ADAM GIBBONS

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## **EXPERIENCE**

#### JOURNALIST/WRITER • BABYLON • JANUARY – APRIL 2021

Wrote two-to-three articles a week which are published on Babylon's website, primarily focusing on topics such as music, history, politics, and mental health.

#### PRESENTING/ENGINNERING VOLUNTEER • FLIRT FM • OCTOBER 2019 – MARCH 2020

Presented weekly radio show on Monday mornings, undertaking all studio roles simultaneously, including engineering and producing. Produced radio packages which went to broadcast.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA REPORTER • RTÉ • FEBRUARY 2020

Part of the team for the 2020 election count in the Roscommon-Galway constituency as part of RTÉ's coverage of the election. Regularly updated RTÉ's social media with new developments, via stats and photography/video as information came through. Conducted interviews with key candidates as the count progressed.

#### EDITOR/WRITING ASSISTAINT • WESTERN PEOPLE •

#### JUNE - JULY 2016

Undertook two-week work placement. Edited press releases of stories for publication. Researched sources for stories, validating each source's journalistic merit. Wrote a feature article on mental health and young people, which went to publication.

## PRESENTING/ENGINNERING VOLUNTEER • ERRIS FM •

#### SEPTEMBER 2015 - JULY 2016

Presented weekly radio show on Friday mornings, undertaking all studio roles simultaneously, including engineering and producing, in tandem with presenting partner.

## SKILLS

#### LEADERSHIP

Became VP for the Rock and Metal Band on Maynooth University's Music Society Committee during the 2018-2019 academic year.

Currently a Challenge Leader for Choose a Challenge's Mt. Kilimanjaro Trek, raising funds for Meningitis Research Foundation, a position held since March 2020.

#### TECHNICAL

Proficient in use of both Adobe Audition and Premier Pro, which assisted in editing video and radio packages during the MA Journalism course. Proficient in use of Zara, implemented to manage all prerecorded audio files used at Flirt FM. Proficient at vision mixing, incorporated as part of the live television broadcasts done as part the MA Journalism program.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Efficient user of social media, which became central to being part of RTÉ's social media team for covering of the 2020 Election. Facilitated to relay information from the count in an accurate and timely manner.

# **EDUCATION**

## MA JOURNALISM • NOVEMBER 2020 • NUI GALWAY

Achieved a 2:1 grade. Took part in a trip to the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, gaining onfield TV journalism experience. Represented NUI Galway at the SSI/UPC Irish Intervarsity Pool Championships in 2020.

## BA (ARTS) • SEPTEMBER 2019 • MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY

Graduated with a 2:2 in English and Music. Represented Maynooth University at the SSI/UPC Irish Intervarsity Pool Championships in 2018 and 2019, becoming B Team Captain in 2019.

## FETAC/QQI LEVEL 5 COURSE, MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTION • SEPTEMBER 2016 • ARÁS INIS GLUAIRE

Qualified with a distinction in every module, which include Web Authoring, Multimedia Project Development, and Media Analysis.

# **INTERESTS/ACHIEVEMENTS**

## **NO NAME! CLUB**

Runner-up in the No Name! Club National Youth Awards Final for Host of the Year in April 2015, representing the Erris club. Returned as an adult volunteer from September 2015 to June 2016.

## NUIG PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Received the NUIG Presidential Award in April 2020 for Presenting/Engineering Volunteer role with Flirt FM.

## HIKING

Currently preparing to undertake a charity hike of Mt. Kilimanjaro in August 2021 in aid of Meningitis Research Foundation, leading a team from NUI Galway.

# REFEREES

Referees available upon request.



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