

I WANT TO BE A...

NEWS REPORTER/ PRESENTER

Being a news reporter takes a lot of hard work and determination and there is fierce competition for the top spots. If you are willing to put the hours in, you could enter a career that finds you breaking news stories around the country – or the world!

There are a number of broadcasting presentation jobs in radio and television. Newsreaders present news programmes and bulletins, reading from a script or an autocue system. They introduce pre-recorded news stories and live reports from journalists on location. Newsreaders may be involved in writing and editing scripts.

You will need confidence and clear speech. The ability to think and react quickly is vital, especially when broadcasting 'live'. Concentration is important as you may be running a show while listening to instructions from the control room and watching signals from the floor manager. Some presenters require specialist knowledge.

You should enjoy working with other people such as the production team and participants in the programme

They did it!

Amy did her [A Levels](#) at NDC which included [English Literature, Media Studies and Sociology](#). "I have always enjoyed English and at my secondary school I did a lot of public speaking, which was great at boosting my confidence."

Amy started out in journalism at quite a young age. She did have some good luck, but was also prepared to the put the work in. Getting your qualifications are all very well, but work experience is essential and can be very rewarding. It was through work experience, that I managed to get my first television reporter trainee job at ITV Westcountry.

Amy now works for BBC Spotlight as a News Reporter/Presenter, and Video Journalist - which means she is capable of filming and editing her own news stories.

"I really enjoy being out on the road meeting people and reporting on a variety of different issues. That said, I enjoy my stints presenting the news. I think it is a skill to be able to present live on air, where anything can go wrong, and thousands of



Amy Cole

News Reporter/Presenter for BBC Spotlight

people are watching.

I do believe that if you work hard enough, and are realistic about your goals, you can succeed. Good luck!"

NDC can help you get there!

North Devon College want to nurture and encourage your career aspirations and support you through making your career decisions. We plan to work with schools, universities and industry to provide you with opportunities, valuable work experience and an insight to what it is like to work in the media industry.