

CORINNE ELLIE JAMES - GARDNER

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I am a creative, with specialist strengths, personable, and well-rounded enthusiastic individual, who has a passion and 10 + years' experience motivated in the creative arts, events, horticulture, music, film, and media with a strong work ethic and passion for community. I possess high quality vision output including strategizing, organisation, planning, mood boarding, problem solving, and multi-tasking skills which I use to effectively manage and prioritize workloads. I am a commercially aware analytical thinker with a growth mindset. I hold a strong understanding of production processes and workflows. I can positively approach challenging and complex projects whilst possessing the resilience to calmly vanquish stressful situations, allowing me to craft into desired outcomes. Past ventures have rewarded me to apply and develop skills amongst large scale immersive productions from concept to final compositions that heavily combine alliance, consistency, compelling storytelling, strategic decision making, confidence, high standards and flawless attention to detail in line with cost-of-goods with stakeholders and collaborators whilst leading and shaping direction. This, combined with creative arts, media and horticulture. As an ambassador in my own time, through mediums such as radio, media campaigns, award shows and presentations with a proven record of inspiring and encouraging young creatives to conceptualize resilience and flexing my muscle of public speaking in the process. I hold a strong will to push inclusivity and am proud to be an integral part of a positive impact. I thrive in teamwork or working independently and fluidly adaptable whilst disciplined with openness and humility during pressure working towards deadlines.

Full to repletion in being artistically versatile and take pride in anything I apply myself to, with expressive depth across multiple areas and mediums, i am passionate it leads me towards a creative avant-garde career where I can provide an abundance of input, whilst continuing to expand knowledge and letting creativity, possibilities and imagination flow.

Education & Training:

Birmingham City University 2017 - 2021
BA (Hons) Media and Communication (Broad Course)

Halesowen College 2012 - 2016
BTEC Level 3 Music Performance
BTEC Fine Art

Red Hill Secondary School, Stourbridge 2007 - 2012
6 GCSE including A* English

Further courses:

Kings Trust certificates - Birmingham June 2024 – Feb 2025

- Get Started with Art
- Explore
- Get Started with mindfulness

Dudley Arts Council:

- Art Micro Business (day course)

Employment & Work Experience:

Breakfast and Art Workshop for 'Brilliant Breakfast' campaign on International Women's Day (March 2026)

- Provide art materials, presentation, and guidance + instructions and examples on how to create.
- Leading a comforting team environment.
- Create posters, photography and moving images to promote event.
- Successful large turn out.

Chelsea Flower Show Joe Perkins x King's Trust Garden– Assistant, Work Experience (Nov 2024-Oct 2025)

- Completed ad-hoc work experience and supported build of Chelsea Flower Show Garden alongside 'Joe Perkin's Design'. The garden was called 'Seeding Success' and won gold at the Chelsea flower show
- This included: Glass printing collaboration with Halt Glass, carpentry with Oli Carter, creating marketing and social media for the King's Trust, strategy and environmental impact assessments, project management, working alongside 'The Landscaping Consultants', project management, habitat restoration, conducting a planting and talking session with King's Trust staff and public speaking and award handing at AGM Allotment awards, Boulevard Allotments – Birmingham.

- Conducted news, radio, social media and television interviews on behalf of Kings Trust, Elemis, Omaze, Joe Perkins and Project Giving Back. This also includes BBC, Hits Radio, Elemis Social Media, The Chelsea Flower Show, Content creators, influencers, and more.
- Conducted similar media activities as above for the garden re-build within its forever home at Uxbridge college, West London. This included a plaque featuring my name and grande opening ribbon cutting of the garden alongside Joe Perkins and Felicity Kendal.
- Praised for 'Incredible work' by King Charles II personally.

CUP Hagley – Barista and server (Oct 2022 - Jan 2023)

- Serve and prepare hot food
- Maintain structure and calm during high levels of customers.
- Cash handling

Starbucks Café- Barista (March - September 2022)

- Working late nights 9pm – 6am
- Producing large orders at one time by oneself
- Upselling

(Briefly held a weekend summer job as FOH / Chef at Chatty Patty pop up food joint) (July – September 2022)

Soffio Lounge – Front of House (October 2021 to July 2022)

The Floodgate – Games Host & Server (November 2019 to October 2022)

- Provided customers with memorable experiences giving clear instructions and helping oversee their games and activities on a strict timed schedule.
- Served food, managed payments and bookings, reception work, and worked on bar.
- 15-hour shifts.

Other relevant work experience:

- Organized and executed Mayfly music festival as well as volunteered at multiple festivals such as artist liaison.
- Ran social media and graphic design platform for Enhancement music promotion and PR company.
- Taken part in acting and post-production within a short film project at the Lighthouse, Wolverhampton.
- Arranged and conducted interviews with artists and organizations such as the Boomtown festival, Mungo's Hi Fi, MADE festival and Lee 'Scratch' Perry.
- Created everything including but not limited to Instagram, website, merchandise, visual and print content and artwork for independent zine 'Disco Devil'.
- Modelled and told my story for 'Black Voices Matter' campaign
- Created posters and flyers for Yoga company, hen do, birthday parties etc.
- Sufficient in Canva, Wix, Photoshop, Adobe Premiere Pro, Pages, Word, social media, Apple, Microsoft, Serato, Cap Cut, Airbrush - Open to learning new systems and software – fast learner.
- Photography In Express & Star in collaboration with 'Roots Allotments'.
- Exercise effective health and safety regulations which has been paramount in activities mentioned.
- Wide range of articles written for Birmingham Eastside.
- Created record label with a team. Signed and booked artists as well as putting on gig, social media and merchandise creation.

Current Volunteering:

- Ekho Collective Community Centre - Nature trails, art workshops, allotment, community events/gatherings, food bank.
- King's Trust – Young Ambassador
- Boulevard Allotments – Website design / content creation.

Hobbies / Special interests:

- Creative arts including fine art, mixed media, crafts, photography, theatre, film, mindful arts and clay. Enjoy theatre.
- Allotment / Growing flowers and produce.
- Music – DJ and perform music. Vinyl collector.

Most Recent Achievement:

- Letter of Invitation to Buckingham Palace to attend garden tea party for being an example of resilience and acts of service.

References available upon request.