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I'm a freelance journalist with experience of reporting, presenting and producing video and audio, and writing articles to a high standard. I have extensive interviewing experience, including having had the opportunity to interview senior figures in the fields of politics and academia. I have a very detailed knowledge of UK and EU politics and economics, and report in a sharp, concise and authoritative style.

Experience:

Freelance Journalist (2014 - ongoing)

I have worked as a freelance journalist for a variety of organisations, including reporting on political events in the UK for RFI in France and CFRA and CTV in Canada. I have also worked on projects for the Political Studies Association and the University of East Anglia. These have included writing articles, research, interviews, and the production of video and audio reports. I have mainly focussed on political and economic stories, and in the run up to the 2015 election I had the opportunity to interview high profile politicians, including Theresa May and David Blunkett. I also have experience of presenting news bulletins and doing voiceover work.

SeaMedia project Intern and volunteer (2012-2015)

I joined the Belgium-based SeaMedia project as an intern in 2012 but have since been asked to contribute numerous times to content, training and international events. I have advised on social media and analytics, acted as a representative of SeaMedia UK at various international events, acted as a journalism and media coach to undergraduate students, and most recently been asked to contribute the English language voiceover for a multi-lingual video series. I have been involved with all stages of producing multi-platform content and gained important digital skills and developed numerous contacts across Europe.

Work experience (2013-2014)

During my MA in Broadcast Journalism I undertook a variety of work experience placements in print, online, radio and TV. These included Tech City News, Radio Jackie and Juniper TV's current affairs programme 'This Week'. During these placements I gained a wide variety of skills and experience in writing articles for online, live on-air bulletins, and assisting in the fast turn-around of video packages.

Social Media Marketing Intern at the Norwich Business School (Sept - Nov 2012)

I developed and implemented social media strategy with the twin aims of driving student engagement and bringing in more external guest speakers. I gained experience at developing content for a targeted audience and learnt what content works best on different social channels. I also made sure all the content produced for social media conformed to the NBS brand and style. I developed a good eye for content that was important and relevant to our target group. I also trained staff in how to use social media effectively.

Education:**MA Broadcast Journalism (2013-2014)****City University, London**

I developed very strong communication skills, the ability to distill complex information and present it confidently, authoritatively, and engage an audience in both the spoken and written word. I have experience in analysing data and other information very quickly and finding salient points and interesting content relevant to a particular audience.

MA Politics (2011-2012)**University of East Anglia**

During my time at UEA I built an in-depth knowledge of British and international politics, current affairs and social affairs.

BA (Hons) Philosophy, Politics and Economics (2008-2011)**University of East Anglia**

I developed a good grounding in issues of contemporary politics and economics. I improved on my already strong numerical, statistical and analytical skills. I developed a good eye for spotting logical fallacies and inconsistencies. I learnt to think of new and innovative ways to tell stories, and to approach political and economic issues from different angles.

Skills:

- Media law trained.
- High quality of written and spoken English.
- Public speaking, presentation and communication skills.
- Good networking skills and contact building skills, including experience of interviewing senior political and business figures.
- High standard of numeracy, as well as experience of handling data analysis and statistics.
- Open minded with the ability to take on new ideas and adapt quickly.
- Able to drive forward and develop ideas, both in a team and on my own.
- Innovative and resourceful, especially in terms of research, both online and offline.
- Expertise in a variety of social media, including Twitter, Google+ and Facebook.
- Highly proficient in a variety of computer software including Adobe Creative Suite/ Cloud (Audition, Premiere, AE, InDesign and Photoshop).
- Experience working with DSLR and broadcast cameras, professional microphones and smartphones.

Other Activities and Interests:

Over the last 20 years I've had a variety of hobbies including singing, public speaking and debating. While I was at high school and at university I volunteered for Oxfam and Crisis. I have also organised music nights for all different types of music.

References available on request.