

A freelance print and broadcast journalist, copywriter, and editor

Education

November 2006: UK National Council for the Training of Journalists National Certificate

Examination (NCE)

September 2004 – May 2005: University of Central Lancashire, Preston: Postgraduate Diploma in Newspaper Journalism & NCTJ exams in shorthand, law, news writing and local government

1995 – 1999: University of Glasgow & University of British Columbia, Vancouver: MA Honours English Literature and Philosophy

Employment

January 2008 – present

Freelance journalist: www.guardian.co.uk/profile/helen-clifton

- My news and features have been published in Vice, the Guardian, Inside Housing, the Journalist, the Big Issue in the North, the Manchester Evening News, and Gay Times.
- I've reported for the Guardian newspaper, covering the 2010 general election, the 2011 riots, and general news.
- I've carried out reporting, syndication and news editing shifts for a number of Trinity Mirror local titles, the Manchester Evening News, and the Big Issue in the North.
- I'm a freelance news producer for the Breakfast and Daily shows on BBC Radio 5 Live.

Other editorial roles

- Digital Content Consultant, the British Council: www.britishcouncil.org/active-citizens
- Senior Researcher, the Reading the Riots study: www.theguardian.com/uk/series/reading-the-riots
- Writer, editor, photographer, tutor: Shelter, Oxfam, ActionAid, NHS, Canal and Rivers Trust, the Alzheimer's Society

2001 – 2008

- *May 2007 - January 2008: Manchester Metro News, Senior Reporter*
Winner of the silver category in the 2007 Newspaper Society Weekly Newspaper Journalist of the Year award.
- *June 2005 - May 2007: Oldham Advertiser, Senior Reporter*
- *January 2002 - August 2004: ActionAid, Press Officer*
Generated news and features coverage and responded to media enquiries for this large anti-poverty NGO.
- *June 2001 - August 2001: Reuters Foundation AlertNet website, Editorial Assistant*

References

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