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#### Profile

**NCTJ-qualified** history graduate from the University of Manchester. **Sub-editor** and creative **features writer** with five years of professional editorial experience. Well-versed in **writing**, **subbing** and fastidiously **fact-checking** print features, front covers, online SEO content, advertorials, supplements and social media content. Practiced in writing creative titles, stand firsts and captions.

Proficient in laying out in InDesign, Photoshop and uploading SEO content in CMS system, WordPress. Responsible for writing monthly features for print and digital, with a portfolio spanning arts, history, health and fitness, fashion, travel and interiors.

Strong interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills as well as a thorough understanding of English language, syntax and grammar.

## Career history

# Time & Leisure Magazine Sub-editor and features writer

#### February 2018 - present

- Pitch, research and write original and engaging features for print and digital platforms in a house style
- Sub using InDesign, re-write titles and standfirsts, fact-check and scan copy for any grammatical, syntax or factual errors
- Upload content using WordPress according to SEO guidelines and use Google Analytics to inform future digital features
- Update Facebook, Twitter and Instagram with topical and relevant posts
- Use my professional PR contacts to source artwork and imagery
- Produce the weekly newsletter, 'Time & Leisure Weekend' (readership of 10,000)
- Manage work experience placements, commission articles and sub-edit freelance copy
- Source celebrity interviews and story leads
- Work alongside the marketing team to deliver on advertorials and online affiliate features
- Act as an ambassador for the brand at events

# dealchecker Travel writer

October 2016 – January 2018

- Responsible for creating and editing online travel guides using WordPress
- Worked closely with the marketing team who liaised directly with clients to ensure online content was delivered to deadline and to a strict brief

# BBM Travel Magazine Editorial assistant

# August 2015 - April 2016

- Researched and produced travel features and conducted celebrity interviews which appeared both online and in the monthly print magazine
- Developed my own client base of international tour operators and created copy to their advertorial briefs
- Oversaw the design of clients' digital artwork and the layout of their print spreads
- Left to travel across Central America. Continued to freelance for BBM, producing editorial features and reviewing tours across the continent

#### Freelance work

# dealchecker travel writer

January 2018 - present

- Receive regular commissions from DMC Digital / dealchecker to produce travel listicles
- All pieces are subject to thorough research and written to the house style

#### **SWLondoner**

## Reporter in conjunction with News Associates diploma

February 2017 – November 2017

- Produced news stories, features and reviews for SWLondoner [www.swlondoner.co.uk] –
   the affiliate News Associate newspaper
- Sourced exclusive stories and represented the newspaper at the 2017 General Election where I reported on the count at a key swing constituency

# The Richmond and Twickenham Times Editorial placement

August 2016

- Responsible for converting press releases into newspaper articles
- As part of their reporting on the London mayoral elections, my interviews with candidates Zac Goldsmith and Sadiq Khan featured in the newspaper's election coverage

# The Culture Trip Editorial internship

November 2015 - January 2016

- Produced lifestyle, travel, arts, history and culture articles each month in the form of travel top 10s
- Sourced appropriate images and uploaded my finished product to WordPress prior to final editorial sign-off

#### Technical skills

Adobe InDesign Adobe Photoshop WordPress Google Analytics MS Office (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Outlook)
Proficient on Mac
KeySearch
Content Editor
Hootsuite social media management tool
Campaign Monitor
Adestra email marketing tool

# Education

February 2017 - November 2017: National Council of the Training of Journalists (NCTJ) diploma

**September 2011 - July 2014**: University of Manchester, BA (2.1) in Politics and Modern History Dissertation: The history of social welfare and the Beveridge Report (1942)

**September 2004 - May 2011**: The Heathland School, Hounslow, Middlesex 'A' Levels: History (A), English Literature (A), French (B)

# References

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