

Lewis Dobbs



Podcast Assistant

Lewis is an award-nominated audio editor and podcast producer. Dedicated to sound, Lewis has produced long-form content for BBC Sounds, NTS Radio, Hong Kong Community Radio, The Economist, and more. After studying Media & Creative Industries at Warwick, Lewis became Journalism Coordinator at BBC Radio Coventry & Warwickshire, Hereford & Worcester, and Gloucestershire. At the BBC, Lewis operated live radio programmes in-studio, led social media campaigns, and produced audio packages for broadcast.

Lewis is now Podcast Assistant at Immediate Media Co. (Radio Times, BBC Good Food, olive, etc.), editing BBC Science Focus' 'Instant Genius' Podcast, and 'The Plod-cast' for BBC Countryfile. He was shortlisted for the Scottish Soundscape Prize 2022, reaching Top 4 in the UK, and nominated 'Best Newcomer' at the Student Radio Awards 2021.

<https://www.immediate.co.uk/>

<https://ldobbs.xyz/>

Lee Frost



Lead 3D Artist

I'm a Lead 3D Artist in the video games industry, specialising in stylised worlds. I love getting hands-on with a project and talking through ideas to create the best possible game, along with managing and creating an organised and optimised project or game. I have 10 years in the industry covering mobile and PC games. I started my journey at Teesside University doing a computer animation course that was aimed more towards TV and film with colour correcting/rotoscoping/3D models within real footage. After graduating I applied to film studios and game studios for modelling roles and managed to get a trainee 3D Artist job for a company in Germany doing pre-render assets. Staying in that role for 3 years, I learned game-ready assets and moved from a trainee role to a regular role. I then moved to a mobile studio in Warwick, working on a few different titles using a range of low poly modelling techniques. My current company, Third Kind Games, is where I have worked on AAA games and pushed my 3D modelling even further, along with my skills in managing and looking after a team as I became a Lead.

www.thirdkindgames.com

Vicky Wilson-Theaker



PR Manager

After graduating from the University of Warwick with a degree in Classical Civilisation, I began my career in a creative communications agency which set the foundation for a career in PR and communications. I have worked with some global brands as clients, including ITV and McDonald's, then moving to work in the Higher Education sector in the Marketing and Communications team. My current role is in the video games industry, where I lead the PR function for an independent studio based in Leamington Spa.

www.thirdkindgames.com

Taylor James



Host of The Waffle Shop Podcast and Lead Podcast Producer at Twentytwo Productions

After nearly losing his mum to an operation gone wrong and the series of events that followed Taylor started The Waffle Shop Podcast to help him talk openly about his mental health. What happened next changed the direction of his life. The podcast blew up and hit charts all over the world. The podcast has boasted guests such as Ed Sheeran, Sean Paul, Sophie Ellis-Bextor and even Carole Baskin! Seeing the impact podcasts can have, he and the team at Twentytwo Digital created Twentytwo Productions. They now produce award-winning podcasts for a wide range of sectors including Finance, Mental Health, History and Agriculture. The team have just opened their second studio based at FarGo Village in Coventry and offer services such as studio hire, podcast production and editing.

<https://twentytwo.digital/services/productions/podcast-production/>

Ryan Denham



Head Writer / Script Writer

Ryan Denham is a Script Writer, Director and Producer specialising in Children's digital shows. Throughout his years in the industry he has worked in all mediums - From Live-Action, Animation (2D, 3D, Stop Motion) Music Videos and puppetry, and created a vast body of work for all kinds of young audiences, in multiple languages. Ryan has been at the forefront of the Digital-first era of Children's media, and his works have been broadcast on YouTube, Netflix, HBO Max, Amazon Prime and many others. Ryan currently works as the Head Writer for *Peppa Pig Tales* (in its second season) Script Writer for *My Little Pony: Tell Your Tale* (also in its second season) and many other top secret things, as well as developing his own original projects.

