

KARINA FINEGAN - CV

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PROFILE

While my educational background is in humanities & social science, my career thus far has been predominantly centred in the creative arts, specifically focused on photography & videography.

EXPERIENCE

Owner — Weddings by KARA — 2014 - 2020

In 2014, I launched Weddings by KARA with my partner and the business has since become one of the leading wedding photography & videography companies in Ireland and Europe.

www.weddingsbykara.com

www.weddingphotographersportugal.com

@weddingsbykara on instagram.

Writer, Director, DOP & Editor — SLI Comedy — 2020

Sketch comedy work in partnership with Rachel O'Brien (actor).

@slicomedy on instagram.

Graphic Designer — Freelance — 2008 - 2014

- Working primarily for film & music production companies.
- Design of CD covers, sleeves & booklets.
- Feature film posters & other TV media publications.

Stills Photographer — Freelance — 2009 - 2014

- Worked predominantly in the Irish film & television industry, but also in Portugal & Sweden.
- Shot production stills for over 30 feature films, TV series, plays & shorts.
- An (almost) complete list of tv & film productions can be found at: https://www.imdb.com/name/nm2945379/?ref_=fn_al_nm_1
- I also designed the posters and DVD extra materials for some of these projects.

Translator — Portuguese to English — 2007-2011

- Worked to translate programs and official documentation for this corporate tourism company based in Lisbon.

Assistant photographer to fashion photog. — 2007-2008

Assistant photographer to studio photog. — 2007-2008

- Both of these roles involved shooting, editing and studio management.
- Both offered invaluable experience and on-the-job learning and were my gateway to the photography industry.

Marketing Manager - Call Centre — 2006-2007

- Managing the call centre.
- Tracking calls, timings & results using their in-house software.
- Ensuring compliance with government legislation regarding cold calling.

EDUCATION

Trinity College, Dublin — BA in History & Political Science — 2002-2006

Graduated with 1:1 Honours

My final year dissertation analysed gay rights policy making in Europe by comparing three national case studies using qualitative & quantitative data analysis.

St. Dominic's International School, Portugal — IB Diploma — 2000-2002

English Literature, Math, History, Business, Spanish & Environmental Science.

SKILLS:

Languages:

- Native English speaker.
- Fluent Portuguese.
- Conversational Spanish.
- Basic French.

Photography:

- Complete proficiency in Nikon, Canon & Sony systems both photographic & cinematographic.
- Extensive knowledge of lighting rigs & setups.
- Professional photographic retouching.

Software / Tech:

- *Adobe*: Photoshop, Lightroom, Premiere Pro, After Effects, Rush, Illustrator, InDesign, Animate & Audition.
- Final Cut Pro X
- Word, Excel, Pages, Numbers, Keynote.
- SPSS (not used since college but many fond memories).
- Decent knowledge of Google Analytics.
- Basic knowledge of HTML, CSS & JavaScript.

In addition to the specific software listed above, running my own creative enterprises has meant constantly keeping up-to-date with new technologies. I have managed multiple social media channels, as well as having completed various online courses in SEO and applied those skills successfully to Weddings by KARA's target audience.

Interests:

Fitness, health, cooking, reading & swimming.

REFERENCES

Available on Request.