

ERIC JOHNSON BSc MA Curriculum Vitae

Personal

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- Experience**
- 2007 – present: Princess Productions**, 3rd Floor Whiteley's Centre, 151 Queensway, London W2 45B.
- I am co-presenter and audience researcher for **The Wright Stuff** broadcast live on Five every weekday morning. As well as co-ordinating the audience, I interview celebrities at red carpet events, produce pieces to camera and input imaginative ideas for broadcast.*
- 2007 – 2007: 3 (Three Mobile)**, Star House, 20 Grenfell Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 1EH.
- I was a freelance **News & Entertainment Producer**, producing content that required imagination and initiative, underpinned by an extensive knowledge of current affairs and popular culture. Photo editing, copy & caption writing and extensive page updates were duties carried out daily. My work was accessed by over three million customers through their handsets.*
- 2006 – 2007: RealNetworks**, 1st Floor, 233 High Holborn, London WC1V 7DN.
- I was **Assistant Editor** for EU RealGuides and Real.com - two of RealNetworks' international consumer entertainment websites, visited by several million RealPlayer users a month. I edited and created video and online content to make the guides destinations of choice for online entertainment.*
- 2005 – 2006: Hertfordshire's Mercury 96.6**, Unit 5, The Metro Centre, Dwight Road, Watford WD18.
- As **Field Reporter**, I had to generate big, local, original stories and tell them in a way that got listeners attention. I worked closely with politicians and the public. I was one of the first journalists on the scene at the Buncefield Oil Depot explosion in December 2005, where I provided reports for stations all round the world. I was also the station's showbiz reporter, which involved film reviews, celebrity interviews and Big Brother coverage direct from the 'BB House'.*

- Placements**
- October 2005 – Reuters**, The Reuters Building, South Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5EP.
- I supported a number of Broadcast & Video Journalists with their video filming and editing in a variety of departments. This was a unique opportunity to witness how news is distributed around the world.*
- October 2005 - The Daily Mirror**, One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London, E14 5AP.
- I was situated on the news desk to support other journalists, where I attended conferences and high profile events. I wrote articles and helped the mirror.co.uk team with the website.*
- September 2005 – Bang Showbiz**, 28-30 Holmes Road, London, NW5 3AB.
- I was a celebrity and showbiz journalist, writing news for a number of websites and national newspapers.*

- *I took the role of staff writer and software consultant for the 'Web Designer' publication. I produced and wrote the news section of the magazine and reviewed several websites.*

April 2005 – Press Association, 292 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, SW1V 1AE.

- *I was attached to the multimedia newsroom, working closely with Broadcast & Video Journalists. I attended a number of news events and participated in editing, archiving and research.*

April 2005 – Bournemouth Daily Echo, Richmond Hill, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH2 6HH.

- *I was a researcher and reporter, writing about local events and court cases.*

March 2005 – BBC Southampton, Broadcasting House, Havelock Road, Southampton, SO14 7PU

- *I was situated on the newsdesk, where I created several stories for the BBC News website. I also helped produce 'South Today' - broadcast live across the South of England.*

Education

2004 – 2005: Bournemouth University, Fern Barrow, Poole, Dorset, BH12 5BB.

- **MA. (Hons) Multi Media Journalism [Merit].**

As well as perfecting my writing skills, I learnt the following core journalism modules:

- **Frontiers in journalism** - understanding the 'global newsroom' and other theoretical concepts.
- **Digital broadcasting** - practical audio and visual broadcast journalism, recording and editing.
- **Online journalism** – producing and publishing news online to converge audio, video and text.
- **Media law** - understanding regulation, press & broadcast freedoms and codes of conduct.

I also produced and presented Bournemouth University's first student current affairs TV show, which received national recognition and won me several awards.

2001 – 2004: De Montfort University, The Gateway, Leicester, LE1 9BH.

- **BSc. (Hons) Joint Honours Computing & Media [2.1].**

I passed an NCTJ accredited Practical Journalism module, providing a good foundation of skills and theory needed to be a fluent journalist. I wrote articles for the student newspaper and established my own web design company when I was commissioned to design university sport team websites. I was involved in several video projects and helped launch the university's first TV station, Demon TV.

1999 – 2001: West Herts College, Hempstead Road, Watford, Herts WD17 3EZ.

- **GNVQ (Adv.) Media: Communication & Production [Distinction].**

A good introduction to media, where I learnt video filming & editing skills, combined with industry standard applications such as Adobe, Macromedia and QuarkXpress.

1994 – 1999: St Joan of Arc School, High Street, Rickmansworth Herts WD3 1HG.

- **100% A – C pass at GCSE level [including English, Maths and Science - all at grade B].**

Interests

I am a news junkie at heart, with a desire to know what is going on in the world. I am up-to-date with the latest technological developments and I enjoy using them to their full effect. Where news and technology cross, I am always the first to raise my hand to know more. In my spare time, I enjoy a workout at my local gym, running, shopping and socialising. Being an avid fan of internet technology and entertainment, I am excited about the continuing progress they make together in the digital age as digital music and video expand.

References Upon request