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Curriculum Vitae: Benedict Young

SUMMARY

Self-employed academic editor since 2008, with specialisms in political science and humanities. From 2000 to 2008 I worked in education policy, advocacy, NGO management and research, with a focus on the Scottish Parliament.

EDUCATION

PhD Philosophy University of Edinburgh, 2000
MSc Philosophy University of Edinburgh, 1996
BA Philosophy University of Leeds, 1994 (1st class)

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Academic copyeditor, self-employed (2008–present) www.babelediting.com

Clients are primarily academics, though I have worked for the European Commission, UNICEF, DFID (as formerly known), and senior state and government figures. I do work for the boutique Paris art publishers Éditions Norma, through whom I have worked for Christie's, the Ritz, Hermès, and Maison Van Cleef and Arpels. For several years I was the lead copyeditor and proofreader for the top-ranked philosophy journal *Mind*.

Clients in recent years include academics at the following institutions:

[UK] Cambridge University, Durham University, King's College London, Oxford University, SOAS, University of Glasgow

[France] Université Paris 1—Panthéon Sorbonne, Université de Caen, Université Jean Monnet, Université Jean Moulin, Université de Strasbourg

[Germany] Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Universität zu Köln, Ruhr Universität Bochum

[Turkey] Bilgi Üniversitesi, Bilkent Üniversitesi, Sabancı Üniversitesi

[Switzerland] Universität Bern, Zürcher Hochschule der Künste

[United States] The Medical College of Wisconsin, Mississippi State University, University of Alabama at Birmingham

And others in Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, Iran, Japan, Malaysia, Norway, Qatar, the Republic of Korea, and elsewhere.





PAST EMPLOYMENT

National coordinator, Jubilee Scotland (2005–8, ft.)

Chief executive of the Scottish branch of the international campaign to cancel illegitimate global debt. Co-organised Make Poverty History march in Edinburgh 2005.

Coordinator, Global Citizenship Project, University of Glasgow (2003–5, pt.)

NGO officer on 'Learning and Teaching for Global Citizenship in Initial Teacher Education' project, within the Faculty of Education at the University of Glasgow.

Research officer, Scottish Civic Forum (2001–3, ft.)

Author and sole researcher of *Participation Matters: Report of the Audit of Democratic Participation Project*, funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. This project assessed the degree to which Scottish devolution was meeting its aim of creating a more participatory democratic society in Scotland.

VOLUNTARY AND FREELANCE WORK

School governor, Chillingham Road Primary School (2025–).

Board member, Jubilee Debt Campaign (2013–19). UK branch of international campaign to cancel illegitimate global debt.

Intergenerational philosophy project (2009–12). Philosophical reflection and exchanges between school children and retirement home residents, supported by Joseph Rowntree Foundation, York, UK.

Freelance charity and NGO research (2009–11). Various small research projects, York, UK.

Dialectic democracy project (2003–7 pt.). Democratic participation and reflection project in Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Various projects (2002–5). Research on debt, democracy and decentralization, Republic of Mali; consultant on 'democratic deepening' for British Council; researcher for Scottish Council of Voluntary Organisations.

Adult education (1999–2002 pt.). Community philosophy project, Adult Learning Project, Edinburgh.

ACADEMIC TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Visiting fellow (2004–5). Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs, University of St Andrews.

Teaching fellow (1997–2004 pt.). Departments of Philosophy at University of Edinburgh and University of Stirling.

LANGUAGES

French (French to English translation in politics, philosophy, sociology)

Ancient Greek (intermediate level courses followed)

Turkish (basic courses followed)