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Education

- **BA Literature with Creative Writing University of East Anglia 20-23 2:1**
- **(Current) MA Journalism - News - University of Salford 24-25**

Employment

- **Communications Assistant - University of Salford**

September 2024 - May 2025

In September, I was given the opportunity to join Salford's communications team. In this position I write campaigns and press releases for the School of Arts, Media, and Creative Technologies.

- **Lead Researcher & Photojournalist - The New Age Magazine**

September 2023 - August 2024

Although I joined TNAM as a freelance journalist, my hard work in this position helped me to secure my position as a Head Writer for TNAM. As Head Writer, I managed a team of 8 researchers and presented our findings at the F-List's Annual Conference at the University of Wolverhampton.

- **Head of Social Media - The Reading Corner**

December 2023 - April 2024

Liaising with authors, creating marketing strategies, and writing creative copy were a crucial part of our mission to provide literacy access for adults and children. As Head of Social Media in January. I managed a team of 4 creating daily content for our social media platforms.

- **Show Producer - Brum Radio**

January 2024 - September 2024

In January, I joined as a producer for Square One, a contemporary classical show with Peter Sharples. As a producer I have honed in on my audio editing and often liaise with artists for each show.

Experience

- **Manchester Evening News - April 2024**

During my week at the MEN newsdesk, I shadowed Andy Burnham's mayoral campaign, visited court to witness the verdict of a complicated case, and asked Wythenshawe locals about the cost of living crisis.

- **The Express and Star - October 2023**

During my work experience, I interviewed local taxi drivers and also had the privilege to write a theatre review of the musical Annie starring Craig Revel Horwood.

- **The Hampshire Chronicle - October 2023**

For this placement, I interviewed members of the public, independent business owners, and shadowed the head news journalist. In my reference, Megan Stanley described me as 'engaged, enthusiastic, and inquisitive during her time' at the Hampshire Chronicle.

- **CoventryLive - October 2023**

At Coventry Live, a regional branch of Reach plc, I was asked to submit several articles, and I got to interview a number of talented individuals, as well as create excellent copy. My highlight was interviewing an 89-year-old who won the Guinness World Record for largest pumpkin in 1970.

- **Bullivant Media - September 2023**

During my week of work experience at Bullivant Media, I wrote articles for The Redditch Standard, The Solihull Observer and The Malvern Observer. Some of these articles were from press releases but others I pitched to Tristan Harris, the editor. These articles are available on my website.

Awards

- 'Best Feature Article' - Concrete Awards 2023 - Winner
- 'Best Feature Article' - SPA Awards 2023 - Nomination