<https://ryandenham.com/>

Donna Bridgewater



Photographer

Donna Bridgewater is a photographer, lecturer and mentor based in the West Midlands. She runs her business called Bridgewater Photography which offers a range of products from family portraits to branding content, portfolios for actors, models, and performers. Over the years she has learnt that there are so many roles to play when you run a business, learning new skills along the way to build her brand.

Donna creates documentary projects to promote mental health, her work has been published in the national press. Her latest project 'You Are Not Alone' was showcased at the RBSA Gallery. In 2023 she was approached by a PR Company to complete a campaign for their prestigious client The Teaching Awards Trust. Travelling the UK to complete the campaign that made the national news, and it was also shown in a solo exhibition at a gallery in Soho, London.

Website: <http://www.bridgewater-photography.com>

Instagram & TikTok: @bridgewater_photos

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BridgewaterPic1>

Vinitaraj Aulak



Presenter/Actor

Since graduating from the University of Warwick with a BA in English and Theatre (2021) I have explored lots of different creative avenues. This includes producing for Midlands based festivals and touring theatre productions to presenting for national radio at the BBC. In addition to radio presenting, I am also a live events presenter and have presented for comedy gigs as well as food and music festivals. I have continued to develop my acting portfolio and career having been a member of the Birmingham Rep's: The Company and performing in mainstage productions to being signed with Bazan Talent Agency in 2023. I have most recently performed at the London Bloomsbury Festival. In Spring of this year, I look forward to joining: Breathe Arts and Health Research as part of their communications team. Furthermore, I am a member of the Birmingham Rep's Critics Circle, Belgrade Theatre's Ensemble and I independently produce and present: The 184 Podcast with Vinny Aulak.

Instagram: [vinnyaulak](#)

Esme Cooper



Copywriter

Hi, I'm Esme, and I currently head the copywriting department for a digital marketing agency in the West Midlands.

In 2021, I graduated from the University of Warwick with a First Class Bachelor's Degree in English Literature.

Following graduation, I started working at Omnistry - a digital marketing agency with over 26 years of establishment. As a copywriter, I have produced written content for websites, social media, promotional videos and more.

I'm a friendly face and happy to talk about life during and after Warwick, copywriting and career paths, marketing, social media and much more!

[B2B Marketing Agency West Midlands & Birmingham \(omnistry.com\)](https://www.omnistry.com).

Company LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/company/omnistry

Laura McCarthy



Rights Assistant

I graduated from the University of Warwick in 2018 with a BA in French and Italian. In the years to follow, I worked as a Project Manager and an Account Manager for various translation companies, before I finally landed what I consider to be the dream job – working with books! As a Rights Assistant at Usborne, I work closely with our Middle-Grade Fiction list, and I sell our titles to markets in France, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany, as well as to countries further afield in the Middle East. My degree stood me in great stead, as I regularly use French for my Francophone customers, and Italian when I attend Bologna Book Fair on a yearly basis. A lot of people think you need an English Literature or a Publishing degree to get a job in my field, but I can vouch that this is not the case!

<https://usborne.com/gb/about-us>

Ruby Turok-Squire



Production Editor

With a legal background and a passion for human rights, Ruby loves to advocate for children and young people, whether through campaigning for ‘Save the Children’ and ‘Action for Child Trauma International’, or teaching children with special needs in Coventry. She currently works for OUP as a production editor.

Rachel Duffy



Social Editor at The Daily Telegraph

After graduating from the University of Warwick in the summer of 2022 with a degree in History, Politics and International Studies I moved to London to study for a Diploma in Multimedia Journalism.

Following this course I was offered a job at The Daily Telegraph as a Social Editor where I have worked for the last year. The fast paced nature of the industry means I have covered a lot in this time, from breaking news to longer form features/ interviews and everything in between.

