

# Maxine Frances Roper

Freelance Writer & Speaker

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## About

An engaging, versatile feature writer and copywriter on subjects ranging from popular culture to social policy. Member of the IdeasTap [Creative Space Programme](#) in 2012-13.

## Freelance Writing

- **Freelance journalism includes:** *The Stage, The Daily Telegraph, Vagenda Magazine, The Quietus, The Guardian, Covered Magazine, Sound Screen, Mental Health Today, Disability Now, Learning Disability Today, Durham First Magazine, The F Word.org.uk, The Times Online, Bi Community News, Your Family Tree, The Journalist, IdeasMag.* Shortlisted for *Stylist Magazine's* Cultural Critic contest
- **Copywriting includes:** *The Business Disability Forum, Key4Learning, Access2Ability, Trojan Publishing, Pillar Box Publishing, GoCompare.com*
- **Creative writing includes:** *The Blue and the Gold*, a TV screenplay which reached the advanced stages of [BBC Writers Room's](#) scriptwriting contest, from nearly 3,000 entries. Currently working on my first full-length novel

See [my website](#) for portfolio samples

## Full-Time Work & Work Placements

- **2007-2009 Red Bee Media: Digital Listings Writer and Sub-Editor (Permanent contract)** Writing, subbing and editing listings for a portfolio of TV and radio channels, including Channel 4 and MTV, based on information supplied by broadcasters, to weekly deadlines
- **2007 Sunday Times Culture Magazine (Work Placement as part of Postgraduate Diploma in Journalism)** Subbing copy and writing reviews and previews of cultural events

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- **2007 Radio Times Magazine (Work Placement as part of Postgraduate Diploma in Journalism)** Writing, subbing and researching sidebars and previews
- **2000-2010 helengraceco.uk (Webmistress)** Design, writing and maintenance of a promotional website for a professional actress

## Education

- **2006-2007 Cardiff University, Postgraduate Diploma: Magazine Journalism** with Distinction grade in Online Journalism
- **2003-2006 Durham University, BA (Hons) Sociology - 2:1**

## Other Skills/Experience

### I.T

- **Web Design/Desktop Publishing** WordPress CMS. Basic HTML/XHTML, CSS/Adobe InDesign.

### PUBLIC SPEAKING

- **Keynote speaker on living with dyspraxia in the workplace and in education** Audiences/hosts have included PATOSS, St Mungos, Sainsburys, The National Audit Office, IdeasTap, The Open University and Deloitte

### CHARITY WORK

- **Media & PR Representative for Adult Support Branch of the Dyspraxia Foundation** Assisting the Comms team with increasing the Foundation's press coverage about adults with dyspraxia

### WORK IN SCHOOLS

- **Experience of supporting children with Special Educational Needs in literacy**, primarily junior school children with SLI or dyslexia

### FOREIGN LANGUAGES

- **Intermediate knowledge of German** and family connections to the country. Able to follow conversations and converse at a basic level