



# Angela Graham

Writer, Producer, Director

M.A. Oxford University, English Language and Literature with Latin

P.G.C.E. (Distinction) Queen's University, Belfast

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Fluent Welsh, Working French and Italian

## Screen Producer

I've made more than 100 documentaries and factual programmes for BBC, ITV, S4C and Channel 4 focusing on History, Religion, Science and the intricacies of human relationships. My track record includes *The Story of Wales*, the landmark BBC history of the nation presented by Huw Edwards, and *DNA Cymru*, a Welsh-language take on an even longer period of history using the latest genetic science.

I was producer and co-writer of the Oscar entrant cinema feature *Branwen* and screenwriter on other drama projects set in Italy, Romania and Ireland. Having begun my career in ITV, I spent eight years as a producer at one of Britain's rare production co-operatives, the phenomenal Teliesyn.

## Writer

I was awarded a Writer's Bursary by Literature Wales in 2017 and have completed a collection of Short Stories, *A City Burning*. I received a grant from the Arts Council of Northern Ireland 2017/18 towards the draft of a novel. I am an award-winning screenwriter and short story writer, a journalist, and writer for radio.

## Media Policy

As chair, 2014-17, of the Media Policy Group of the influential think-tank, the Institute of Welsh Affairs. I oversaw a comprehensive Audit of online, TV, radio and press in Wales and shaped the resultant policy recommendations (Nov 2015). The Audit is a much-referenced key resource. I have several times chaired the annual Cardiff Media Summit. Leadership in media policy development has been a constant in my career. I launched and chaired the Welsh arm of the influential Campaign for Quality Television during the ITV franchise auctions and throughout the BBC Charter Renewal of the 90s.

## Academia

As well as occasional teaching, I currently work with universities in efforts to bring academia and media closer together. I spent five years teaching Documentary at Cardiff University's prestigious School of Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies.

## Public Life

I am regularly called upon as a panelist in industry conferences and as a commentator on policy developments. In 2016 I organised a ground-breaking project to improve religious literacy amongst journalists in Wales under the auspices of NUJ Training Wales. A second event, Reporting Belief was hosted by the BBC in May 2017. In January 2017 I delivered at Cardiff University the first session on religious literacy for journalists in any School of Journalism in Wales.

## CURRENT

Individual Artist Award 2017/18	Arts Council of Northern Ireland (novel)
Writer's Bursary Recipient 2017	Literature Wales: Short Story Collection
External Member	Centre for the Study of Media in Small Nations University of South Wales
'Mourning and Memory'	Paper for <i>Llafur: the Journal of Welsh People's History</i> Aberystwyth University
Executive Committee Member	Writers' Guild, Wales

## 2016/17

Chair	Media Policy Group, Institute of Welsh Affairs
Chair	Cardiff Media Summit 2017
Project Content Organiser	Reporting Belief, NUJ Training Wales
Project Content Organiser	When Religion Makes the News, NUJ Training Wales
Religious Literacy for Journalists	MA Broadcast Journalism
Future of Television Inquiry	Goldsmiths/David Puttnam, Wales Contributor
Short Stories	Eclectic Mix, Audio Arcadia
Industry Contributor	The Hidden Story (AHRC/University Alliance project)

## PRODUCTION

### PRODUCER

DNA Cymru, S4C	S4C	5 x 60	Genetics / History
Merthyr Meirionnydd	S4C	1 x 60	Martyrdom
One And All	ITV Network	5 x 30	Self and Society
Plant Mari	BBC/S4C	1 x 60	Catholicism in Wales
The Cross	Channel 4	1 x 60	'Banned' Season
Y Byd Ar Bedwar	S4C	1 x 30	Anglo-Irish Agreement
Say Yer Alphabet, Wee Doll	HTV	1 x 30	Autobiography
Living Proof 2 Series	HTV	12 x 30	Relationships
Birth Matters	HTV	5 x 30	Maternity Services

### DEVELOPMENT PRODUCER

The Story of Wales	BBC 2, BBC Wales	6 x 60	Welsh History
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### PRODUCER, SPECIALIST CONTENT