While at University I was Deputy News Editor of The Boar newspaper, worked as freelance social media editor and co-founded my own current affairs podcast

[The Telegraph](#)

Ciaran Murtagh



AUTHOR AND SCREENWRITER

Ciaran is a Bafta and Writers Guild Award winning screenwriter. He has written over 800 episodes of children's television for some of the world's best loved TV shows including *Mr Bean*, *Shaun the Sheep*, *Danger Mouse* and *The Amazing World of Gumball*. As an author he has written 60 books for children, winning a Riveting Reads Award along the way. Prior to this Ciaran founded a theatre company, The Black Sheep, writing and performing work that toured internationally and enjoyed a number of West End runs. Ciaran became a father at 17, and with daughter in tow, studied English and Theatre Studies at Warwick between 1996 and 1999. He went on to receive an MA from the Central School of Speech and Drama in 2001.

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Liam Gould



TV Producer, Sky News (Producer, The World with Yalda Hakim)

Liam Gould is a TV Producer at Sky News, recently becoming Producer on 'The World with Yalda Hakim', Sky's new primetime foreign affairs programme. Liam graduated from Warwick in 2020 with a History degree, and went on to train in Broadcast Journalism at City, University of London. While at Warwick, Liam participated in media societies like The Boar and Radio at Warwick. At Sky, Liam has covered major events like the War in Ukraine, the King's coronation, and travelled across Ireland reporting on Joe Biden's presidential visit last year.

Social Media: <https://twitter.com/LiamMGould>

Company website: <https://news.sky.com/uk>

Eliza Southall



Senior Recruiter

At Clarendon Fine Art we are more than galleries; we have a vision. We are demystifying the art world by bringing art to people in a personal way and creating the most extraordinary experiences every day. Our nationwide galleries are passionate about creating a unique personal buying experience accessible to everyone. The CEO Helen Swaby founded the business after becoming disillusioned at her experience of purchasing artwork from Mayfair galleries and made it her mission to make purchasing art an accessible and inspiring experience for all. Working with artists such as the Fine Art Masters, including Picasso, Chagall and Warhol, and contemporary artists such as Mr. Brainwash, The Connor Brothers and Christian Hook they pride themselves on having artwork for everyone!

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Laura Marsh



Retail Support and Communications Executive

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Enoch Mukungu



Senior Assistant News Editor

After spending three years studying History and Politic, and messing around with the Student Radio station, I started working at ITV National News as an Assistant News Editor shortly after the Queen died. Since then, I have worked on all the big stories, at home and aboard from Westminster to Kyiv, from Washington DC to Diyarbakır, and on important stories people overlook, like the crisis in Cystic Fibrosis medication, or until this January, the Post Office's Horizon scandal.

<https://www.itv.com/news>

Olivia Allan



Gallery Coordinator

I am the Gallery Coordinator for Runjeet Singh Ltd and I've been working within the art industry for over nine years. During my degree, where I achieved a 2:1 in Art History, I volunteered for local art galleries and after graduating, I started working at Sotheby's London.

I began at Sotheby's as an Art Technician where it was my responsibility to set up the exhibitions and carefully store the artworks and artefacts during their residence at the auction house. Later, I progressed into the administration side of the business and worked on the lead up to auctions including cataloguing, telephone bidding and writing gallery labels.

Currently, my role extends all areas and I ensure the smooth operations of the company. We exhibit at least three times a year across the world and we work closely with a number of international museums.

<https://www.runjeetsingh.com>

Chris Hackett



Documentary Producer Director

I'm a Producer/Director at ITN - one of the UK's biggest TV production companies. We make ITV News, Channel 4 News and Channel 5 News, and have a big documentary arm which I work in.

I've made varied documentaries that have aired and streamed on ITV, Channel 4, Channel 5, Paramount+ and Peacock (USA). One of my most recent projects was directing the explosive interview with Prince Harry last year.

From initial idea to filming, scripting, editing and transmission - the job gives huge variety and is a great career for those interested in making engaging television and being creative.

I studied History and Politics at the University of Warwick, graduating in 2013 and did a Master's at City University London in Broadcast Journalism before joining ITN, starting as a Researcher in 2014.

