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Skills and qualifications

English (fluent)
French (fluent)
Slovenian (fluent)
Spanish (basics)

Photoshop
InDesign
Lightroom
Premiere Pro

Academic writing
Creative writing
Editing
Photography
Film making
Event organisation
Problem solving
Wordpress

Grants and awards

Scholarship of
the Ministry of Culture of
the Republic of Slovenia
for undergraduate stud-
ies abroad, Ljubljana,
2017-2022

Mlado Pero, Delo
nomination for Best
young critic award, Delo,
Ljubljana, 2021

MC Visser funding for the
graduation project 2022

As a recent graduate and a current student of the master's program in Literature and Publishing at the University of Galway, I have gained relevant experience in various institutes, collectives, and companies, allowing me to build on my communication, teamwork, and management skills. My career aim is to secure a role that enables me to further develop my expertise and continue gaining knowledge in the field of literature, work in a dynamic environment, and eventually curate events and book collections at a festival or publishing company.

Education

MA Literature and Publishing, University of Galway, Galway, 2024

Relevant modules: Social Media Marketing, Contemporary Publishing, Publishing Perspectives, Negotiations, Copy-editing and Proofreading, Creative Arts Ideas Lab

BA Arts and Design, Gerrit Rietveld Academie, Architectural Design program, Amsterdam, 2017-2022

Relevant modules: Experimenting & Exhibiting, Core Design Studio, History, Theory, and Criticism, Photoshop

University of Michigan, Good with Words: Writing and Editing Specialization, Online course, Oct 2021-Jan 2022

Charles University, one-year exchange in the Department of Literature and Film, Prague, Sept 2020-Jul 2021

Relevant modules: Experimental fiction, Creative Writing, Lingua Franca Literature, Post-humanist thought, From Modernism to Contemporary Literature

Work experience

Journalist, RTV, the leading national broadcaster, Jul-Dec 2024

- Wrote articles, essays, reviews; did interviews with writers; increased the readership.

Journalist, Digital Platform Airbeletrina, Jan 2023-today

- Writing articles, essays, reviews; researching relevant topics; conducting interviews with writers; drastically increased the readership.

Co-organizer, Itn. Literature Festival, Ljubljana, Oct 2022-today

- Improved decision-making skills and ability to direct and motivate others by helping to organise a festival; gained confidence by moderating events.

Event coordinator, Vodnikova domačija, Ljubljana, Jan-Jul 2023

- Managed PR, hospitality, coordinated events, communicated with artists, sound engineers and the technical crew; managed orders; took care of payments.

Bookseller, Mladinska knjiga publishing, Ljubljana, Dec 2022-May 2023

- Advised clients, managing orders with precision whilst working in fast-paced environment.

Intern, Stigter van Doesburg gallery, Amsterdam, Dec 2021-May 2022

- Wrote press releases, conducted interviews, worked on exhibitions, helped with administrative work.

Intern, Petrohradská Kolektiv, Prague, summer of 2021

- Conducted interviews with the artists in residence; curated the exhibition.

Art Critic, Koridor - Križišča Umetnosti, Ljubljana, Feb 2021-Feb 2022

- Wrote reviews of literature, film, and exhibitions; did proofreading and editing.

Intern, Architecture office Triije, Ljubljana, summer of 2018

- Increased teamwork skills by developing the project for the competition for the Venice Biennale of Architecture 2018.

Skills profile

IT Skills: Proficient in Word, InDesign, Photoshop, and Lightroom, with knowledge of Premiere Pro.

Teamwork: Developed the ability to work efficiently and effectively as part of a team while working on a project for the Venice Biennale and the literature festival.

Communication Skills: Excellent written and oral communication skills, developed through researching and writing essays and articles, event moderation, and communication with artists and technical teams.

Project and Event Management: Strong project management skills developed through my role as an event organizer at the Vodnikova Domačija literary institute, which involved hosting numerous literary events every week, including a book fair and a smaller literary festival.

Social Media Management: Experienced in creating and managing digital resources and contributing to social media campaigns and market research while working for the Vodnikova Domačija institute and Stigter van Doesburg gallery.

Research: Completing numerous projects at a master's degree level has enhanced my analytical, computer, and research skills. Working as a journalist increased my interest in and knowledge of various subjects, cultures, and disciplines around the world.

Leadership: Co-organizing a literature festival for the past couple of years taught me to delegate tasks effectively to team members and ensure quality programming.

Interests

- Interested in working in a **dynamic environment** with other creatives
- Further develop my **project planning skills**
- **Gain new knowledge** when it comes to authors, trends, literary markets around the world
- Create valuable personal and professional **connections**
- **Explore** different approaches to language and creativity by reading books that vary in their content and writing style

Selected publications

Spaces Inverted - graduation work, 2022

- Wrote and published a fragmented novel revolving around non-physical spaces.

Love is a beast with two heads: about the drama and poetry of Urša Majcen, Delo, 2021

- Was selected for a special section on young critics in the biggest Slovenian newspaper, *Delo*, followed by the publishing of literary critique.

Simulacrum Magazine, 2021-22

- Got selected for publication in the magazine.

Interviews with prominent writers, philosophers and artists

- Interviews with Renata Salecl, Pia Prezelj and Cristina Morales conducted for a literary platform Airbeletrina.

Book reviews

- Book reviews for platforms and magazines such as Airbeletrina, LUD Literatura, *Delo* and *Zvon*.

Hobbies

Book club
Art house cinema
Photography
Embroidery
World events
Architecture
Crossword puzzles
Board games
Baking
Hiking
Swimming
Traveling