

Joseph Watt

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2025 Foreign Press Association Media Award-winning freelance multimedia journalist with long features and photography published in *The Telegraph*, *Ultrarunning Magazine* and *The Offset*. Former climate magazine editor. MA International Journalism (Distinction), City University, London.

Recent work: [Inside the covert mission to save Filipino children from British paedophiles](#) (*The Telegraph*) / [To Hell and Back: The 200-mile Underground Ultra](#) (*Ultrarunning Magazine*)

Awards

MA Student Foreign Correspondent | Foreign Press Association Media Awards | 2025
To Catch a Virtual Predator: Inside the fight against livestreamed child abuse in the Philippines

“This was the unanimous choice of the judges. An excellent piece of investigative journalism – well-researched, international in scope and very well written. A standout piece that one of judges couldn’t stop thinking about. Calm, precise storytelling which let the victims’ voices speak for themselves.”

Features Award | The Offset Magazine | 2025

Selected Work History

Freelance Journalist | various publications | 04/2025 – present

Examples include long-reads covering ultrarunning races across the UK for *Ultrarunning Magazine*, and the Philippines-UK livestreamed child abuse trade for *The Telegraph*.

Deputy Editor-in-Chief | The Offset Magazine | 04/2025 – 07/2025

Led a 22-person newsroom to produce a human-focused, solutions-based print and digital climate magazine with accompanying podcast and socials.

Executive Intern | International Justice Mission, Philippines | 09/2023 – 09/2024

Co-led local advocacy and partnerships team for a leading NGO tackling online sexual exploitation of children in Manila, Philippines. Supported demand-side advocacy strategy by writing profiles and thought leadership articles on online safety legislation. Led logistics for events with 100+ attendees.

Staff Writer | Study Mind | 09/2022 – 12/2022

Wrote three weekly SEO-friendly articles for MedicMind and OxbridgeMind websites. Edited and fact-checked content across websites. Led modern languages and European universities series.

Additional Experience

Trustee | Opportunity to Hope | 04/2024 – present

Coordinate monthly newsletter communications, social media accounts and film and write-up case study interviews for an international grant-giving NGO.

Speaker, Human Trafficking Expert | International Justice Mission UK | 01/2025 - present

Subject matter expert for national engagement events, providing expert knowledge for IJM.

Co-founder & Head of Communications | Bristol Fair Trade Network | 06/2021 – 12/2022

Ran successful campaign to change unethical university cotton purchasing. Made a documentary to be screened nationally on modern slavery, cotton and UK universities.

Education

City, University of London | MA International Journalism | Distinction | 09/2024 – 09/2025
Specialisms in photojournalism (80) and investigative reporting (74), compiling testimonies and FOI reports on the cladding scandal. Focused on print (76) pathway alongside digital and social (77) journalism.

University of Bristol | BA English and History | 1st-class | 09/2019 – 07/2022
Writer for student newspapers Epigram and Helicon. Event co-ordinator for new writing drama society. Dissertation on Wintu (Native American tribe) linguistics and the Scottish Enlightenment.

Additional Information

Skills: Photoshop; Adobe Lightroom; Adobe Premiere Pro; Adobe InDesign; Adobe Audition; self-shooting (Nikon DSLR); B1 Spanish; public speaking; UK driving licence.

I established City University's first MA pickleball club after learning on the streets of Manila. I cycled Land's End to John O'Groats in 2023 with my dad and brother, sharing two functioning knees between the three of us. Regrettably, I can neither whistle nor click.

Portfolio Work Examples

<https://josephwatt.journoportfolio.com>

References

Available on request.