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Current Position

August 2022 – Present

Digital Reporter – The Argus

With two years of experience, I have become an integral part of The Argus team, learning a variety of multi-media skills. This includes having completed my National Qualification of Journalism (NQJ).

I have been trusted with providing quality content for The Argus on a daily basis, including [interviewing then Prime Minister Rishi Sunak](#) and investigating [anti-social behavior and drug issues in a Brighton neighborhood](#).

I have also worked on several exclusive stories including [exposing hospital failings](#) and [an investigation into the effect of rapid delivery services on alcohol abuse](#).

I have also been at the forefront of multiple live and breaking news stories including [the search for Constance Marten's child](#), the [fire at the Royal Albion hotel](#) and live blogging court causes [including a two-week murder trial](#).

My role has also included live reporting, both in the form of live-blogging and Facebook Live videos on The Argus social media. I have developed a proficiency for video editing while creating content for The Argus social media on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and TikTok. I have shown a keen interest in a wide range of topics and have pushed myself to report in a number of different mediums.

Skills: Breaking news coverage, social media management, video production (Adobe Premiere Pro), communication skills

Education

October 2021 – July 2022

MA News Journalism, University of Salford

I achieved a first-class degree classification placing me as one of the top students in my academic cohort. This included gaining an NCTJ Gold Standard Diploma with media law training, for which I attained particularly high marks. My training enabled me to learn all the skills needed to work in media and applying them in a professional setting. This has ranged from live blogging to video production, including the basics of TV package production as a point to learn from. This NCTJ Diploma also includes shorthand, which I am certified for 100wpm. I also have experience with Adobe Premiere Pro other video and graphic design programs, as well as SEO and analytics experience.

Skills: TV package production, media law training

2018- 2021

BA English Literature, Lancaster University

I achieved a 2:1, with the degree helping to develop researching skills and independent working abilities, as well as working to deadlines.

Relevant Experience

2022

Placement – CheshireLive

Spending a week in CheshireLive's remote newsroom, in this placement I focused on reporting on patch and writing a range of features and human-interest articles in Altrincham, Sandbach and Warrington.

2022

Placement, Bolton News/ Lancashire Telegraph

A week inside a local newsroom, where my time was spent chasing leads, finding intriguing stories and developing interviewing skills by talking to local councillors, as well as putting my shorthand to use through court experience.

2022

Placement, Big Issue North

A week writing for the Big Issue North magazine, including writing interview features with up-and-coming actor Harki Bhambra, news pieces on bus strikes, sidebars for interviews and learning to use Adobe InDesign.

2021

Placement, Lancashire Evening Post

Placement in a remote newsroom where I attended news conferences, chased stories, and conducted interviews.

2021

Executive Committee, Lancaster University Rugby Union

Having been selected to be on the committee by my peers, I was part of the team which oversaw the running of the club for the academic year. My roles included being on the Welfare and College Rugby sub-committees, organising the inaugural College Rugby series and overseeing player welfare, with a focus on men's mental health.

Activities

Basic proficiency in Spanish

References

Kate Parkin - Print Editor – The Argus

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