# JOSHUA HASTINGS

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Creative communications professional enthusiastic about designing high-quality graphics for print and digital channels. With experience producing content for range of universities, I can manage corporate visual and written identities, have strong higher education knowledge, and expertise using Adobe Creative Suite, HTML/CSS and Microsoft Office systems.

# WORK EXPERIENCE

#### Digital Content Officer - Universities UK (Aug 2017 - Present)

Producing high-quality visual content to communicate policy and research to online audiences. I trained on a data visualisation course to improve my information design skills and produced reports illustrating higher education research and statistics.

- Editorial and information design for publications, web images, infographics, display banners, flyers and posters (Adobe CS).
- HTML and CSS for newsletters and web formatting; social media content management; web publishing and analytics.
- Filming and editing video content (Final Cut Pro); capturing photography and vox pops at events; directing film crews.
- Project managing creative production with external agencies, procuring goods from suppliers, and reviewing budgets.
- Brand asset management and sign off, updating branded templates, and advising colleagues on corporate identity.

#### Communications Officer – University Alliance (Dec 2016 – Jul 2017)

Publishing engaging content to share university research and policy. I project managed and designed a publication to promote UK universities internationally, liaising with several stakeholders and managing various corporate identities.

- Designing web graphics, posters, flyers and publications; events photography; retouching and resizing photos (Photoshop).
- Copywriting, editing and proofreading for website, blogs, social media, newsletters and press releases.
- Coordinating events in universities and in parliament; external stakeholder relations; CRM to manage press mailing lists.

#### Print Marketing Coordinator - Kaplan International (Jul 2015 - Nov 2016)

Coordinating the production and distribution of adverts, banners, flyers, and publications for international student recruitment. I project managed the copywriting, editing and design of 6 university prospectuses, and developed a taxonomy for a new CMS.

- Creating artwork for print marketing materials (InDesign); exporting print-ready artwork and liaising with suppliers.
- Copywriting, editing and proofreading; SEO and PDF optimisation; digital asset management for a new website.
- Procuring goods and services; shipping print assets and merchandise internationally; accounts administration and invoicing.

## **SKILLS & TRAINING**

- Adobe CS: InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Final Cut
- CMS: WordPress, Drupal, SharePoint, Joomla, Tumblr
- SEO, web analytics and accessibility: SiteImprove
- Social media: Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, YouTube
- Content strategy and evaluation: Buffer, Keyhole, Planoly
- Microsoft: Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Outlook

- Writing for digital Crocstar (Jun 2018)
- Learn to Code CSS QA (May 2018)
- Data Visualisation: Advanced UAL (Apr 2018)
- Instagram for business and brands UAL (Apr 2018)
- Illustrator CC Advanced Techniques Highlander (Nov 2017)
- Spanish (level C1) Instituto Cervantes (Aug 2017)

## **EDUCATION & AWARDS**

2013

- 2014 Europass Mobility Award: Leonardo Da Vinci Lifelong Learning Programme
  - University of Westminster Academic Achievement Award
- 2010–2013 BA (Hons) Contemporary Media Practice **First** (University of Westminster)
- 2008–2010 A Level Photography **A\***, Spanish **A**, Religious Studies **B**
- 2003–2008 GCSE Digital applications **Distinction**; English, Spanish **A\***; Graphic Design, Maths, Science **A**

# CAUSES & VOLUNTEERING

- Hillsong Church London: Performing Arts team member (May 2016 present)
- Amplified Arts Academy: Communications volunteer (Mar May 2017)
- Black Cultural Archives: Youth Forum member (Apr 2016 Feb 2017)
- Tate Collective: video production and editing volunteer for #StoriesUncovered exhibition at Tate Britain (Sep Dec 2016)
- Iniva (Institute of International Visual Arts): Stuart Hall Library volunteer (Jul 2012 Jul 2018)