

= Stevie Dickinson =

Stephanie " Stevie " Dickinson is a fictional character from EastEnders : E20 , an Internet spin @-@ off of the BBC soap opera EastEnders , played by Amanda Fairbank @-@ Hynes . Stevie is a main character in series 2 , where she is joined by her new friends Asher Levi ( Heshima Thompson ) , Sol Levi ( Tosin Cole ) and Naz Mehmet ( Emaa Hussen ) . Stevie is described as posh , naive , kind , forward , creative and a daydreamer . She has a complicated relationship with her boyfriend Olly Manthroe @-@ Hall ( Joshua McGuire ) , and throughout the series , she falls for Masood Ahmed ( Nitin Ganatra ) , has an encounter with Pippa ( Roxanne McKee ) and gets revenge on Olly .

= = Storylines = =

After making love in their flat , Stevie 's boyfriend Olly Manthroe @-@ Hall ( Joshua McGuire ) ends his relationship with Stevie and moves out . He leaves her in the middle of Albert Square with some flyers he printed so she can find a new flatmate . Asher Levi ( Heshima Thompson ) sees the flyers and helps Stevie up . She invites him back to her flat , and asks him to move in . When Asher returns later , he has his brother Sol ( Tosin Cole ) and new friend Naz Mehmet ( Emaa Hussen ) with him , and Stevie says she does not mind them staying , so they all become friends . Olly warns Stevie not to attend a party later but Naz says they should go anyway , and on the way there , Stevie meets Masood Ahmed ( Nitin Ganatra ) , but assumes he is a suicide bomber . At the party , Asher poses as Stevie 's new boyfriend to make Olly jealous . She gets drunk and badmouths Olly to a girl called Pippa ( Roxanne McKee ) but Pippa introduces Olly as her own boyfriend , so Stevie insults her , resulting in Pippa pushing Stevie . The four friends leave and Stevie meets Masood again and he offers her his coat because she is cold . Feeling humiliated by photos that have been posted on the internet from the party , Stevie worries her only chance to win Olly back has been ruined . She tells Naz she had an erotic dream about Masood and develops a crush on him . She tries to get work with Masood by flirting but is left embarrassed . She returns after being given tips from Naz , and Masood tells her they are short staffed and to come back the next day . Stevie thinks her flirting was successful so goes over the top and flashes her bra , so Naz ushers her away .

On Stevie 's birthday , Naz arranges a dinner party for Stevie . Stevie 's mother calls , asking her to carry out an errand but not mentioning her birthday . Naz sees a birthday card from when Stevie was thirteen and Stevie says it is the last card she received from her family . Naz tells her to forget her family . When Sol falls out with both Naz and Asher , Stevie tries to help resolve the problems . She and Sol go to a club where Stevie bumps into Pippa and they are more friendly . The next day , they wake up in bed together and Stevie tries to hide Pippa from her housemates . Olly bursts in saying he will have to let the flat go as he needs his deposit , but Stevie asks for one more day . Pippa writes Stevie a cheque to cover it , says she is one of the sexiest girls she has ever met , and asks her to call her , before leaving . Stevie gives Olly the deposit but he reveals he has already given notice and Stevie will have to move out the next day . Stevie visits her brother Rupert 's grave before returning to the flat and making a list of safety violations . When her landlady Roxy Mitchell ( Rita Simons ) arrives , Stevie begs to stay , and says she will contact the council about the violations , so Roxy agrees . Stevie then invites Olly over , and he hopes to rekindle their relationship . However , she ties him naked to a chair , then humiliates him by making him walk home in a dress . She tells Masood they will have tea one day and kisses him before running off . The friends then all reunite and Stevie remarks that she loves a happy ending , saying they are now a happy family .

