

# Hector Roddan

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## Education

2005 – 8 **Cardiff University**

*BSc Econ (Modern) History and Politics (1<sup>st</sup> class)*

Modules including: Witchcraft studies, Historiography, International Relations, Political Theory and Political Science.

Achieved highest marks in Year One History modules and awarded the Dr A G Little prize in 2006 and 2008 for Best History Student.

Awarded the John Cross Prize in Year Three for Most Dedicated Politics Student.

10,000 word Final Year Dissertation on Psychoanalysis, Post-Structuralism and Witchcraft.

Member of Politics and Hall of Residence Staff-Student Committees 05-06, History and Welsh History Board of Studies and Student Council 07-08.

2003 – 5 **Truro College, Truro TR1 3XX**

*39 Points at the International Baccalaureate (IB)*

Including: English A (7), History (7), History Dissertation (A), Social and Cultural Anthropology (6), Environmental Systems (6), German (5), Mathematics (5) and a complete CAS (creativity action service) programme of over 200 hours of community and creative projects.

1998 – 2003 **Mounts Bay Sports College, Penzance**

*11 GCSEs at C and above.*

English (AA\*), Double Science (AA), History (A)\*, Drama (A\*), Geography (A), German (A), Mathematics (B), Graphics (C), Religious Studies (short) (A).

## Work Experience

Vacations, 2005 – 7 **Bourne Leisure, Riviere Sands Holiday Park**

Worked in a busy holiday shop with responsibilities including ordering, rota management, daily contact with customers and suppliers, display and promotion of goods, training of new team members, operation of ePOS till and banking system. Awarded Cutting Edge Team Star award in Summer 2006 for excellent customer care.

June 2004

**Rundfunk Göttingen Radio Station, Göttingen, Germany.**

Work experience week in local radio station in large German market town. Communicating entirely in German and performing a variety of tasks; including data management, operation of computerised recording desks and equipment, liaised with local schools and businesses.

## Work Experience Contd.

July 2004

**Boom-Shewula-Wula, Swaziland**

Spent two weeks on college-organised visit to an AIDS orphanage in Swaziland, including assisting teachers and school construction.

Summer 2002

**Geevor Tin Mine and Heritage Centre, Cornwall.**

Work experience in mine heritage centre followed by a summer of voluntary work on the site, working with the head archivist on a variety of projects including conservation, recording and cataloguing of artefacts as well as assisting in the day-to-day running of the visitor centre, including greeting and serving visitors.

## Skills

- ❖ **Research** – keen interest throughout undergraduate programme. Consistently high marks in all assessed and unassessed materials. Currently undertaking final year dissertation to further develop independent research skills in preparation for post-graduate study.
- ❖ Excellent **time management** and **organisational** skills – despite my dyspraxia; management experience during vacation and term time at Bourne Leisure and assisting in Open Days college and uni. Used to working to tight deadlines in radio production.
- ❖ Good **verbal** and **written communication skills** – consistent and competent engagement in seminar discussions as well as in written work.
- ❖ IT Literate in a range of standard packages including Office and Photoshop.
- ❖ Adequate **conversational and written German**, limited tourist vocabulary of **Spanish**.
- ❖ Served on a range of **committees** and **organisations** during University and before; including Politics Staff-Student Committee (05-06), Halls of Residence Representative (05-06), History and Welsh History Board of Study (07-08), local Carnival organising Committee with responsibility for marketing and advertising (03-05). Held Executive positions in Labour Students (2008-09) and Xpress Radio (2008-09), Student Council (2008-09).

## Interests

- Creative Writing** Intense commitment and enjoyment of the writing process both academically and writing short stories as a hobby.
- Student Politics** Active member of Cardiff Labour Students, including canvassing and attended Spring Conference 08 as an Observer.
- Student Journalism** Script writing for soap on Student Radio, Xpress FM. Produced a variety of speech shows as Head of Speech.  
Several articles published in Gair Rhydd student newspaper, mostly on current affairs.
- Neolithic Archaeology** Keen interest in prehistoric lithic technology, and its production on an amateur basis, including organising a series of one-day field-walks at the Mesolithic camp near Lands End in 2005-6.
- Voluntary work** as part of IB CAS programme, performing duties including home help for the elderly and running a highly successful local poster campaign for the local Carnival Committee.
- Yoga** a keen beginner.

## Referee 1

Dr. Garthine Walker  
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## Referee 2

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