The Story of Wales on the Hwb	iTunesU	40 x 8	Welsh History
Creu Cymru Fodern	S4C	3 x 60	Welsh History

**EXECUTIVE PRODUCER**

<b>Begin With The Heart</b>	<b>Columba DVD</b>	1 x 120
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**FEATURE FILM PRODUCER**

<b>Branwen</b>	<b>S4C</b>	98 minutes
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**SCREENWRITER**

<b>Branwen</b>	<b>S4C</b>	co-writer
<b>Plentyn Siawns</b>	<b>S4C</b>	90 minutes
<b>Mercy</b>	<b>Teliesyn</b>	30 minutes
<b>Mortal Beauty / Bellezza Mortale</b>	<b>Green Bay Media</b>	90 minutes

**STAGE WRITING**

<b>Residency, Script Development</b>	<b>Tyrone Guthrie Centre</b>
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**PRESENTER**

<b>The Wales Report (Insert)</b>	<b>BBC Wales</b>	2015
<b>Prayer for the Day</b>	<b>BBC Radio 4</b>	2015
<b>Of Mourning and Memory</b>	<b>BBC Radio Wales</b>	1 x 30 2014
<b>Pause For Thought</b>	<b>BBC Radio 2</b>	since 2011
<b>Weekend Word</b>	<b>BBC Radio Wales</b>	since 2010
<b>Wednesday Word</b>	<b>BBC Radio Wales</b>	since 2010
<b>Plant Mari</b>	<b>S4C</b>	1 x 60
<b>Y Byd Ar Bedwar</b>	<b>S4C</b>	1 x 30
<b>Say Yer Alphabet, Wee Doll</b>	<b>HTV</b>	1 x 30

**RESEARCHER**

<b>Alternatives</b>	<b>ITV Network</b>	6 x 30
<b>The Divided Kingdom</b>	<b>Channel 4</b>	4 x 60
<b>7 Series Health, Education, Architecture, Farming</b>	<b>HTV</b>	35 x 30
<b>Ageless Ageing</b>	<b>ITV Network</b>	6 x 30
<b>Various Schools series</b>	<b>S4C</b>	30 programmes
<b>Radio Wales</b>	<b>BBC</b>	Various

**TEACHING AND TRAINING****ACADEMIC TEACHER**

<b>Professional Tutor, Documentary</b>	<b>Cardiff University, School of Journalism 2009 - 2014</b> MA International Journalism & MSc Science, Media and Communication
<b>Visiting Lecturer</b>	<b>Cardiff University, Religious Literacy for Journalists '16</b>
<b>Academics and Documentary-making</b>	<b>Cardiff University Graduate College 2012 -16</b>
<b>Course Design, How Documentary Works</b>	<b>Cardiff University Centre for Lifelong Learning</b>
<b>Professional Tutor, Documentary</b>	<b>Michigan State University Summer School MA since 2012</b>
<b>Visiting Lecturer</b>	<b>University South Wales Contemporary TV BA since 2012</b>

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINER

**Creative Unions Learning Together Cymru (CULT Cymru)** since 2010

For BECTU, Musicians Union, Writers' Guild, Equity

**Pitching**

**Portfolio Development**

**Working as a Writer in Health & Social Care Settings** (Course Design)

**Film Cymru Wales / CULT Cymru**

**Pitching Feature Film** 2014

**Literature Wales/Welsh Academy**

**Pitching to a Writers' Agent** 2012

## EVENT ORGANISATION

**Cardiff Media Summit**

**Project Manager, Heritage Lottery Bid**

**Expertise Exchange**

**Science on TV in Wales**

**The Media and Devolution**

**Wales/Ulster Conference, Belfast**

**Pendyrus Male Choir**

**Institute of Welsh Affairs** since 2012

**Cyfarthfa Castle Museum, Memorialising War**

**RTS/Cardiff University** 2014

**RTS/Cardiff University** 2013

**Writers' Guild** 2013

**Writers' Guild / Academi** 2009

**Penrhys Pilgrims Festival** 2008

## PUBLICATIONS

**WALES MEDIA AUDIT, 2015**

**FUTURE OF TELEVISION, 2016**

**Project Leader**

**Goldsmiths/Puttnam Inquiry, Wales Contributor**

## JOURNALISM

Western Mail, Wales on Sunday, The Tablet, New City, Agenda, RLR, Doctrine and Life, The Furrow, New Welsh Review, Golwg, Wales Arts Review & various poetry – Poetry Wales, The Works