= = Creation , development and characterisation = =

Stevie is one of four main characters from series two of EastEnders : E20 , created by its team of thirteen writers . Amanda Fairbank @-@ Hynes was cast in the role , on which she stated , " It all happened so quickly but I 'm really excited to be working on EastEnders . It 's an amazing group of people and they are great to work with . " Fairbank @-@ Hynes attended five auditions for the part , and she found out she got the part two days before filming started . She stated that she was pleased

when she found out as attending that many auditions ? the most she had auditioned for any part ? made her want the part more . The character was still being written and changed a lot during the audition process . The character and casting were announced on 28 July 2010 . The show 's producer , Deborah Sathé , said " I am [ ... ] proud of what the writers have achieved . [ They ] have created four new faces for [ Albert ] Square and their reaction to Walford life is really exciting . "

Stevie is the privately educated daughter of rich parents , who have abandoned her to go travelling . She is said to be clueless about real life , with her profile on the official E20 website describing her as generous , creative and unlucky in love , though she has a boyfriend . Although she is described as posh , Fairbank @-@ Hynes said Stevie is not just like a posh girl in East London , but would be out of place anywhere as she is in her own world . Fairbank @-@ Hynes opined that posh characters in Walford stand out and can bring comedy to the show . Stevie is very naive and , according to Fairbank @-@ Hynes , " away with the fairies " ? the most naive person anyone could meet . However , writer Emer Kenny was worried that Stevie being " away with the fairies " would make her unrealistic , but said that Fairbank @-@ Hynes made the character recognisable . Because of Stevie 's naivety and her kind nature , people see this as an invitation to take advantage of her . Stevie does not understand why people are cruel to her because she sees the good in them and wants to look after them , be around people and mother them . Fairbank @-@ Hynes commented , " Stevie 's the type of person who thinks a stranger is a friend she hasn 't met yet " . However , Stevie is very forward , which can scare people away . She is also creative , empathetic and a complete daydreamer who lacks common sense but has bursts of assertiveness and intelligence , which can surprise people . Thompson said that Stevie has a good balance as she can be ditzy but also quite smart . Fairbank @-@ Hynes identified with the character 's mad outbursts , innocence and daydreaming , and also said Stevie is quirky , lovely and eccentric . Her daydreaming can lead people to believe she is a bimbo , but she is not .

Stevie 's relationship with Olly is complicated and he treats her badly , but she ignores his flaws and holds onto any nice thing he does , however small . When he ends their relationship , Stevie is heartbroken , alone and lost , and does not fit in . She invites Asher to stay and is surprised when he brings Sol and Naz as well , but because Stevie loves to make new friends , she reacts in a way most people would not in that situation . She builds relationships with them and they grow to love her eventually . Fairbank @-@ Hynes commented : " Sol , Naz and Asher inform her about the real world and help her harden up just enough to survive in Albert Square ! " Stevie starts to see her new friends as the family she always wanted , but it proves to be difficult as they all have family issues of their own . Stevie wants to look after her new friends , which confuses them . The actress described the four friends as an unlikely gang , and said her favourite scenes were when Stevie and Sol caused a blackout across Albert Square , as the two characters did not have much interaction before then . Thompson described Stevie as a " fish out of water " , and Hussen said Stevie starts off being unappreciated , but eventually her friends see that she is important to them .

Stevie falls for Masood quite early on and it plays out through the whole series . She believes she has met the man of her dreams , but her feelings are not reciprocated because of the way she is . Fairbank @-@ Hynes said the storyline is interesting and funny . Stevie also sees Pippa as " the cold @-@ hearted ' other woman ' " who has stolen her boyfriend , but later discovers that she is " actually human too and not some evil goddess whose sole intention is to steal boyfriends ! " McKee said that Pippa 's role in the series is the drive Stevie 's story forward and help her find her identity . In an interview with Last Broadcast the actress said that over the course of the series , Stevie becomes more streetwise and a better judge of character .

= = Other appearances = =

Stevie is one of four characters who has an official profile on social networking site Twitter , where it is revealed that the character is living in Albert Square before the series starts , staying with her boyfriend Olly . Further posts show that he went out on their anniversary and she hoped to make the relationship work but he hinted that he would end it . Stevie also appears in additional video content on the official E20 website . In the first video , she performs a rap about Olly on the tube after

leaving the party in episode 2 . In another , Stevie and Naz have a picnic in the park , and Naz makes a video of Stevie , hoping to make Olly jealous , but Stevie ends up with cake on her face . The four friends play a drinking game in the café in another video , and another scene features Stevie and Naz talking about kissing .