

Gail Simpkins

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Education:

- **Foundation Degree in Business (Ongoing)**
 - *Open University*
- **Additional Qualifications:**
 - Personal License Holder
 - Vulnerability in Nighttime Economy / Ask For Angela (Clive)
 - First Aid Certified
 - Mental Health First Aider
 - Certified Carbon Literate
 - Food Hygiene L2
 - Traffic Marshall / Banksman Trained
 - Overdose Prevention & Naloxone Distribution
 - ACT – Action Counters Terrorism

Professional Development:

- Short courses in Photography, Social Media Marketing, Digital Marketing
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Professional Experience:

Freelance Accreditation Manager (Accessibility Team)

Download Festival

2024 – Present

Running the box office & accreditation teams on the accessible campsite at the festival

Freelance Box Office Assistant

Bradford Literature Festival

2024 – Present

Working box office & accreditation for the festival

Freelance Production Manager

Leeds Studio / Chisholm For President!

2024 – Present

Managing stage and technical detail for a 16-piece theatre crew performing at music festivals

Front of House Manager

Leeds 2023

2023

Leading a volunteer team, overseeing daily exhibit setups, and conducting educational tours

Freelance Show Rep

This Feeling!

2023

Comprehensive live event management inc. stage and technical setup, and box office

Production Manager

Deershed Festival

2023 – Present

Overseeing festival production and event control during delivery weekend, distributing staff and resources to ensure a safe event

Production Manager*Bradford Music Month**2022 – Present*

Technical management for gigs, conferences, and workshops, including ACE applications and funding acquisition

General Manager*The Underground Bradford**2020 – Present*

Handling bookings, team management, marketing, promotion, funding acquisition, and overall business development

Landside Events Lead / Production*Bradford Dragon Boat Festival**2015 – Present*

Booking and managing landside events and musicians, overseeing production on delivery weekend

Event Manager*North Parade Street Party**2014 – 2019*

Comprehensive event management, including planning, booking, and on-the-day oversight

Managing Director*Al's Dime Bar Bradford**2013 – 2019*

Full financial management, team leadership, marketing, and event coordination

Skills:

- Leadership & Team Management
- Problem Solving
- Technical Proficiency
- Calm Under Pressure
- Stage & Event Management
- Production Management

Interests:

- Passionate about festival management and live music
- Supporter of emerging musicians
- Enjoys family activities, travel, and exploring new cultures
- Enthusiastic about cooking and dining out

Future Goals:

- Create vibrant city centre events with a strong social media presence, targeting alternative demographics.
- Working with young creatives to develop their talents through live performance and arts.

References: Available upon request.