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WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Editor at Cruise Industry News

September 2020 – Present

I am currently the Assistant Editor at Cruise Industry News.

Writer (psychology)

January 2018 – Present

I regularly write and post on topics such as self-growth, responsibility, and confidence. I teach humans how to take ownership of their lives and become better selves.

Managing Editor at Hromadske International (Kyiv, Ukraine)

September 2017 – September 2020

I was the managing editor at the English-language department of an independent Ukrainian TV channel, Hromadske. I started off here as a correspondent and, after six months, got promoted to the role of the managing editor. I wrote, edited, and managed a team of three people.

BBC Media Action, English-Ukrainian-English freelance interpreting

February 2019

I interpreted for BBC Media Action consultant's (who is a former BBC executive) three-day visit to Kyiv.

Staff Writer at Kyiv Post (Kyiv, Ukraine)

September 2016 – June 2017

For nine months I worked as a staff writer at Ukrainian English-language publication Kyiv Post, where I wrote over a hundred articles covering politics, lifestyle, and business. Many of my stories gained far above the average audience with thousands of clicks, likes, and shares.

English-Ukrainian-English interpreter at Oliver Grange Ltd. (United Kingdom)

September - October 2014

Completed two interpreting jobs whilst living in England.

EDUCATION

Condé Nast College of Fashion & Design (London, UK)

2016 Vogue Intensive Summer Course

During summer 2016 I completed a 4-week course developed by a publishing giant Condé Nast. This course gave me an invaluable insight into what working for a large magazine such as Vogue is like. I learnt about areas like marketing, journalism, promotion, and styling. My article about the influence of punk music on fashion has been chosen for publishing on the Condé Nast College [Student blog](#).

University of Leeds (Leeds, UK)

2011-2014 BA Mathematics and Russian Civilisation

Developed my written communication skills and dedication through writing numerous essays, including an 8,000-word dissertation.

Bloxham school (Oxfordshire, UK)

2009-2011 A-levels in English literature, Russian, Mathematics, and Art

The Heritage Private School (Limassol, Cyprus)

2006-2009 GCSEs including Russian, English language, English literature, Mathematics and Art

Lyceum "Podil" (Kyiv, Ukraine), 1999-2006

VOLUNTARY EXPERIENCE

Co-founder and Vice President of Eastern European Society, University of Leeds, 2012-2014

Together with a few other students founded a new society, which very quickly became one of the largest at the university. The Vice President role involved being a disruptive thinker – we constantly made changes to our approach in what we did to maintain people's interest. This role improved my leadership skills, as well as time and finance management; increased my influence and negotiation abilities.

SKILLS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Languages:**
 - Fluent English, Ukrainian, Russian
 - Basic German and Polish – spoken and written
- Good all-round **computer skills** (Microsoft Office, Adobe InDesign, Photoshop and Premiere Pro (basic), Internet research)

- Basic **video and sound editing** skills: I can edit voiceovers and create simple videos in Adobe Premiere Pro or iMovie
- Excellent **communication skills** – both verbal and written. I'm a certified life coach and modern applied psychologist