

Emilio Casalicchio

PoliticsHome reporter & professional NCTJ-qualified journalist with 80wpm shorthand

At PoliticsHome I work at the heart of the fast-paced news agenda stretching from Westminster into Europe and across the globe. Building relationships with MPs, scrutinising Government publications and listening to Commons debates and committee hearings are all everyday aspects of the job. A natural ability with people, a wealth of exciting, newsworthy ideas and the dedication to chase a story to its end allow me to produce high-quality work to tight deadlines. I pride myself especially on my writing and video-making skills, my commitment to ethical practice and my positive, can-do attitude.

Experience

Reporter at PoliticsHome (Dods) March 2015 - Present

Up to the minute coverage of all the important political developments in and around Westminster; pouring over government documents, independent reports and Hansard for a good scoop; contacting ministers, MPs and party offices for new lines and exclusives. Stories I broke include:

- The £8k DfID termination payment handed to Grant Shapps after he quit over Tory bullying
- Suzanne Evans landing senior roles in Ukip under new leader Paul Nuttall
- Ofcom dismissing every claim of bias against Jeremy Corbyn

Work experience at Press Gazette (Progressive Media) January 2015

Pitching and writing online news and features about the journalism industry; contacting national media organisations and government bodies for quotes; using SEO and social media to promote stories.

Work experience at Brighton and Hove Independent - November/December 2014

Chasing and writing stories with a focus on local politics, including a front page FoI story; taking part in a discussion event organised by the paper to engage the public in the democratic process.

Work experience at Latest TV News Brighton - December 2014

Planning, shooting and editing two minute packages for daily TV news; filming rushes and interviews for other news stories; extensive use of professional camera equipment and Adobe Premiere Pro.

Work experience at The Argus (Newsquest) April 2014

Sourcing, researching and delivering news articles; interviewing and field reporting for my own stories including a 1,500 word double page spread.

NCTJ Gold Standard Qualification

Modules in reporting, media law, public affairs, production journalism and shorthand.

Work samples

A selection of my published articles: ecasalicchio.journoportfolio.com

Video package example: bit.ly/1t6lxHI

Additional Employment History

(Full history available on request)

Recruitment Assistant - Association of Teachers and Lecturers - Aug 2012 to Jan 2014

Visiting a range of schools to recruit workplace reps or support existing workplace reps.

Primary English Teacher - Mario Rapisardi School - Oct 2011 to June 2012

Planning and teaching English lessons to 5 and 7-year-old children with a focus on lively activities.

Education

NCTJ Gold Standard diploma from Journalist Works, including 100 wpm shorthand and As in all modules. BA Hons Philosophy and Film from Sussex University
3 A levels, all at grade A (English/Law/Psychology), from Brockenhurst College

Other

Full, clean driving license; Intermediate spoken and written Italian; Good computer skills with a range of platforms and software including basic HTML and extensive social media knowledge