



BACKGROUND

Zara is an experienced broadcast journalist, presenter, producer and performer with BBC, ITV & STV credits. Her 'multi-hyphen' career includes comedy, writing, acting & filmmaking. She is also a voiceover artist and live event host. Zara has produced NTA and BAFTA winning shows and worked directly with brands. Zara was recently named one of Britain's most talented up-and-coming women as a finalist for Women Of The Future Award in the media category, supported by Oxford University and The Financial Times.

PRODUCTION CREDITS

Producer & Presenter - NatWest

Creative lead on a new series of events for NatWest multicultural society to promote diversity and inclusivity. Joining the Equality Board at NatWest as a Non-Executive Director.

Producer, Cognition X - June 2020

Working directly with The US Secretary of State John Kerry, Tony Blair, Jane Goodall and global executives for the world's biggest online technology event. Coordinating broadcast teams using StreamYard, Discord and Grabyo.

Shooting PD & Editor, A Spirited Journey, Feb 2020

Filming with the charity Seven Women in Nepal and documenting the lives of marginalised women living in Kathmandu for a branded documentary about sustainable tourism tours. Working directly with UN officials and Rotary International executives. Submitted to global festivals and awards.

Creative Producer/ Director, TNR Press Association, March 2019 – October 2019

Developing ideas with brands for editorial content, planning filming, submitting quotes and developing business. Producing call sheets and risk assessments for production. Directing and producing on-location and overseeing edits. Clients include Virgin Holidays, PayPal, UEFA MasterCard.

Assistant Producer, This Morning ITV, July 2018 – March 2019

Working with the senior editor to generate original programme ideas. Bringing new ideas to television and working innovatively across the functions of a dynamic studio. Taking ideas from the planning stages to production, helping to create a balanced show. Working on special programs including The Royal Wedding and This Morning 30 Unforgettable Years.

Shooting Producer, Edinburgh Festival 2018, STV Productions, June 2018 – August 2018

Celebrity booker and casting producer responsible for securing guests for in-studio interviews and VT shoots. Developing ideas for VTs and producing entertainment features.

STV2

- Shooting Producer, Live At Five, STV, December 2017 – June 2018
- Producer, The Glasgow Cup, STV, April 2018
- Producer, Scotland In The Snow, STV, April 2018
- Video Journalist/Reporter, Live At Five, STV, October 2016 – December 2017
- Reporter & Producer, The Late Show, STV, January 2016 – October 2016
- Reporter, City Safari, STV, September 2015 – 2017
- Video Journalist, Edinburgh Festival, STV City TV, STV, August 2015/16/17
- Presenter/ Reporter/ Video Journalist, The Fountainbridge Show, STV October 2014 – January 2016

News Journalist & Presenter, STV, August 2013 – October 2014

Delivering engaging, hard-hitting and compelling journalism to our diverse audience. Experience of working within a busy television newsroom. Consistently delivering reports to the highest possible production values and comfortable with live, on-location reporting. Actively involved in all stages of production, from story planning to developing and producing stories and features.

Online Editor, STV, September 2012 – July 2013

Writing entertainment features and news articles online.

Journalist, Scottish Human Rights Commission, October 2011 - March 2012

Refreshing the Commission's online multimedia content. Filming and editing a series of videos for the website and producing the Disability Convention podcast series.

Journalist, The Scotsman Newspaper, Glasgow, November 2010 - February 2012

Writing news articles and features including front-page exclusives.

Investigative Journalist, The Innocence Project, November 2010 - November 2011

Investigating miscarriages of justice in Scotland. Working on a number of high-profile cases, liaising with police, visiting prisoners, reinvestigating evidence and drafting appeals to the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission (SCCRC).

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PRESENTING CREDITS

- Presenter, **BBC Asian Network** & Radio, Pakistani Cooking VT, May 2020
- Comedian, **Socially Distant with Susan Calman**, BBC, April 2020
- Presenter, **Royal Bank Of Scotland's** Entrepreneurial Women Podcasts 2019/20
- Presenter & Contributor, **BBC Radio London**, 2019 - Present
- Host /Comedian, **The Comedy Underground**, BBC, May 2019
- Presenter, **Liz Earle True Nature Campaign** 2018-2019
- Presenter & Reporter, **Live At Five**, STV, December 2017 – June 2018
Multi-skilled presenter with STV's RTS award-winning daytime show. Self-shooting, filming and editing on Avid & Premier Pro. Interviewing guests during an hour-long live show.
- Presenter, **E! on STV**, 2017 - 2018
Presenting a weekly entertainment show featuring celebrity guests.
- Presenter, **STV At The Races**, 2017
- On-Screen Reporter, **The Late Show**, STV, January 2016 – October 2016
Writing and performing in satirical sketches, presenting VTs and lives. Interviewing celebrities and developing strands for Scotland's first late night chat show.
- On-Screen Reporter, **City Safari**, STV, September 2015 – 2017
- Presenter & Reporter, **Edinburgh Festival STV**, 2015/16/17
- Presenter, **Tea For A Tenner**, STV, 2015 – 2016
- Presenter & Reporter, **The Fountainbridge Show**, STV, 2015 –2016
- News Journalist & Presenter, **STV News & Scotland Tonight**, 2012 – 2014 Consistently delivering polished reports and packages. Comfortable with live broadcast and breaking news.

WRITING CREDITS

- Writer, 'Pak Life' & 'Kally Khan' - BBC Short Stuff Commissions
- Writer, 'Scottistani' sitcom, optioned.
- Writer, 'Baby Mamas', sitcom, optioned.
- The Khandashians, Audio Short - Funfight At The Corona
- Daytime Script Writer, This Morning on ITV, 2019
- Late Show Lead Sketch Writer, STV 2017-2018
- Daytime Scripting, STV - Live At Five, Fountainbridge Show, 2015-2017
- News scripts, STV News & Scotland Tonight 2014-2015
- Journalist, STV Online 2013-2014
- Journalist , The Scotsman Newspaper 2010-2011

ACTING CREDITS

- Plane Passenger, 'What's Love Got To Do With It' - Working Title 2022
- Leila in 'Pak Life', Short Stuff, BBC Studios
- 'Rameen' in **Solice Women's Aid**, May 2020
- **Comic Relief Campaign**, April 2020
- **Fake Bake** with Alex Murphy, Dancing On Ice, April 2020
- Voiceover Artist, **ITCH Media**, National Campaign, June 2019
- Actor in **Sainsbury's** Easter Campaign 2019
- Actor in **Lidl**, Scottish Beef Advert 2018
- Actor in multiple **STV adverts** and campaigns 2015-2018
- Actor in **The Commitments**, Edinburgh Playhouse, 2018
- Actor in **Die Fledermaus**, Edinburgh Playhouse, 2017
- Actor in **Spamalot**, Edinburgh Playhouse, 2016

EDUCATION

MLitt Journalism with Distinction, Strathclyde University, Nov 2010 - Nov 2011
Business Management, Queen Margaret University, BA Hons, Aug 2003 – Nov 2008