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I am Wil Vincent. I have a Masters Degree in Environmental & Spatial Planning, and a Bachelors Degree in Planning and Development. I'm also a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy

I work in Higher Education Student Experience, and am recognised for my work in designing and delivering innovative practices to enhance student transition, development, retention and success. I also teach in a number of Built Environment and Professional Skills modules at HE level.

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When I say that my views are my own, I mean it. I am passionate about providing top quality, impassioned and meaningful journalism, either through my commentary or written work, and have a total of 7 years media experience spanning radio, internet, print and TV

I am currently the main commentator for some of the biggest eSports Racing series in the world, and have had partnerships and endorsements with iRacing, IndyCar, and a number of Sim Racing Series.

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HE Student Experience

My role as a Student Success Advisor Team Leader involves helping to design initiatives to support the student learning experience, from before they arrive, through to graduation and beyond.

Some of the projects I currently work on include:

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- An interactive, pre-arrival programme, to support students into Higher Education at Birmingham City University.
- A study skills book, to support academic progression into HE for students from non standard academic backgrounds.
- Utilising live data to support student retention, engagement and success on their course.
- Providing personal development support for students who are ‘at risk’.
- Supporting students out of university through a scheme of co-connected employability and development activities.

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Research

The majority of my research currently focuses on supporting the Student Learning Experience in Higher Education, specifically when considering student transition, and road-mapping the first year journey.

My research in Student Experience includes:

- Analysing the role of Student Academic Partners in Built Environment Education
- Reviewing the range of interventions Birmingham City University have undertaken to support student learning experience as part of the HEA *What Works*? Project.
- Addressing how to support student academic and socio-enviornmental transition for commuter students at a ‘Modern’ University.
- Addressing how to support student academic and socio-enviornmental transition for BME and hard to reach groups at a ‘Modern’ University.

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Town & Country Planning

I have 3 years working within a nationally recognised Planning Consultancy, as well as 2 years of Teaching Experience withing a Planning related course.

My specialisations in this area include:

- Providing consultancy advice and teaching on how to utilise 5 Year Housing Land Supply in decision making, both in terms of calculating supply, and the implications on Development Planning.
- Preparing and submitting Planning Applications and Appeals for a range of Greenfield and Brownfield sites across the UK, and supporting applications through to determination
- Providing expert advice for local communities in Neighbourhood Plan creation and Local Plan representation submission, including representations at Examinations in Public.

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Commentary & Journalism

I have over 5 years worth of commentary experience, and a 7 years journalism experience in spoken word and print, and am a member of the National Union of Journalists.

My work in this areas includes:

- Being the lead commentator for some of the largest Sim Racing events in the world, working for iRacing through the broadcaster RaceSpot TV.
- Running an online broadcast service for Sim Racing, recognised worldwide for being industry leaders.

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- 2 years service as ‘Head of Music’ for student radio station, managing playlists, events, and artist relations.
- Providing articles and analysis reports for SimRacing News. An online Sim Racing based publication.

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