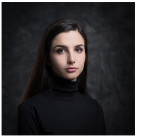


# Caitlin Brennan

Trainee Reporter



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Journalism graduate from City, University of London with NCTJ Diploma in Journalism (including 100wpm Teeline shorthand). Interned at the South London Press where I published 40 bylines in 10 weeks covering courts, councils, and community news. 65 total published bylines across student and professional outlets. Skilled in multimedia reporting, Adobe Premiere Pro, and WordPress CMS.

## ■ EXPERIENCE

**Reporting Intern**, South London Press, London

Jun 2024 – Aug 2024

10 week newsroom internship covering south London boroughs (Lewisham, Southwark, Lambeth) for the weekly print edition and daily website.

- Published **40 bylines** across print and digital, filing 3 to 4 stories per day on courts, council meetings, planning disputes, and community events
- Covered **8 magistrates' court sessions** and wrote up 15 court stories with accurate legal terminology
- Produced **4 multimedia video packages** (filmed, edited in Premiere Pro, published to website) for community feature stories
- Conducted **50+ interviews** including door knocks, phone calls, and press conference questions

**News Editor, City Xpress (student newspaper)**, City, University of London, London

Sep 2023 – Jun 2025

Led the news desk of the university's NCTJ accredited student newspaper, managing a team of 6 reporters.

- Published **25 bylines** including 12 front page stories on campus issues, local government, and student welfare
- Assigned and edited **80+ stories** from junior reporters across 2 academic years
- Won **Best News Story** at the Student Publication Association Awards 2025 for an investigation into student housing conditions

## ■ EDUCATION

**BA (Hons) in Journalism**, City, University of London, London

Sep 2022 – Jun 2025

Upper Second Class Honours (2:1). NCTJ accredited programme. Modules include news reporting, media law, public affairs, broadcast journalism, and data journalism.

## ■ SKILLS

News Writing & Feature Writing • Court Reporting • Teeline Shorthand (100wpm) • Interviewing (door knocks, phone, press conferences) • Adobe Premiere Pro (video editing) • WordPress CMS • Social Media Newsgathering • FOI Requests & Public Records • DSLR Photography • Audio Recording & Editing (Audacity)

## ■ CERTIFICATIONS

**NCTJ Diploma in Journalism**, National Council for the Training of Journalists

Jun 2025

**Teeline Shorthand (100wpm)**, NCTJ

Dec 2024

## ■ LANGUAGES

English (native)

## ■ PROJECTS

**Investigation: Student Housing Conditions in Islington (City Xpress)**

Oct 2024 – Feb 2025

4 month investigation into substandard housing conditions in private student accommodation near City, University of London.

- Submitted **8 FOI requests** to Islington Council for housing enforcement data
- Interviewed **22 current and former tenants** and 4 landlords
- Revealed that **35% of inspected student properties** had at least one Category 1 housing hazard
- Won **Best News Story** at the Student Publication Association Awards 2025

## ■ REFERENCES

**Mark Mayfield**, Deputy Editor, South London Press, m.mayfield@slp.co.uk, +44 7700 900 152

**Dr. Sarah Lonsdale**, Senior Lecturer in Journalism, City, University of London, s.lonsdale@city.ac.uk, +44 7700 900 478

## ■ EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

**Volunteer, Media Trust**

Jan 2024 – Jun 2025

Mentored 3 young people (aged 16 to 18) from underrepresented backgrounds who were interested in journalism careers. Met fortnightly for 12 months.