

WILL DIXON

Student journalist

I edited Durham's award-winning student newspaper alongside my degree, writing over 70 stories focused on in-depth investigative reporting, breaking news, and data journalism. My work—which has appeared in national publications—tells exclusive stories through the people they affect.

EXPERIENCE

Editor-in-Chief, Palatinate Student Newspaper

March - December 2024

- **Lead a fortnightly award-winning student newspaper** alongside over 80 other editors whilst balancing my degree.
- Across over 80 articles, my reporting on [protests at a debate](#) and the [closure of a renowned venue](#) were **featured in national publications**, including [The Sunday Telegraph](#) and the [Daily Mail](#).
- **Award-winning investigative journalism** revealing [serious allegations of racism and bullying within the University](#) which was recognised at the national student publication awards and repeated failings to [provide promised support to vulnerable students](#).
- Developed a digital and print strategy, expanding our social media to be the **third largest** in the British student press, and expanding our print circulation to the **largest ever**.
- **Redesigned the newspaper** for the first time in seven years, [making it more accessible with greater scope for data visualisation](#), **leading workshops** to develop our team's design skills.

Summer internship, Private Eye magazine

August 2024

- One of four interns who successfully applied for the scheme, **learning from and researching for** the Eye's legendary 'In The Back' investigative team.
- **Pitched and broke** a major story on how L'Oréal had systematically targeted small firms over bogus trademark disputes over three years.

Office assistant, Yvette Cooper MP

February 2021

- **Represented** Yvette in face-to-face door-knocking visits and handled constituent queries over the phone, via email, and in the office.
- Liaised with the Batley and Spen by-election team to co-ordinate campaigning, **contributing to a successful result**.

Associate – ASDA Stores Ltd

July - August 2023

SKILLS

Data: R and QGIS

Photography: Nikon D3300 with 70-300mm and 18-55 mm lenses

Digital: Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, WordPress, Final Cut Pro, Logic Pro

EDUCATION

Durham University

Radhakishin scholarship

Politics BA (predicted first-class)
Dissertation: [An analysis of bias in podcasts during the 2024 US presidential election](#)

New College, Pontefract

Biology, Law and Politics, A*A*A
2020-2022

AWARDS

Best Publication, Winner

Student Publication Association
Regional Awards 2025

Best Investigation, Highly Commended

Student Publication Association
National Awards 2025

VOLUNTEERING

Secretary, Durham University Politics & IR Society

Organised debates and talks for a society with 100+ members.

Youth Ambassador, West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Worked with the Head of Wellbeing to develop policies for young people.

Volunteer Youth Worker, Wakefield Council

Ran a weekly club for children with special educational needs and disabilities.