<https://www.itn.co.uk/productions> // <https://twitter.com/ITNProductions> // <https://www.instagram.com/itnproductionstv>

Clare Howlett



Artwork Design Manager

With a Graphic Design degree focused on typography and illustration, Clare boasts nearly 30 years of diverse experience, ascending from Designer to Creative Director. Her passion for fostering creative talent in others has led her to manage design studios across various industries.

An authority on print-making, her fascination with colour is almost obsessive, dedicating a significant portion of her career to running a colouring studio and crafting wallpaper collections for high-end interior brands.

Currently, Clare heads the Art & Design team at Art Story / Elegant Clutter, a Warwick-based Art Consultancy. Over the last 4 years, she has overseen a dynamic team of 12, ranging from recent graduates to seasoned senior designers creating bespoke artwork for global hospitality, commercial, marine, and care sectors. Regular collaboration with external partner designers, sculptors, and fine artists from diverse disciplines is a testament to her expansive network and expertise.

<https://www.elegantclutter.co.uk>

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Alexandra Johnson



Freelance Writer & Creator

A writer and creator from Coventry. Part of a large Irish family, she has always supported the creative scene in the city.

She has been commissioned by BBC Radio as well as Theatres locally and nationally.

She has an MA in Writing from The University of Warwick. Part of the City Voices Writing Team for the Faith (Coventry City of Culture as well as co-writer of Theatre of Wandering (OiBokkishi/Enterlechy Arts/CCoC2021), Alexandra runs Try It workshops called Telling my story with Food and she was commissioned to create a poem as a reflection of the Show Window's Project in Coventry. Also, she is a member of the Coventry Change the Word Collective, for Good Chance Theatre.

Her short film "Widow's Might" was commissioned by Sky Arts and broadcast in 2022. It was nominated for three Royal Television Awards as well as being selected for many other film festivals.

Alex has a particular interest in working with the older community and vulnerable people within the city. You can see some of her previous work on her YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS2OV_6Kz9q8aBLhYslzsiw

[alexjohnsonwrites.co.uk](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS2OV_6Kz9q8aBLhYslzsiw)

Alexandra Betkowska



B L O O M S B U R Y

Digital Production Editor - Bloomsbury Academic and Professional

I'm Alexandra, I graduated from Warwick in 2020 with a First Class in English and Italian, having completed an Erasmus Year Abroad in Bologna, Italy. I went onto to tutor in local schools with Teach First during the pandemic, and after 6 months, I got my first creative job in publishing as a Production Assistant with Bloomsbury Publishing in their Academic team. 6 months ago I moved up to Digital Production Editor for Bloomsbury in Academic and Professional.

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/academic/>

Will Howarth



Assistant Visitor Experience Manager

I have worked at Warwick Arts Centre for nine years, transitioning from an Operations Assistant to an Assistant Visitor Experience Manager. It is mine and my colleague's responsibility to ensure that all our performances and events go smoothly and that our visitors have a memorable and enjoyable experience while they visit us. The arts are an invigorating and exciting environment to work in, seeing visitors from all over world come to our venue to enjoy unique and entertaining performances is continually rewarding. I am also responsible for training members of our team in evacuation procedures, health and safety procedures, visitor experience and customer service training.

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Emily Smart



Warwick Arts Centre, Programme Coordinator

I graduated from the University of Warwick in 2022, with a degree in English and Theatre Studies. I now works for the Warwick Arts Centre Programming team where I assist with ensuring the smooth delivery of the programme. This involves advancing the live programme and working closely with front of house and technical teams to make sure all audiences and visitors have a successful visit to the Arts Centre. My main passion is to ensure that our programme engages young people and students on campus.

Kirsty Leahy



Radio Presenter at BBC Coventry and Warwickshire

I'm an award winning Freelance radio presenter , I hosted the Ladies First Awards in June at Dallas Burston this year and we launched at the House of Commons 2 weeks ago which was exciting. I'm also a DJ for events & corporates, a voice over artist for podcasts and a video host