

# Yemisi Blake

Create, Connect, Communicate



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## Profile

A creative and motivated individual with three years experience as an Operations Co-ordinator at a successful UK charity and five years experience as a working artist. Demonstrates considerable initiative, problem-solving skills and team-work, both in artistic and administrative areas.

## Experience

### **Freelance Creative 2005 - Present**

As a writer I have been commissioned by organisations such as the The Welcome Trust and The Southbank Centre. I facilitate workshops on creative writing, creativity and new media technologies, my clients have included The Southbank Centre, The Roundhouse and Sussex University. I have read and performed at venues including, The Royal Festival Hall, Tate Britain, and The Natural History Museum.

### **Emerging Artist in Residence, The Southbank Centre - 2007 - Present**

Following a project under the direction of composer Nitin Sawhney, I was invited be an Emerging Artist in Residence at The Southbank Centre. During the residency, I've acted as a curator, workshop facilitator, blogger and performer. In Spring 2008, I collaborated with Riz MC on a track that was performed at an event welcoming the Olympic Torch to London. During the London Literature Festival 2008, I was a mentor to five young curators.

### **Operations Co-ordinator/ Project Manager, Hanover Foundations - 2005 - 8**

Hanover Foundations run performance management programmes for thousands of young people every year. As Operations Co-ordinator I implemented systems for online file-sharing and meeting co-ordination. I trained as a performance management coach and founded Hanover Connect, an advisory group of young people who had completed Hanover programmes. My last project with the charity was to develop, manage and co-ordinate a social networking website accessible by all of the young people we worked with.

## Education

Goldsmiths University, London (BA Sociology, Grade: 2.1) 2008  
Woodhouse College, London (A-Levels - Politics, Sociology, P.E.) 2005  
Highgate Wood Secondary School, London (11 GCSE'S; Grades: A-C) 2003

## Skills

Public speaking and delivery of talks, presentations and seminars.  
Blogging and podcasting as documentary and evaluation.  
Mentoring and coaching, four years experience working with young people.  
Event programming, production and curation.

## Testimonial/ Referrals

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