

Odhran Gallagher

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SUMMARY

The Herald's Student Journalist of the Year 2025, Odhran is a journalist and writer who has experience working for multiple national dailies, as well as founding and editing a successful student newspaper.

WORK EXPERIENCE

News Reporter (Casual), The Sun

Jan 2026 - Present

- Write stories for print.
- Follow up on tips taken via the phone and email.
- Write picture captions, sticks, and sidebars for print.

Intern reporter, The Herald Scotland

Aug-Sept 2025

- Worked alongside the political correspondents in Holyrood to generate news lines and exclusives.
- Reported from protests, local events, and meetings.
- Wrote for live news desk

Election Night Stringer, Sky news

Jul 2024

- Hired by Sky News to attend an election count to report as part of their coverage.

Editor-in-Chief, Hillhead Review

Oct 2024 - Aug 2025

- Founded own student publication. Launched in October 2024 and grew readership to over 4,000 in just five months.
 - Designed and managed our Wordpress site as well as producing seasonal print edition, writing and editing articles.
 - Planned social media presence.
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EDUCATION

MA Newspaper Journalism

Sept 2025 - Present

City, University of London

- Modules in news writing, media law, audience strategy, and subediting.
- Studying shorthand up to 120 WPM

History and Scottish Literature MA (Hons)

Sept 2021 - June 2025

University of Glasgow

- Grade 2:1
 - Dissertation on the reinvention of the Kailyard in the twentieth century
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KEY SKILLS

- Wordpress and Martini CMS
- Adobe Suite including Premier Pro and InDesign
- Instagram, Tiktok, and other social platforms
- Customer service and hospitality
- Proofreading and subediting
- Practical experience in improving SEO
- Datawrapper