAY 2015-APRIL 2016

- Helped students and young people break into journalism
- Managed regional and national conferences, and found sponsors
- Also acted as Midlands officer at the organisation

THE HUFFINGTON POST
STUDENTS REPORTER
SEPTEMBER 2014

- Managed the former @HPUKStudents Twitter account
- My university-based listicle was the section's most-viewed article of that month
- Used their movable type CMS and undertook two interviews

THE BOAR
DEPUTY EDITOR
MAR 2014-MAR 2015

- Was in charge of the production side of the publication: print and design
- Ran InDesign training sessions for the executive team
- Edited every section of the paper, every issue

THE GUARDIAN
NEWS INTERN
APRIL 2014

- Wrote breaking news stories such as the Rutland earthquake and traffic chaos over the bank holiday, byline published on page 7
- Pitched an FOI request which was later published

THE TIMES
EDITORIAL ASSISTANT
APRIL 2014

- Edited copy on the Letters and Register desk
- Conducted telephone interviews for the New Readers column and for a contribution to Margo MacDonald's obituary

COVENTRY TELEGRAPH
NEWS INTERN
MARCH 2014

- Shadowed journalists who were court reporting
- Interviewed people on the phone and face-to-face for bylines both in the newspaper and online

KENT ON SUNDAY
EDITORIAL ASSISTANT
JULY 2011

- First print byline at the age of 17: published on page 3
- Worked on an in-depth feature about polytunnels for the newspaper's regular "talking point" section

I have also contributed to the Telegraph, the Metro and BuzzFeed, among other publications.

SKILLS

- Full, clean UK driving licence and First Aid at Work certificate
- Familiar with HTML and CSS coding (took an HTML5 Level 1 course)
- Trained on Quark, Adobe InDesign and Photoshop
- Paid to run an InDesign training session for PR company Pagefield
- Proficient at audio/video editing: trained on radio and TV equipment
- Trained on Adobe Audition and Premiere Pro
- Familiar with CMS systems WordPress, BackBench, Joomla, Drupal and Movable Type, and regularly use Tera, Camayak and Moodle

AWARDS

- Finalist for Best Use of Social Media at the Kent Press and Broadcast Awards 2017
- The Student Journals won Student Website of the Year at the Guardian Student Media Awards 2013 (I attended and accepted the award as content manager)
- The Boar won the Ones to Watch Student Publication of the Year Award 2013 when I was news editor
- News won Best Online Section at the Boar Awards 2014 at the end of my time as news editor
- Won the Silver Best News Reader Award at the Radio Warwick Awards 2015
- My radio podcasts reached 15th in the news chart and 38th in the interview chart on Mixcloud
- Named one of the Coventry Telegraph's top ten news tweeters
- Voted Most Likely to Edit a Regional Newspaper by fellow Press Association trainees
- Winner of the Outstanding Contribution to Warwick Students' Union Award for 2014-15
- Winner of the Individual Contribution to RAG Award for 2014-15

EDUCATION

- Graduated in July 2015 with a high 2:1 in English Literature BA (Hons), from the University of Warwick
- A Levels: AAABa in English Literature, History, Biology, German and Critical Thinking (Highworth Grammar School, Ashford)
- GCSEs: 13 A* – A grades (Highworth Grammar School, Ashford)

PART-TIME WORK

- Promoted from steward, to head steward, to casual gallery assistant at the Mead Gallery, Warwick Arts Centre
- Freshers' supervisor at Warwick Students' Union
- Restaurant assistant at Dobbies Garden Centre, Ashford
- Waitress and bar assistant at the Honest Miller pub, Ashford

PERSONAL

- Kept a regular blog when travelling across America and Uganda
- Ran a #WarwickShakespeare Twitter project as part of my degree
- Former media officer for Warwick Jailbreak: at the event broke the Guinness World Record for most people in one pair of underpants
- Took part in Warwick Jailbreak 2013, raised more than £300 for AICR and made it all the way to Poland without spending a penny
- Warwick RAG society adventure leader, taking a team across Uganda to volunteer during summer 2015
- Regularly write and perform my own poetry, and a keen photographer
- Runner of half-marathons and pole and aerial fitness enthusiast

PAPER PORTFOLIO AND
REFERENCES
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