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PROFILE

Nationality: British

Date of birth: 9/5/1972

Gender: Male

CAREER

Media consultant, Metro.co.uk, Kensington, central London – 2018-present

Drawing on my vast experience in newspaper production, using a number of techniques, to improve the readability of one of the UK's leading news-based websites.

Teacher, Mosaic Clubhouse charity, Brixton, south London – 2018

Exclusively planning, organising and holding media skills workshops for people with mental illnesses across the ability spectrum.

News sub-editor, The Sun, Wapping, east London/London Bridge – 2011-2016

Sub-editing all areas of news pages, working closely with libel lawyers and, in addition to my job description, writing front page splash and page lead headlines.

Sub-editor, News of the World, Wapping, east London – 2010-2011

Sub-editing news, features and furniture pages, and working closely with libel lawyers, as a valued member of a tight-knit team.

News sub-editor, Evening Standard, Kensington, central London – 2008

Sub-editing a wide variety of news stories on the UK capital's leading newspaper, while it was still a paid-for product.

News sub-editor/Assistant Chief Sub-editor, The Sun, Wapping – 2002-2007

Sub-editing all areas of news, specialising in pun headlines, and working with libel lawyers, as well as chief-subbing pages and performing Late Night Editor role.

Editor, Asian Xpress, Bow, east London – 2001-2002

Leading launch team of British-Asian newspaper, with involvement in all key areas of editorial, production and wider media exposure.

Sub-editor, News of the World, Wapping, east London – 1999-2001

Key responsibilities included exclusively co-ordinating and sub-editing the "Rav" showbiz column for a year from its launch.

Editor, Eastern Eye, Bethnal Green, east London – 1998-1999

Making a series of revitalising editorial, production and other staff changes to boost the newspaper's circulation and nationwide profile.

Editor, Lebanese Gazette, Beirut, Lebanon – 1998

Leading launch team of a Lebanese, tabloid newspaper. Proud achievement of successful campaign to raise enough money to finance a young girl's heart surgery.

Sub-editor, Society, Beirut, Lebanon – 1997-1998

Responsible for all sub-editing of a popular lifestyle magazine, working with a small but dynamic team to raise production standards.

Entertainment Editor/Sports Editor, Daily Star (Beirut), Lebanon – 1997-1998

Laying out, sub-editing and chief sub-editing 'Edutainment', sport and business broadsheet pages on the Arab world's then leading English-language newspaper.

Production Editor, Eastern Eye, Bethnal Green, east London – 1996-1997

In charge of laying out and sub-editing all editorial pages. Also, co-ordinating with the editorial, circulation and advertising departments, as well as liaising with printers.

Design sub-editor, The Voice, Brixton, south London – 1995-1996

Laying out pages and sub-editing all areas of news, sport and features on the UK's biggest-selling British-black newspaper.

Design sub-editor, Eastern Eye, Bethnal Green, east London – 1994-1995

Laying out pages and sub-editing all areas of news, sport and features. Also liaising with printers on the UK's biggest-selling British-Asian national newspaper.

EDUCATION

A levels: Government and politics, English language

GCSEs: Government and politics, English, English literature, maths, sociology