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PROFILE

I am a Glasgow based award winning social documentary and portrait photographer. Collaboration is a vital part of my practice to ensure the individuals and or communities I work with are ethically represented. I am an extremely passionate, hardworking, a supremely motivated professional with great time management skills, relationship building and strong ethics when empowering individuals to vocalise their stories.

EDUCATION

MA Photography, Falmouth University (via Falmouth Flexible): Distinction (2022)

BA Professional Photography, Robert Gordon University (via Edinburgh College): Distinction (2020)

HND2 Photography, Edinburgh College: A (2019)

HNC Photography, New College Lanarkshire: A (2018)

HND Interior Design, Edinburgh Telford College: Pass Year One (2001)

Higher, St. Augustine's High School: Art A, Craft and Design A, Management and Information Studies C and English D (1998/1999)

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- RPS: International Photography Exhibition 164 shortlisted with *'Prescribed Addiction'*
- IPA One Shot/Colour Contest 2022 (student) Honourable Mention & Jury Top 5 selection with *'The Survivor'*
- BIPP Scottish Region 2022 2nd place in Reportage/Photojournalism with *'The False Accusation'* & merit in the People & Portrait category with *'Community Payback'*
- Urban Photo Awards 2022 selected with *'Labelled'*
- North Photo Festival 2022 student finalist (*'Identity'*) with *'Where we belong'*
- Belfast Photo Festival 2022 highly commended with *'Pain is Necessary Suffering is Optional'*
- Tokyo International Foto Awards (Student) 2021 finalist Category Editorial-General News *'Last Orders'*, People-Portrait *'The Punter'* & People-Lifestyle *'Out of the Shadows'*
- BIPP National Print Awards 2021 Bronze award winner in the Fine Art Category with *'Last Orders'*
- ND Awards 2021 honourable mention with *'The Survivor'*
- BJP Edition 365 2021 award winner with *'Last Orders'*
- RPS: International Photography Exhibition 163 shortlisted with *'Out of this World'*
- Crewe Photo Award 2021 award winner in the People Category with *'The Survivor'*
- Moscow International Foto Awards (Student) 2021 Bronze award winner with *'Badlands'*
- The Urban Photo Awards 2021 selected photographer in the Streets Category with *'Last Orders'*
- Tokyo International Foto Awards (Student) 2020 Gold award winner in Editorial-Political with *'Silenced'* & Silver award winner People-Portrait with *'The Survivor'*
- Budapest International Foto Awards (Student) 2020 Silver award winner in Editorial-Political with *'Silenced'*, Honourable mention People-life style with *'Trapped Within'* & People-Portrait with *'The Survivor'*
- RISE International Photography Awards 2020 finalist Documentary Category, with *'Beautifully Hung'*
- Inoventa Awards finalist YELLOW 2020, With *'The Survivor'*
- The British Journal of Photography, Portrait of Britain 2020, winner, with *'The Survivor'*
- Moscow International Foto Awards 2020 (Student) Bronze award winner in Editorial-Political with *'Silenced'* & Bronze award winner in People-Portrait with *'The Survivor'*
- MPA Scottish Region 2020 (Student), Portraiture Category Overall winner with *'Silenced'* & Open Category Merit award *'Beautifully Hung'*
- BIPP National Print Competition 2020 Bronze award winner, Studio Portrait *'Silenced'*, finalist, Street & Documentary with *'Trapped Within'* & *'7 Years Clean'* & Fine Art with *'Beautifully Hung'*
- AOP Awards 2019 (Student) finalist People category, *'Silenced'*

- BIPP Scotland (Student) 2019 Social & Portraiture Silver award *'The Beatnik'* Photojournalism Merit awards for *'Together Till The End'* & *'The City Never Sleeps'*

KEY SKILLS

- Collaboration via effective communication (oral/written)
- Research and analysis
- Organization and time management
- Critical thinking and problem solving

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Sept 2021 - Present: The Guardian (Edinburgh & Glasgow)

Freelance Photojournalist

- Photojournalist and editorial work that covers many areas e.g., portraiture.
- Work under high pressured deadlines.
- Post-production on all imagery produced.
- Responsible for all administrative duties.

Nov 2017 - Present: The City of Edinburgh Council (Edinburgh)

Community Safety Night Officer

- ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) and noise issues relating to domestic properties city wide. Advisories, mediation, and enforcement action depending on each case.
- Partnership working with Police Scotland, Lothian Fire Brigade, local housing, factors, private landlords, licensing to resolve ASB issues.
- Community engagement roles to reduce low level crime.

July 2015 - Nov 2017: East Dunbartonshire Council (Kirkintilloch)

Community Warden

- ASB issues across East Dunbartonshire.
- Community engagement projects and partnership working e.g., Police Scotland.
- Community meetings regarding ASB, environmental crime and youth disorder.
- Investigations into complaints via residents, councilors, other departments and agencies where warnings, education and enforcement action can be taken.
- Training new staff due to my experience within this field.

Oct 2008 - July 2015: The City of Edinburgh Council (City Centre/North Neighbourhood)

Environmental Warden

- Investigations into environmental crime regarding fly-tipping, trade/domestic waste, littering, public health issues, road occupation, abandoned vehicles, etc that can involve enforcement action.
- Community engagement and partnership working with residents, factors, housing officers, roads, Police Scotland, Lothian Fire Brigade etc.
- Evidence Custodian duties to store, retrieve and dispose items under GPDA.

INTERESTS

I am a very active person who attends the gym, cycles, and takes long walks in my spare time with the dogs. I love to travel and explore new places. To relax I like to watch a good documentary series, movie or listen to music. Mostly I enjoy taking time out to work on personal photography projects to keep me inspired.

REFERENCES

Available on request.