

# Sara Nilsson

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## PROFILE

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Postgraduate in 'Documentary & Features' and 'Neuroscience' looking for photography and film assignments. Can easily adapt to new situations. Is currently based in Switzerland, but has previously lived in Sweden, USA, Mexico, Singapore, England, and Scotland.

## SKILLS

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- **Camerawork:** Own kit: Canon 5D Mark III. Experience with: Sony PMW 300, Panasonic AF101, DSLR's and GoPro's.
- **Editing:** Experienced in AVID and proficient in Premiere Pro and Final Cut Pro.
- **Sound:** Proficient in Audition and ProTools.
- **Experience with other Broadcast Equipment:** 522 Mixer, Tascam, Radio Mics, Dedo, Diva, and Arri Lights, Spider Dolly, Jib, SteadyCam.

## EXPERIENCE

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**Jul 15** **ZURICH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND THANK YOU VIDEO**  
*Producer/Director, Camera Operator, Editor (AVID)*

A 3:30 min film to thank donors for contributing to the school fund, filmed at 4 campuses.

**Apr 15** **DENTAL HYGIENIST PROFILE VIDEO**  
*Producer/Director, Camera Operator, Editor (AVID)*

A 2:30 minute video to accompany a CV. Completed within four days.

**Nov 14** **RESEARCH FOR FIVE FILMS**  
Research for "Five Films" 90-minute documentary about rice in China.

**Mar 14 – Oct 14** **DOCUMENTARY: DEATH ABROAD YOU ARE NOT ALONE**  
*Producer/Director, Camera Operator, Editor (AVID)*  
A 30-minute film about the lack of support UK citizens receive when a loved one dies abroad, and how one mother took it upon herself to change this.

**Jun 14** **DOCUMENTARY: RESTLESS SPIRITS**  
*Camera Operator*

A 15-minute film about the lives of two ghost hunters.

**May 14** **HOME-START BRISTOL FILMS**  
*Sound Recordist*  
Two 3-minute videos to help the charity "Home-Start" recruit volunteers and gain funding.

**Apr 14** **UWE PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROMOTIONAL VIDEO**  
*Producer/Director, Co-editor (Premiere Pro)*

A 3-minute promotional video to promote UWE's English Language course.

**Feb 14** **UWE CHINESE NEW YEAR VIDEO**  
*Co-Producer/Director, Sound Recordist, and Co-Editor (Premiere Pro)*

A 2 minute fast-turnaround video with two days filming and only a 1-day edit.

## EDUCATION

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Sep 13 – Sep 14	<b>UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST OF ENGLAND (UWE)</b> BBC partnered ‘Documentary and Features’ Masters degree.	Bristol, UK
Sep 09 – Jul 13	<b>UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS</b> Honours BSc Neuroscience degree, with a final dissertation on animal magnetoreception.	St. Andrews, UK

## OTHER WORK

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Dec 14 - Present	<b>MAX FILM ABOUT THE MATTERHORN</b> Social Media Manager, Content Producer for Promotional Material	Zug, CH
Oct 14 - Dec 14	<b>THE PROPAGANDA CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER</b> I took and edited photos for Propaganda’s Facebook page.	Bristol, UK
17 - 24 Oct 14	<b>WILDSCREEN FILM FESTIVAL</b> I volunteered at Wildscreen, assisting delegates at the information desk.	Bristol, UK
20, 21st Mar 14	<b>IDOCS</b> I helped in the running of the Interactive Documentary Symposium, welcoming delegates at the registration and information desk.	Bristol, UK
Jun – Aug 12	<b>MSD – MERCK SHARP &amp; DOHME INTERNATIONAL</b> I undertook various research projects at the pharmaceutical company.	Lucerne, CH
Jul – Aug 10 & 11	<b>TJÖRNS KOMMUN</b> I worked as a swimming instructor for children from the ages of 2 to 14.	Tjörn, Sweden
Aug – Sept 10	<b>ONE HEART SOURCE</b> I lived with a Maasai tribe, tutored children, and taught HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention in schools and in the community.	Arusha, Tanzania

## OTHER SKILLS AND ACTIVITIES

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- Fluent in English and Swedish, and proficient in Spanish and German.
- PADI certified as an Advanced Open Water Diver – dry and wet suit.
- An avid rock climber, able to belay and climb proficiently.
- I have spent weeks camping and climbing in the Swedish and Swiss mountains.
- A competitive swimmer and water polo player.
- Inshore Yachtmaster Diploma - I can master a yacht up to 12x4 meters.
- Scientific Diving training: Underwater research in Indonesia, culminating in a paper arguing that cleaner shrimp don’t compete against cleaner wrasse for clients.

## REFERENCES

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Tim Tarrant, Head of MA Documentary and Features at UWE, [tim.Tarrant@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:tim.Tarrant@uwe.ac.uk)

Sacha Mirzoeff, Producer/Director at BBC, [sacha.Mirzoeff@bbc.co.uk](mailto:sacha.Mirzoeff@bbc.co.uk)

Verity White, head of ‘Five Films’, [suzumi.baci@gmail.com](mailto:suzumi.baci@gmail.com)

Alexander Biner, head of 4iS Four Eyes AG, executive producer of IMAX film “The Alps” released in 2007, [abiner@4is.ch](mailto:abiner@4is.ch)