

# Alex Journalist

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I am a University of Sheffield journalism student graduating in July 2016 with a wide variety of writing experience.

Working as news editor for Forge Press has given me first-hand experience of proofing copy to tight deadlines.

## Experience

### **News editor, Forge Press student newspaper, University of Sheffield, February 2014 – May 2015**

- Helping produce a fortnightly 44-60 page newspaper, specifically producing the news sections
- Ensuring our 15,000-strong readership is catered for
- Subediting, checking for style, formatting and legal errors
- Uploading to WordPress and maintaining the news section of the website, forgetoday.com
- Covering breaking news and producing quick and effective copy whilst doing so

### **Sheffield Paper, internship, January 2015 – present**

- After completing a week long work placement at the Star, I was offered a one day a week unpaid internship. I have also helped cover events such as the General Election Sheffield count with the Star

### **Magazine, placement, April 2015**

- Completed a week long placement at the magazine's offices in London

### **Contributor to student magazine, September 2013 – present**

- Regular contributor to Fuse, having reviewed live gigs by artists such as Kylie Minogue and Janelle Monáe

## Examples

### **Report on the conviction and sentencing of Sheffield drugs ring:** <http://link.com>

- **Feature article on the influence of appearance in the world of politics:**

<http://link.com>

- **Comment article on tax avoidance:**

<http://link.com>

## Skills

- Proficient in Adobe Indesign and Photoshop
- Layout design
- Excellent communication skills
- NCTJ shorthand 100wpm
- NCTJ qualifications: media law, court reporting, news writing
- Versatility in writing different copy style and lengths
- Interviewing, in person and by phone
- Vox pops
- Social media: Twitter, Tweetdeck, Facebook, Instagram

## Education

- **The University of Sheffield** 2012-present **BA Journalism Studies (NCTJ & PPA)**
- Aston School: 2005-2012 (11 GCSEs)
- A-Levels: English Language (A), Theatre Studies (A), History (B)

## Freelance work

### **Sheffield Star front page, May 2015**

- Court report covering the sentencing of A Man, convicted of assaulting his widow

## Work

### **Barista, Coffee Shop, September 2010-present**

- I have worked in two different Coffee stores.
- Working in a customer-focused setting has helped me develop my communication skills
- Dealing with complaints enables me to use my calm personality to make rational decisions on the spot, while maintaining my professionalism
- I thrive in working in quick-paced environments

## References

A Editor, Sheffield Paper 0114 222222

A Tutor, Sheffield Uni 0114 2222500