



EMMA THOMASSON

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I STAND FOR

I am a multilingual journalist and newsroom leader based in Berlin with strong reporting, writing and editing skills, specialized in covering business, politics and economics.

I am also a leadership coach and I run the Reuters global mentoring program.

I am a champion of workplace diversity and wellbeing and a coordinator of the Reuters peer network, supporting journalists suffering from stress and trauma.

I have run teams of Reuters journalists in the Netherlands and Switzerland, where I developed staff, organized news coverage and executed business projects.

EDUCATION

- Institute for Coaching and Mindfulness certificate
- Oxford University B.A. Politics, Philosophy and Economics

ABOUT ME

I run a global mentoring programme at the Reuters news agency and coordinate a network of journalists who offer peer support to colleagues suffering from stress and trauma.

I advise senior management on strategies to improve workplace mental health and diversity.

Originally from Britain, I have lived in Berlin since 2013 and have dual German-British citizenship. I work in English and German. B.A. Politics, Philosophy and Economics.

Ich leite ein globales Mentorenprogramm bei der Nachrichtenagentur Reuters und koordiniere ein Netzwerk von Journalisten, die Kollegen, die unter Stress und Traumata leiden, kollegiale Unterstützung anbieten.

Ich berate das Senior Management bei Strategien zur Verbesserung der psychischen Gesundheit und Vielfalt am Arbeitsplatz.

Aufgewachsen in Großbritannien, lebe ich seit 2013 in Berlin und habe die doppelte deutsch-britische Staatsbürgerschaft. Ich arbeite auf Englisch und Deutsch. B.A. Politics, Philosophy and Economics.



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MAIN TOPICS / SCHWERPUNKTE

- Leadership presence and confidence
- Intercultural skills
- Stress management, work-life balance
- Creating a vision
- Dealing with team conflicts
- Women in leadership

- Führungspräsenz und Selbstvertrauen
- Interkulturelle Kompetenzen
- Stressbewältigung, Work-Life-Balance
- Erstellen einer Vision
- Umgang mit Teamkonflikten
- Frauen in Führung

LANGUAGES

- English - mother tongue
- German - professional level
- French, Dutch, Spanish - proficient

INTERESTS

- Yoga, running, hiking, painting
- Sing and perform with an eclectic Berlin choir
- Volunteer mentor with MentorMe, a German charity supporting young women

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Senior Correspondent | Reuters

Berlin | Februar 2013 - present | www.reuters.com

- Write about German business and politics with a focus on world of work, consumer/retail topics, as well as start-ups and innovation. Interview business leaders, research industry trends, write and edit breaking news stories and longer multimedia articles.

- Coordinate global mentoring program, which is aimed at supporting efforts around diversity and developing emerging leaders. Mentor a Syrian refugee who is a trainee journalist.

- Coordinate Reuters peer support network; provide a bridge to therapists for colleagues experiencing trauma and stress; help organize events for company Mental Health Week.

- Coach upcoming women in the organisation; run workshops on managing stress and improving communication skills for remote teams.

- Member of Reuters "newsroom of the future" project: advised senior management and HR on ways to hire the best people and promote diversity across the organization.

Bureau Chief Switzerland | Reuters

Zürich | 2008 - 2013 | www.reuters.com

- Managed multinational team of 15 journalists in Zurich and Geneva, covering Swiss business and economics as well as global bodies such as WTO, WHO, UNHCR, ILO.

- Drove focused reporting on top stories including the near collapse of UBS in 2008, the global attack on Swiss bank secrecy, the fluctuations of the safe haven-franc; also planned multi-media Reuters coverage of four meetings of the World Economic Forum in Davos.

- Completed Reuters leadership project on social media in 2009; presented findings to top management.

Bureau Chief Netherlands | Reuters

Amsterdam | 2004 - 2008 | www.reuters.com

- Led team of 10 journalists and covered host of big stories including M&A deals, the early years of the International Criminal Court, death of Slobodan Milosevic while awaiting trial in The Hague, murder of Dutch film director Theo van Gogh. Stints in Vienna and Jerusalem bureaus.

- Worked with Reuters business manager to set up Dutch-language service with ANP news agency. Project involved designing new newsroom, training ANP journalists, integrating technology.

Various Correspondent Positions | Reuters

Various | 1995 - 2004 | www.reuters.com

- Reported on German politics, economy and society with focus on foreign and defense policy, including Berlin's opposition to Iraq war. Staffed Afghan peace summit, EU meetings and Iraq war desk in Dubai.

- Covered politics and business in South Africa, including end of Nelson Mandela's presidency, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, national budgets and life assurance and retail companies.

- Trainee assignment to Germany, including covering politics in Bonn and finance in Frankfurt.