

Rory McAllister

Graduate Journalist



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Journalism graduate from the University of Strathclyde with a strong portfolio of published work across print and digital platforms. Produced **45+ articles** during a placement at a regional newspaper and contributed to **3 investigative features** that generated significant reader engagement. Experienced in newsroom deadlines, source management, and multimedia storytelling. Committed to accurate, public-interest reporting.

■ EXPERIENCE

Trainee Reporter, The Herald (Glasgow), Glasgow

Jun 2025 – Nov 2025

Worked as a trainee reporter in the newsroom during a 6 month placement covering local government, education, and community stories.

- Published **45 articles** in print and online editions, averaging **3 articles per week** across news and features desks
- Contributed reporting to **3 investigative features** on council spending, one of which was shared **2,800 times** on social media
- Conducted **60+ interviews** with councillors, teachers, and community leaders, developing a contacts book of **90 sources**
- Shot and edited **8 short video packages** for the paper's digital platforms, averaging **4,200 views** each

Barista, Pret A Manger, Glasgow

Oct 2023 – May 2025

Part-time role during university, working in a busy city-centre branch.

- Served an average of **200 customers per shift** in a high-volume store processing **£8,000+ daily**
- Named Employee of the Month **twice** for speed, accuracy, and customer feedback scores

■ EDUCATION

BA (Hons) Journalism in Journalism, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow

Sep 2022 – Jul 2025

Graduated with Upper Second Class Honours (2:1, **66% average**). Dissertation on the decline of local newspaper readership in Scotland, graded **71%**.

- Relevant modules: News Reporting, Feature Writing, Media Law and Ethics, Investigative Journalism, Broadcast Production
- Editor of the student newspaper **The Strathclyde Telegraph** in final year, overseeing a team of **18 writers**

■ SKILLS

News Writing • Feature Writing • Investigative Research • Interview Techniques • Media Law (Contempt, Defamation) • Adobe Premiere Pro • WordPress • Audio Editing (Audacity) • Photography • Social Media Reporting • Shorthand (80 wpm) • Deadline Management

■ CERTIFICATIONS

NCTJ Diploma in Journalism (in progress), National Council for the Training of Journalists

Sep 2025 – Jun 2026

■ LANGUAGES

English - Native

■ PROJECTS

The Strathclyde Telegraph (Student Newspaper)

Sep 2024 – Jun 2025

Served as Editor-in-Chief of the university's student newspaper.

- Published **24 weekly editions** with a readership of **3,500 students** per issue
- Managed a team of **18 writers** and **4 section editors**, running weekly editorial meetings
- Increased online readership by **40%** by launching a newsletter and daily Instagram stories

Glasgow Voices Podcast

Nov 2024 – May 2025

Created and produced a podcast highlighting untold stories from Glasgow communities.

- Recorded and edited **12 episodes** across 6 months, achieving **1,800 total downloads**
- Interviewed **14 community figures** including local business owners, activists, and musicians

■ REFERENCES

David Leask, Chief Reporter, The Herald, d.leask@heraldscotland.com, +44 7700 900 452

■ EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Volunteer - Glasgow City Mission

Jan 2024 – Jun 2025

Volunteered weekly at a community drop-in centre supporting people experiencing homelessness.

- Served meals and provided companionship to an average of **35 visitors per session**
- Helped organise **2 fundraising events** that raised a combined **£3,100**