

Robert Mooney

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Summary

Award-winning experienced Contributor with a demonstrated history of working in the media production industry. Skilled in Photography, Copywriting, Storytelling, Final Cut Pro, and News Writing, developed from writing for a range of news outlets. Strong media and communication professional currently completing a degree at Leeds Trinity University in Journalism BA (Hons), expected to graduate with a 2:1 upon completion of their degree in 2019.

Key Skills and Achievements

- **Communication** – Both written and spoken, developed from working within a wide variety news outlets.
- **Research** – Developed throughout my degree and my role with Shout Out UK, where I research and write articles on a range of Social Issues
- **Social Media** – Marketing myself as a journalist, promoting the work I produce on platforms such as Twitter and Facebook
- **Working to deadlines** – Not only through my degree, producing assignments to deadlines but also working on Breaking News Stories for Shout Out UK
- **Technical skills** – During my studies, I have developed technical skills in software such as Final Cut Pro and also Camera and Mixing Desk experience
- Team v Media Award for "demonstrating exceptional online and offline use of media to promote the 'Routes to Roots'
- First Place in Youth Journalism International Award for Excellence 2013 (Sports Newswriting, Team Reporting)

Recent Education

BA (Hons) Journalism

September 2016 to Current

Leeds Trinity University

Key Modules Include: Law for Journalists, Public Affairs, Practical Journalism

Experience

Social Issues Correspondent

July 2016 to Current

Shout Out UK

- Reporting on current affairs, social and political issues for one of the UK's largest award-winning youth media platforms
- Among the work produced for Shout Out UK, some, specifically relating to the issues around zero-hour contracts, has been recognised by the BBC and Parliament in consideration for reform
- Covered, occasionally, Breaking News Stories for the website, giving me an experience of deadlines as a journalist

Contributor

November 2012 - Current

Backbench UK

- Wrote articles on political issues, for a term, specifically regarding Education
- Throughout this term, as Backbench UK Minister for Education, I reported on Michael Gove during his time as Education Secretary and the new forms of qualifications, such as new types of GCSEs
- Focused and gained an interest in political journalism which has remained until now

Editor

September 2012 to September 2013

Politaholics.com

- Wrote for a political blog which I had started myself, commenting on weekly events in Westminster and further afield regarding politics and current affairs
- Started a weekly column summarising the week in politics
- Gained experience of writing for a commission per article

Reporter

December 2010 to Current

Youth Journalism International

- Writing for an international news organisation primarily made up of young journalists aged 12 to 24
- Participated in Award-Winning coverage of the London 2012 Summer Olympics
- Rose from Junior Reporter to Reporter over the 8 years writing for the organisation

Journalist
Net News Daily

January 2009

- Wrote Current Affairs articles across a range of topics

Non-Media Related Experience

Peer Learning Mentor

September 2018 to Current

Leeds Trinity University – Horsforth, West Yorkshire

- Advised and worked with students to improve their academic work for the School of Arts and Communications
- Delivered Workshops to students on academic skills
- Attended and helped run university events promoting the Learning Hub and their services

Mature & Part-Time Students Officer

September 2017 to May 2018

Leeds Trinity Students Union – Leeds, United Kingdom

- Supported mature & part-time students in their studies and welfare at Leeds Trinity University
- Assisted in the organisation of events for mature students living off campus
- Participated in regular meetings with other student union representatives to discuss and action issues important to the student population

Young Advisor

July 2016 to March 2018

North Yorkshire County Council – York, England

- Consulted with young people to gather views on behalf of clients including the County Council and local organisations working with vulnerable young people
- Co-operated with young carers organisations and youth services to improve their procedures for young people's benefit
- Worked with a team of colleagues to carry out commissions and report back to the client

Team v Leader

October 2013 to September 2014

vInspired

- Collaborated with 90+ Team Leaders, to bring about change in attitudes on 3 social issues and develop my leadership skills throughout the programme
- Worked on "The Sustainable Generation" campaign with volunteers around the UK to engage 12,673 people on sustainability issues, saving 2465 clothing items from landfill
- Improved awareness of what a healthy relationship is, through the #loveis campaign, resulting in 77% of young people engaged with thinking more about healthy relationships
- Raised awareness of the positive effects of migration through the 'Routes to Roots' campaign, engaging over 3,000 members of the public. Among these, 90% of survey respondents said they now understood more about migration

Youth Councillor

January 2011 to September 2015

Richmondshire District Youth Council – Richmond, North Yorkshire

- Representing local young people on the district and county youth council
- This involved campaigning for better and cheaper public transport for young people in North Yorkshire, while also running a campaign called "This Ability", highlighting issues for young disabled people in the area, resulting in meetings with our local MP and recognition from Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson

Previous Education

Darlington College

September 2013 – June 2016

BTEC Level 3 in Creative Digital Media (Journalism and Public Relations) – Distinction Distinction Merit

BTEC Level 2 First Diploma in Creative Media Production – Distinction Merit

Richmond School & Sixth Form College

September 2006 – June 2013

Achieved 6 GCSEs including English Language (C) English Literature (C), ICT (C), Communication and Media Studies (B) and Business Studies (B)

Hobbies and Interests

I have a keen interest in, through media, making a change. In the past, this has involved my work as a Team V Leader, using social media to make change, while also currently holding the role of Social Issues Correspondent at Shout Out UK. Although it has little relation to media, I have also spent two years as a Young Advisor, making change to young people's services through this. This has increased my interest in making change, in whatever industry possible.