

Hannah Smithson

A young, enthusiastic working journalist and deputy editor at Soul&Spirit magazine. International work experience in broadcast and online journalism. Ability to learn quickly and manage time in order to problem solve tasks independently and hit the ground running.

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Qualifications

Bournemouth University- 2010-2013
BA (Hons) Multimedia Journalism - First class honors

NCTJ Diploma including; Media Law, Public Affairs, Court Reporting, Subbing, News Writing and 80wpm Shorthand- diploma portfolio - Grade A

The Henley College- 2005-2007
3 A levels – A- English literature and language, A- Geography B- History
4 AS levels A-A-B-B with Economics

Langtree Secondary School- 2000-2005
11 GCSE levels (4 -A*, 6-A) including Maths, English, Double Science, ICT, Media Studies and German



Work Experience

Tiger Aspect Productions - Single Camera Producer for Island Parish Series March 2014 -
Working closely with the Island Parish series Director, filming alone with lead characters and helping research stories and set up interviews.

Brightside - June 2011- January 2013
Working closely with a London educational charity to create multi-media content for their website. Writing topical articles for students and producing audio and video content for young people.

BBC South Today - October 2012
Shadowed presenters, producers, editors, reporters and hub journalists on every aspect of putting news packages and bulletins together. Cut OOVs and wrote scripts for breakfast packages. Called contacts for story leads and helped out on production of an OB at Winchester Cathedral.

Hot Radio - July 2012
News reading on the Breakfast show and sourcing original news stories. Local reporting, interviewing and editing packages together for the Drive Time evening slot.

Aceville publications, Soul and Spirit - June 2012 and August 2013
Researched, compiled and wrote up the beauty, letters, great escape travel and review choice pages. Conducted interviews and sourced contributors. Sourced images and products, liaising with PR companies and wrote features for the website. Freelance writing book reviews for magazine.

The Sun, TV Buzz - May 2012
Transcribed interviews, and wrote features – On Set and Talking Telly with Bob Barratt. Completed subbing exercises.

The Daily Echo, Bournemouth - October 2011/ April 2012
Sourced and researched original news and feature stories, including active court cases. Attended a live gig review, interviewing Ben Howard for the entertainments editor.

The Reading Chronicle - Sept 2010
Gained valuable interviewing skills when accompanying reporters to local events, carrying out vox pops during a JLS book signing and interviewed Steve Backshall for full page feature. Researched and wrote up daily news pieces including weather reports.



Extra-curricular activities

Assistant Features Editor for Pebblezine

Newsreader for Nerve Radio

Radio presenter for sponsored Nerve Daytime show

Documentary making

Volunteer for Barnados Charity shop

Yoga, netball, swimming, skiing and snowboarding

Basic Spanish and French

Awards

* Jeremy Wallington award for Investigative Journalism from Bournemouth University
* Runner up for the BJTC awards 2013 for best TV news piece

Skills

- Adobe Indesign
- Adobe Premier
- Adobe Audition
- Adobe Photoshop
- Final Cut Pro
- ENPS
- Wordpress
- Microsoft word, powerpoint, excel

Employment history

Soul & Spirit magazine April 14 - Present
Deputy editor at Soul & Spirit national women's mag

Falkland Islands TV (FITV)- Sept 13- April 14
Producer, presenter and editor for weekly news programme Falklands in Focus

Aimhigher scheme - Sept 12- May 13
Student mentor and Bright Voices writer for Brightside London Charity

Bournemouth Uni Student Union May 13- Aug 13
Student advice worker and advocate

Hot Rocks Surf Company-March 11-June 12
Receptionist/host

Toyota - May 10 - Sept 10
Service marketing co-ordinator & receptionist

Skiworld- Winter 08 & Winter 10
Resort rep and Ski guide- Courchevel, France
Hotel host- Alpe d'Huez, France

Additional Information

- Full clean driving licence
- St. Johns Ambulance first aid trained (3 years)
- Artificial Snow Sports Instructor (ASSI) Qualification
- Grade Five Singing (The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music)