

ROWAN 'ROE' MCDONNELL (THEY/HE)

Access Coordinator

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📍 Coventry but willing to relocate

PERSONAL STATEMENT

After 18 months on a BBC Apprenticeship scheme from 2022-2024, I was given opportunities to work on a range of both scripted and unscripted productions which built my curiosity on accessibility in the creative industries. This soon sparked me to work on local/student films to build my confidence as an Access Coordinator and later joined the University of Wolverhampton to study 'British Sign Language: Deaf Studies' and got more involved with the Deaf, Disabled and Neurodivergent communities/charities in my area to help build accessibility in the creative industry, education and in wider society.

EDUCATION

BA BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE (DEAF STUDIES)
University of Wolverhampton. (Part Time)

- Hold BSL Level 4 and Level 2 Deafblind
- Different communication experiences: BSL, SSE, Lipreading, Protactile, Social Haptics, Tadoma, Spartan/Block Alphabet, Deafblind Manual fingerspelling
- Confident 1-1 guiding up stairs, lifts, outside, emergency drills
- Knowledge of accessibility in primary, secondary, higher education
- Confidently gave in-class presentations in BSL for coursework on Deaf History, Linguistics and Flourishing Deaf Lives
- Strong local accessibility networks across a variety of sectors

Lvl 3 BTEC TECHNICAL THEATRE ARTS
Birmingham Ormiston Academy 2020-2022

ADDITIONAL INFO

- Clean enhanced DBS
- Strong West Midlands Media Network
- Experience with multiple interpreter agencies
- Knowledgeable in Microsoft, Google and internal BBC Systems (Silvermouse)
- 5+ years Social Media Access Experience
 - Instagram, TikTok, LinkedIn, Facebook

ACCESS EXPERIENCE

Deafblind Enablement - Communicator Guide (Nov 2025-Present)

- Working with multiple clients with different communication methods to assist with Mobility, Access to Information and Communication
- Attained Signature Level 2 Communicator-Guide qualification
- Advocating for modifications in everyday situations and education

Access Coordinator - Blue Phoenix Films (July 2024-Present)

- Working with Deaf, Disabled and Neurodivergent Cast and Crew
- Assisting with creation of Access Riders and adaptive documents
- Raised awareness across all teams about importance of Accessibility and led to relevant sources for other learning

PQA Coventry - Assistant & Drama Teacher (April-July 2025)

- Working with children 7-18 (majority neurodiverse) across 2 academies
- Assisted student who uses multiple mobility aids and instilled confidence in performance and accessibility
- Assisted to make social media content accessible with Closed Captions

BOA Stage and Screen - Near Peer Facilitator (Feb-Sept 2024)

- Assisted participants and adapted workshops when needed
- Managed location access for participant using motorised wheelchair
- Created Neurodivergent Friendly resources in multiple formats
- Drove for better accessibility for assets (Closed Captions, IDs etc)

Coventry Vision Hub - Activities Assistant (Sept 2023-Present)

- Working with multiple groups across the week (Social, Walking, Braille)
- Facilitating Touch Tours at local theatres highlighting costume, set, performer characteristics and guiding around sets and moving props
- Everyday 1-1 guiding for cane, guide dog and mobility aid users

BBC APPRENTICE HUB (2022-2024)

Worked as a Production Assistant Apprentice across multiple shows:

Phoenix Rise S4 - BBC Studios (Oct 2023-Jan 2024)

Line Manager: Rachel Leahy Production Coordinator: Eve Walker

- Assisting on set for multiple units on same location
- Pulling sides and assisting with creating accessible formats
- Working with Under 16s from different councils and chaperones

I Can Do It, You Can Too S1 - Common Story (April-Oct 2023)

Line Manager: Amanda Clark Production Coordinator: Ella Rowberry

- Physically and Digitally storing confidential information
- Writing call sheets and green memos alongside Coordinator
- Working with children from different councils and chaperones

This Town - Kudos (Sept 2022-April 2023)

Line Manager: Caroline Bean Production Coordinator: Rachel Leahy

- Completed Cast and Crew Transport Movement Orders
- Quick to learn and adapt to BBC internal systems
- Organised sides and call sheets, delivering to cast and crew

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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