

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

King Edward VI Grammar School for Boys, Aston

- Eight 'O' levels, including English & Maths
- Three 'A' levels: Biology, Computer Studies, General Studies

Sheffield City Polytechnic

- BSC Computer Studies

Early work history

Computer programmer – visiting lecturer – computer trainer – Adult Training programme supervisor – economic development advisor (telematics).

Career

1994-2011

Set up and managed Birmingham City Council website. Responsible for content strategy, copy-editing, HTML & accessibility standards compliance, legal compliance (including copyright), editor training, team management. Oversaw content migration (10,000+ pages) to new CMS.

2011-ongoing.

Freelance Wikipedia & digital media consultant. Clients include BBC, West Midlands Police, Institution of Civil Engineers, W3C, W4MP (Parliamentary staff website), Oxford University, museums, galleries & local authorities.

Wikipedian- or Wikimedian-in-Residence. Hosts include: Wildscreen (ARKive project), Staffordshire Archives and Heritage Service, New Art Gallery Walsall, Lancashire Museums Service (Queen Street Mill), Thinktank Birmingham Science Museum, Royal Society of Chemistry, TED (the latter current). Responsible for all aspects of WiR role: strategic planning, organising public engagement events, staff & volunteer training, copyright/licensing validation, content uploads, community liaison, etc.

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Other activities

Published and edited music magazine (1986-1996); wrote three books for major publisher (about Pink Floyd; translated into five languages); articles for magazines including Q, Mojo.

2000-2014: Trustee and webmaster (previous website) for West Midland Bird Club, a registered charity. Responsible for entire website & social media operation, plus governance of the charity.

Volunteer Wikipedia editor since 2003 (>150,000 edits).

Public advocacy for Wikimedia projects as a guest blogger, on air (NPR (USA), BBC World Service), and as a keynote speaker (UK, EU, Serbia, Kosovo, Tunisia, USA, Indonesia, Qatar, Australia)

Pro-bono Wikipedian-in-Residence at ORCID.

Volunteer trainer for not-for-profit organisations at social media surgeries.

RSPB volunteer (reserve warden; event outreach, local group speaker secretary).

Awards

Elected **Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts** "for your work on open data, Wikipedia and social media" in 2013.

UK Wikimedian of the Year (honourable mention), 2014, for founding the "Voice Intro Project" (to make audio recordings in which Wikipedia subjects speak their name and introduce themselves) and for persuading the BBC to release material from broadcast programmes under an open licence, for the first time.