**Television Tells the Story of Wales**

**Planet**, 2012, Nov

**Media in Wales**

**25/25 Vision** 2012

**MEDIA BLOG:** *clickonwales* IWA blog

## EDITORIAL CONSULTANT

**The Church at the Centre of the City**

**Ballard, Epworth** 2008

**Unfamiliar Spiritualities**

**Williams, O Books** 2013

## ACADEMIC

**Welsh Journal of Religious History, Bangor University**

Martyrdom on Television: Designing a Documentary *Merthyr Meirionnydd* Peer-reviewed article 2014

**History and Media Conference, Queen's University Belfast**

Conference Paper: *Reframing History, Film, Television and the Historians* 2012

## ACADEMIC PROJECTS

**The Hidden Story**

Academia/Industry AHRC/Universities Alliance, USW 2016

**University of South Wales**

*Brown Babies* Welsh Children of Black GIs 2014

**King's College London**  
**Aberystwyth University**

Media Adviser to £2 million AHRC bid Translating Cultures  
*Prosiect Teliesyn*

## **OTHER INDUSTRY ROLES**

**Chairperson, 2014 - 2017**  
**Panelist, Factual Programming**  
**Union Learning Adviser**  
**Honorary Secretary**  
**Steering Committee**  
**Management Committee**  
**Chairperson**  
**Welsh Judge, International Jury**  
**Juror on various panels**  
**Chair, Policy Panel, Communications**  
**Film Panel**  
**Equality Rep. HTV**

**Media Policy Group, Institute of Welsh Affairs**  
**Celtic Media Festival 2016**  
**Writers' Guild 2011 – 2014**  
**RTS Wales 2014 -2016**  
**Creative Exchange Wales Network 2012 – 2014**  
**Teliesyn Ltd., 1990 - 1998**  
**Campaign for Quality Television, Wales 1989 - 1996**  
**Celtic Film Festival 1995**  
**BAFTA Cymru Wales**  
**Catholic Church in Wales 1994-6**  
**Arts Council of Wales 1994 - 96**  
**BECTU 1983 - 87**

## **AWARDS**

### **CINEMA & FILM**

#### **Branwen**

Welsh Entry  
Best Full-length Film  
Silver Star Best First Feature  
6 Nominations  
'A' Level Welsh syllabus

Academy Awards (Oscars) Best Foreign Language Film  
Celtic Media Festival  
Houston Film Festival  
BAFTA Cymru Wales  
Mandatory Film 1995 - 2015

#### **Mortal Beauty**

Second prize International Drama Pitch  
ARISTA Film Development, Europe

Rome TV Festival 2007  
Script Development Bursary 2006

#### **Plentyn Siawns**

Moonstone International Script Development

#### **Mercy**

Finalist

BBC N. Ireland Short Scripts Competition 1997

### **BROADCAST**

#### **DNA Cymru**

#### **The Story of Wales**

Best Presenter, Huw Edwards  
Gwyn Alf Williams Award  
Finalist

Nomination, Best Factual Series, Celtic Media festival, 2016

BAFTA Cymru Wales 2014  
BAFTA Cymru Wales 2014  
Jerusalem Award for Radio 2012

**PRINT**

Winner

Winner

Winner

Winner

Shortlist

Bursary Recipient

Bursary Recipient

Finalist

Bridgend Short Story Competition 2017

Audio Arcadia Short Story Competition 2017

Aber Valley Arts Short Story Competition 2014

totally4women Short Story Competition 2013

Solstice Short Story Award 2014

Literature Wales 2013

BBC Radio Wales Writing for Radio Drama 2012

Rhys Davies Short Story Competition 2010

**POETRY**

Poetry Wales, The Works

**Poetry Performance****Rhyme and Reason, H'mmm Foundation 2014**

with Gillian Clarke, Christine De Luca, Jasmine Donahaye

**OTHER****Teacher, English and Drama****Rathmore Grammar School 1979 - 81**