

Lecturer But how can you get involved? How can you begin to write articles which will be published on sites like these?

Well, first you must have something interesting to say, something you want to . Assuming you have this, it's important in an article to attract people's attention and gain their interest, so put the first, answering these questions: ? ? ? ? and ?

Get those basic facts down to start with and get people interested. Then fill in the in the rest of the article: the is really shaped like a . You put the most important facts of the article and lots of smaller details down .

Remember, you want people to keep reading, so you need to hold your readers' interest. for doing that is to put in from people who are part of the – what they really said. You know the sort of thing, um, 'Tanya, mother of two, said: "It all happened so quickly that we didn't have time to react.'" Quotations

Once you've written your article, go over it again to make sure that any you quote are . Make sure that Tanya really has and not . Then, after that, once you've got your ideas down, rewrite your article, making sure that your don't contain sentences – people like them to be and to the point. and this will help to .

And another thing to bear in mind: if they're people will soon stop reading your piece and start reading something else, so keep the whole article brief. Don't put in a – just let your article end without it.

Another good piece of advice is to remember that old cliché which we've all heard – that a is worth a thousand . It's true, so if you can, include a picture. It'll attract more attention and what you've been saying.

Finally, you need to write – something which will get people to just skim the article to start with, and then, if it's well written, they'll read it more carefully afterwards