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PROFILE

Dedicated and detail-oriented NCTJ student (Multimedia Sports Journalism) at News Associates London interested in sports, literature, and theatre. Open to editorial journalism opportunities, especially sports media, lifestyle, and culture. Portfolio here:

MEDIA EXPERIENCE

SportsBeat

Placement writer

- Attended matches to gain socials coverage and write articles for league sites in the PWR and WSL
- Took socials content for the FAWNL pitchside and interviewed players and coaches post-match

Londoners

Freelance writer

- Reported on news across London and wrote articles
- Took socials content for the FAWNL pitchside and interviewed players and coaches post-match

Newcastle University Sports Centre

Sport Media Intern

- Supporting teams and staff in providing live and recorded coverage of club and national matches with the use of AI cameras and software, liaising with coaches and teams
- Undertaking 100 hours of work across the academic year in a team of three
- Experience in communication and independent problem-solving, plus scheduling and admin skills

The Courier

Campus Sports Liason, Sport/TV sub-editor and writer

- Student-run newspaper at Newcastle University producing a weekly print issue
- Learned Photoshop, InDesign and WordPress for print layouts, edited articles and provided feedback
- Held roles as Sport and TV sections sub-editor, independently designed and created a 4-page insert
- 6-months as senior sports editor to increase and coordinate coverage of uni sports

Newcastle Student Radio and NUTV

Host, presenter, 2022-23 NSR Head of Sport

- Hosted Drivetime (flagship show) and NSR's Sports Show, led a World Cup podcast episode
- Planned episodes and running live broadcasts while on air, practising multitasking and the ability to generate unique content weekly to keep audiences entertained
- Helped on live coverage of Fight Night as lead presenter, pundit and camera operator
- Honed confidence in front of/behind camera and using live broadcast/radio tech and vision mixing

Newcastle Upon Tyne

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September 2021 - May 2023

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October 2024 - ongoing

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EDUCATION

News Associates

NCTJ

Multimedia Sports Journalism, Teeline to 60WPM

- Referee available on request
- Including sport, media law, data journalism, PR, and video editing modules

Newcastle University

Master of Arts International Multimedia Journalism

- Shortlisted for Football Writers' Association's KickItOut Unheard Voices Student Writer of the Year
- 6 months senior sports editor at the student newspaper

Newcastle University

Bachelor of Arts

Media & Communications (major), Classics (minor)

- Host of winning Fight Night show for 22-23 NUTV Broadcast of the Year
- Runner-up as 22-23 Sub-Editor of the Year, Designer of the Year, and Radio Newcomer of the Year

WORK/OTHER EXPERIENCE

Freelance Pole Instructor

The Pole Hub

November 2024 - ongoing

Newcastle Upon Tyne

December 2022 - May 2024

• Independent classes and privates, responsible for assessing students and adapting class syllabi

Newcastle University Pole and Aerial Club

Competitions and Choreo Rep, Instructor

- Completed tasks in a limited timeframe, problem-solving, logistics scheduling and planning, and making both independent and team decisions while teaching classes throughout the year
- Nominated for 2023-24 'Athletic Union Club Coach of the Year'

SKILLS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Shortlisted as top 30 for the 2024 Football Writers' Association Student Writer of the Year (Unheard Voices Category)
- Specialise in interviews and features interviewed Paralympian Stephen Miller, rally drivers Catie Munnings and Timmy Hansen, stuntwoman Zandara Kennedy
- Proficient in Google Workspace, Microsoft Office, WordPress, Canva, Photoshop and InDesign
- Ability to use Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, and TikTok creating posts, stories and video content
- Fluent at native level in both written/spoken English, can communicate in good Cantonese and limited Mandarin, good understanding of written traditional Chinese
- Ability to liaise with contacts and edit print/online content to good quality across text and images
- Hold a pole teaching qualification (beginner and intermediate), first aid certificate and insurance

Twickenham, London

September 2024 - ongoing

Newcastle Upon Tyne

Newcastle Upon Tyne

September 2023 - September 2024

September 2021 - July 2023

London