

Curriculum Vitae

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Employment history

Party of European Socialists

2016 to present **Senior Communications Advisor**

I oversee press and media relations for the party, and advise on a wide range of other communications activities.

Office of Richard Corbett MEP

2014 to 2016 **Head of Communications**

I was responsible for communications activities across all media, including developing and managing an award-winning website, and a well-known app on EU political affairs which was used by more than 23,000 British journalists, politicians and activists during the UK referendum campaign.

EU referendum campaign (UK Labour party)

2016 **Communications & policy consultant (secondment)**

I advised the head of the campaign on communications and EU policy issues, including drafting speeches for shadow ministers.

KT-EQUAL national research consortium

2009 to 2014 **Communications Manager**

I was responsible for communications strategy and projects, media campaigns, brand management and online development, especially social media. With a colleague, I shared responsibility for major event planning. I also planned and delivered a programme of communications training for researchers.

Hull York Medical School

2007 to 2014 **Communications Officer**

My main responsibilities were external and internal communications strategy for this new medical school, especially developing online media. I managed a small communications team. With a colleague, I also shared responsibility for publications design, event planning, providing communications guidance to colleagues and organisational brand management.

National Museum of Science and Industry

2006 to 2007 **Press Officer (1-year contract)**

I ran the press office at the UK's National Railway Museum, managing a team of staff in a busy media-facing environment. In that year, media exposure topped a record £4m of PR value, with extended coverage on national TV, front-page news in national broadsheets, and a full-length documentary for UKTV History.

Office of Richard Corbett MEP

2006 **Press and Communications Officer**

UK Civil Service Graduate Scheme

2002 to 2003 **Internal Communications Trainee**

Education

Universities of York and Hull

Part-time doctoral research

2012 to 2017

Freedom of conscience and religion among healthcare professionals

University of Leeds

MA Philosophy (Distinction)

2008 to 2009

University of York

BA (Hons) English language and linguistics (2:i)

1999 to 2002

Languages

English native speaker

German intermediate

French beginner

British Sign Language beginner

Other interests

Choral conducting

In the UK I directed a variety of choirs, including a group specialising in high-quality chamber music and a large choral society.

Volunteer work

While in the UK, I was an Oxfam volunteer supervisor every year at one of the UK's biggest popular music festivals. I have managed a team of about 60 volunteers with front-line responsibility for the safety of hundreds of thousands of fans.

References on request

Rt Hon Alan Johnson MP

Head of EU referendum campaign, UK Labour party 2016

UK home secretary 2009 to 2010

Richard Corbett MEP

Deputy leader of the European Parliamentary Labour Party

Advisor to the President of the European Council 2010 to 2014