

Katie Tarrant

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Employment history

News reporter, The Sunday Times

Sep 2023 – present

- Live and analytical reporting on the biggest national and international stories including the war in Gaza, the Coronation of King Charles III and the UK Covid-19 inquiry.
- Investigations that revealed the Royal Duchies had been profiting from taxpayer money including charging the NHS, the prison service, schools and the army millions for public-interest use of their land.
- Reported exclusive allegations of sex trafficking and exploitation against a millionaire philanthropist and Thai migrant. This three-part investigation was recognised on the shortlist at the British Journalism Awards in the legal affairs category.
- Shortlisted for Young Journalist of the Year at the 2025 Press Awards. Submissions included unique coverage of the Pelicot trial, interview with an Israeli conscientious objector the day before she was imprisoned, and my investigation into the mishandling of children's deaths while on Scouting expeditions.
- Named one of MHP's 30 to Watch 2024 and Highly Commended at the 2024 London Press Club Awards in the category of Young Journalist of the Year for submissions including the aforementioned stories.
- I regularly feature on Times Radio to discuss breaking news stories; on The Story podcast for my reporting, and I present videos for the Times' [TikTok](#) and [Instagram](#).

Trainee reporter, The Sunday Times

Sep 2021 – Sep 2023

At the age of 21, secured a spot on the highly competitive Sunday Times graduate trainee scheme. Within a few weeks I had my first front page story after I found the last person to speak to Sir David Amess before he was stabbed in his constituency office in a terrorist incident. Rotations included several months on the business and foreign desks, where I interviewed Femtech pioneers and analysed gender-based violence in Mexico, conducting interviews in Spanish.

Podcast production, Stories of our Times

Mar 2022 – Jun 2022

Over three months, I produced episodes on US current and political affairs, directing our Washington correspondent at the National Rifle Association conference; covering the Uvalde school shooting, and assessing the national impact of the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v Wade*.

Scotland reporter

Sep 2022 – Mar 2022

During my six-month secondment to the Scottish office of The Sunday Times, although I had never worked in Scotland before, I quickly secured valuable political contacts. These resulted in front page exclusives; one example revealed the depth of legal tension between Westminster and Holyrood over transgender legislation.

Freelance reporter

Sep 2020 – Sep 2021

Byline Times, The Guardian, The Sunday Mirror and OpenDemocracy

Reported on how the Covid pandemic was affecting domestic abuse victims; how scores of police officers were sharing inappropriate images from crime scenes, and used the Freedom of Information Act to expose a secret policy whereby the Home Office was confiscating the mobile phone of every asylum seeker who arrived to the UK by boat during 2020/2021. My reporting for this story was used in a High Court case against the government, which concluded that the Home Office's actions were unlawful.

News editor and Editor in Chief, The Warwick Boar **Sep 2018 – Sep 2020**

- 2 x winner of BBC's Student Newspaper of the Year while in the position of News editor and Editor in Chief at the Warwick Boar.
- Exposed the 'Warwick Rape Chat' and the university's mishandling of rape cases on campus, which directly prompted policy changes across dozens of universities.
- Produced sensitive and poignant coverage of student suicide, eating disorders and negligent landlords.
- Launched The Boar's Climate section, the first of its kind to be established in a student newspaper as a section dedicated entirely to investigative environmental reportage.

Education

City University of London **Sep 2020 – Jul 2021**

MA in Investigative Journalism Distinction

University of Warwick **Sep 2017 – Jul 2020**

BA in English Literature First Class

Rainham Mark Grammar School **2010-2017**

A-Levels: History A*, English Literature A*, Spanish A, Physics B.

GCSEs: 13 A*-A

Other qualifications and skills

- Trained in broadcast journalism with the ability to self-shoot video and report confidently for live and pre-recordings
- Media law qualification
- Hostile Environment training
- Business level proficiency in Spanish
- Beginner's Levantine Arabic