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Work Experience

PoliticsUK

News Journalist, December 2024-Present

- Contributed weekly articles to the page to an audience of over 300,000 Twitter/X followers
- Posts generated over 10,000 engagements and 100,000 impressions, driving growth to website articles by 2000 readers on average

The Tab (Edinburgh)

News Editor, May 2024-Present

- Averaged over 2,000 views per article with over 20 articles published per month
- Over 200,000 total page views on written articles and an additional 100,000 from edited articles
- Responsible for the quality of all news stories published for The Tab Edinburgh including adherence to the company style guide and UK/Scotland media law.
- Responsible for formatting and sending Freedom of Information requests, requests for comments and rights of reply and any other legal requirements for writer's stories
- Assisted in the recruitment and training of over 40 new writers

Journalist, Sept 2023 - Present

- Experienced in on-site reporting, attending events such as campus protests and major student events
- Work with the social media team to create Instagram posts and TikTok's to effectively summarise and promote stories I have written, driving traffic from social media by over 2,000 reads per article
- Collaborated with local brands to promote sponsored content that aligned with the Tab image

The Indiependent

Journalist, May 2024- Present

- Pitched and published stories on a wide range of topics from gaming and TV to lifestyle guides
- Averaged 500-750 reads per article, expanding the reach of my articles through SEO optimisation and social media posts

The Big Issue

Journalism Intern, June 2023-December 2023

• Attended training and masterclasses on reporting, pitching and sourcing stories as well as legal training and worked under experienced senior journalists

Education

Geography and Politics (Ma Hons), The University of Edinburgh, Sep 2022 – July 2026

- Modules specialise in media and politics, climate change, macroeconomics, corporate lobbying and international policing
- Average grade of 2:1 and additional extra credit modules in French