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WELCOME



I like to pretend my student days are in the relatively recent past, just to make myself feel younger than my actual years.

In truth, it has been more than two decades since I was a student, working away on my university newspaper and having my eyes opened to what a job in the industry may feel like.

To most of you reading this, these are bygone times, I am well aware. But the excitement I felt, the hunger, satisfaction, fun and eagerness to learn, will mirror so much of your own student experiences in 2025.

The drive and passion required of student journalists in any era remains the same, even if the tools at your disposal, the platforms used to communicate your work and your audience's expectations change with the times.

I am delighted The Herald Student Press Awards is able to support the next generation of talent.

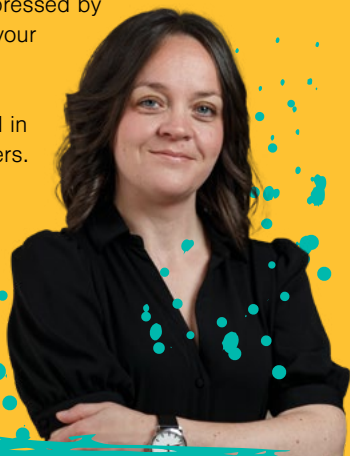
For me, student journalism created opportunities, including a work experience placement on a national newspaper I would eventually go on to edit. It was fundamental

to my career, developed a passion and enjoyment that drives me to this day, and a grounding that led to my first proper job in the industry.

Without the opportunity to learn and grow, find our voices, push boundaries, experiment, campaign and make connections through student journalism, so many of my colleagues – including myself – would not be in the jobs we take so much enjoyment from today.

Journalism is one of the best jobs in the world. It is a privilege and allows real change to be made. My team and I have been greatly impressed by the standard of your entries and wish you all the very best, tonight and in your future careers. Enjoy it all.

**Catherine
Salmond,
Editor,
The Herald**





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and communication in Scotland and beyond. We are honoured to support this platform that nurtures emerging voices and offers invaluable opportunities for growth and real-world experience.

Congratulations to all the nominees and winners — your passion and commitment inspire us all.

**Natalie Buxton,
Managing Director,
UK Network.**



FINALISTS

BEST USE OF DIGITAL MEDIA

- **Aidan Gilbride**, SPFL News Now, Edinburgh Napier University
- **Amanda Crawford**, UWS Newsroom, University of the West of Scotland
- **Antonella Valente**, The Gaudie, University of Aberdeen
- **Fred Byrne**, Gettin' Rowdy with The Gaudie, The Gaudie

DESIGN OF THE YEAR (NEWSPAPER OR MAGAZINE)

- **The Gaudie**, University of Aberdeen
- **The Magdalen**, University of Dundee
- **The Glasgow Guardian**, University of Glasgow

COLUMNIST OF THE YEAR

- **Sandy Woodhouse**, ENRG, Edinburgh Napier University
- **Emilia Lauder**, ENRG & The Broad, Edinburgh Napier University
- **Hannah Linda Hamilton**, The Magdalen, The University of Dundee

FEATURES WRITER OF THE YEAR

- **Carlin Braun**, Brig Newspaper, University of Stirling
- **Kulsum Shabbir**, Strathclyde Telegraph, University of Strathclyde
- **Nina Miller**, The Glasgow Guardian, University of Glasgow

FINALISTS

NEWS WRITER OF THE YEAR

- **Eva J Milne**, The Jute Journal, University of Dundee
- **Amelia Boag McGlynn** and **Fred Byrne**, The Gaudie, University of Aberdeen
- **Katherine McKay**, Hillhead Review, University of Glasgow
- **Odhran Gallagher**, Hillhead Review, University of Glasgow

SPORTS WRITER OF THE YEAR

- **Anya Diggines**, Brig Newspaper, University of Stirling
- **Jack Harris**, ENRG, Edinburgh Napier University
- **John Shiels**, The Clyde Insider, Glasgow Clyde College
- **Oliver Kennedy**, The Gaudie, University of Aberdeen

SCOOP OF THE YEAR

- **David Forrest**, The Clyde Insider, Glasgow Clyde College
- **Edward Jewsbury**, Brig Newspaper, University of Stirling
- **Katherine McKay**, Hillhead Review, University of Glasgow
- **Odhran Gallagher**, Hillhead Review, University of Glasgow

STUDENT NEWS BRAND OF THE YEAR

- **Brig Newspaper**, University of Stirling
- **The Student**, University of Edinburgh
- **The Gaudie**, University of Aberdeen
- **ENRG**, Edinburgh Napier University
- **The Glasgow Guardian**, University of Glasgow
- **Hillhead Review**, University of Glasgow
- **Strathclyde Telegraph**, University of Strathclyde

STUDENT JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

- To be announced this evening



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