

# Andrew Silke

## Personal Details

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## Key Skills

**Qualification** BJTC PG Dip Broadcast Journalism (June 2006), **Distinction**  
**Institution** London College of Communication (formerly LCP)

**Technical competencies** CoolEdit/Audition, VCS/Startrack, PNg, multi-track editing, packaging, Bgan, Comrex, LuciLive, Quicklink, mobile journalism, ENPS

## Work History

*2015 (July) to present* **Assistant Editor, BBC 5live *Breakfast***  
\* Overseeing the day-to-day production of 5live's flagship news programme  
\* Field producing and overseeing the planning of outside broadcasts  
\* Running the desk during live programmes, phone-ins, and breaking news  
\* Encouraging creative on air treatments and ideas for 5live's digital platforms  
\* Giving feedback, carrying out appraisals and supporting staff development  
\* Working closely with presenters, 5live editors, and other BBC departments  
\* Shaping the network's strategy and future direction as part of its senior management team

*2011 (June) to 2015 (July)* **Senior Broadcast Journalist, BBC 5live *Drive and Breakfast***  
\* Day editing: chairing prospects meetings, managing a team of producers, creating running orders and responding to breaking news  
\* Output editing: outputting live news programmes and phone-ins, briefing and directing presenters, managing demands and live feeds in the cubicle  
\* Desk editing: managing producers' workloads under extreme pressure, checking and greenning scripts to tight deadlines  
\* Field producing and planning outside broadcasts for major events and breaking stories  
\* Liaising with the foreign and home desks and other BBC outlets  
\* Originating, researching and developing ideas and programme sequences

Awards:  
Sony Radio Academy Gold, UK Station of the Year 2013  
Sony Radio Academy Gold, Best News & Current Affairs Programme 2012

*2013 (October) to November)* **Producer, BBC Europe Bureau, Brussels**  
\* Planning and field producing newsgathering trips around Europe  
\* Gathering material and cutting packages for BBC TV and radio news  
\* Working closely with the BBC's Europe correspondents  
\* Liaising with the foreign desk and individual outlets across the BBC  
\* Writing material for the BBC News homepage

*2009 (August) to 2011 (June)* **Broadcast Journalist, BBC 5live *Drive***  
\* Developing and producing programme sequences to tight deadlines  
\* Responding to breaking stories and working under pressure  
\* Planning and producing outside broadcasts  
\* Selecting, briefing and pre-interviewing contributors

Awards:  
Sony Radio Academy Gold, Best Breaking News Coverage 2011, "The Birth of the Coalition" on 5live Drive

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2009 (January to August) **Broadcast Journalist (Freelance), BBC Radio 4 *World at One* / *PM***  
\* Contributing to daily ideas meetings  
\* Researching, developing and producing programme sequences  
\* Choosing, briefing and pre-interviewing contributors

2007 (January to 2009 (August) **Broadcast Journalist, BBC WM (Birmingham)**  
\* Producing and editing packages  
\* Live reporting  
\* Planning and producing outside broadcasts

2006 (Apr to Dec) **Broadcast Journalist (Freelance), various independent local radio**

## Education

**Postgraduate Qualification** University of Birmingham, European Research Institute  
MA International Studies (Dec 2005), **Distinction**

**Undergraduate Qualification** University of Birmingham  
BA (Hons) English Literature & Language Studies (July 2004), **First**

**School** John Lyon School, Harrow-on-the-Hill, London  
**A Levels** English Literature, Maths, French: ABB (Aug 2000)  
**GCSEs** 10 Subjects: 9 As with 8 A\*s (A\*s include English and Maths)

## Other Information

**Digital** Excellent understanding of social media, good working knowledge of Photoshop, confident using mobile journalism technologies  
**Languages** French (good spoken/written, non-fluent); German (basic spoken/written)  
**Interests** Photography and digital photo editing; Japan; Scrabble; travel; music.