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**I am a writer, proofreader and editor, with a degree in English & Creative Writing.
I have experience in publication, office and customer service environments.**

I have a bright disposition and a mature work ethic; I will apply myself to any task I am set, using initiative where appropriate. I have experience of working both individually and within a team; I can manage my own time effectively and can work with and even manage others. I am highly organised, have excellent IT skills and am quick and eager to learn new things.

Relevant Experience

CityLife Magazine - Freelance Proofreader/Editor - June 2010 to Present

I recently accepted this position with CityLife (a bi-monthly magazine based in Portsmouth) after I was head hunted for the role through my website. Although currently a volunteer position, and just starting out with a small publication, I am looking forward to developing the role and gaining some valuable experience along the way.

Pugwash News (Student Media) - Publication Editor/Copy Editor - Oct 2006 to May 2010

I consider my work with my Union's student media almost as valuable as my degree; during my three years here I was offered many opportunities and I learnt so much about the publishing industry, including media law, and about myself as an Editor. I was involved in forty issues of the fortnightly student newspaper, which obviously required time management and a high level of dedication. I was in charge of a team of up to twenty-five people, and I also proofread, edited and even produced articles for the publication when need be, so every day was something new. Though stressful at times, this was a huge learning curve, and a big part of my university experience.

Freelance - Editing for Sam Hawksmoor - Summer 2009

Because of my work with Pugwash News, one of my tutors requested that I look over one of his upcoming novel manuscripts (to be published Spring 2011) during a gap in my studies. What started out as a search for typos became an actual discussion of the text, and my 'editorial' input became valued enough that he offered me a further two manuscripts to look at over the summer; an opportunity which I greatly appreciated and enjoyed, as it gave me a chance to experience editing fiction. This first taste of professional editing certainly whetted my appetite!

Other

I have also written for the websites 'Unbored' and 'K9 Magazine' - movie/television reviews and press releases respectively, and have had a short story published in the magazine 'First Edition'. I hope to have an article out in YEAH Magazine shortly. I am always actively on the lookout for opportunities to get my work 'out there'.

On top of my work with Pugwash News, I also wrote articles for the sister publication, 'Pugwash Magazine', and co-hosted a weekly radio show on the radio branch of our Union's media, Pure FM. I also volunteered as a dog walker at our local Council kennels.

I read regularly - magazines, blogs and novels - and love to educate myself on topics that I am passionate about. Mostly I focus on subjects that interest me, but the English half of my degree has led me to many writers that I may not have heard of or would have overlooked otherwise.

Finally, I manage and maintain my own website, which is Wordpress based and has a Twitter account linked to it. Both the production of content and the work behind the scenes is done by myself. I use this as a place to showcase my work, and myself; and because I know people are reading, I like to write new content regularly.

Education & Qualifications

BA (Hons) English & Creative Writing - University of Portsmouth - Oct 2007 to June 2010 2:1 (awaiting confirmation)

During my time on my degree, I have learnt both about the history of literature and its place in the modern world, as well as the rules of language and the writer's craft. I have also studied what makes a good story, and the best ways of telling it, which has allowed me to both produce my own work and critically assess the works of others.

Specific units include: Screenwriting (Dissertation); The Short Story; Writing Stories, Telling Tales; Introductions to Literary History; Rewriting Literary History; and The Creative Process.

All further qualifications listed at highest level achieved:

Advanced Highers - Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen - May 2006

English, A; Modern Studies, B; Information Systems, B

Highers - Aberdeen Grammar School/RGC*, Aberdeen - May 2005/2006*

Mathematics, B; Drama*, B; Physics, C

Standard Grades - Aberdeen Grammar School, Aberdeen - May 2004

French, 1; Computing, 2; Chemistry, 2

Other Employment

University of Portsmouth/UPSU - Oct 2009 & April 2010

Temporary worker; Student Registration Officer and Election Assistant

Telephone Listening Company - May 2009 to Sept 2009

Customer Helpline Advisor; NHS Swine Flu and Debenhams inbound campaigns

Opito Oil & Gas Academy - Summer 2007/2008

Office Assistant and Receptionist

Tesco - May 2006 to April 2007

Checkout Operator

Reference

Referees available on request.

For more information, or for samples of my writing, please see www.laurapatricia.co.uk.

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