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Date of birth: 7.14.59; **Nationality:** British

Current (2008-present)

Writing Well: Editorial Services: writing and editing services, for scientific publications (most recently including articles for Research Outreach and copy-editing for Springer Nature Journals via Sunrise Setting Ltd, 2018-2019).

[Professional Member of SfEP](#) (Society for Freelance Editors and Proofreaders, UK).

Coaching for those in the wellness field interested in developing their own communication skills and conveying their experience with clarity and passion. Also facilitate a creative writing group, nature-inspired transformation experiences, and include expressive writing in body-based retreats.

Background

Graduated with B.Sc. (Hons) Genetics and Botany (Edinburgh, 1977-1980) then M.Phil. Plant Breeding (Cambridge, 1980-81). After working in-house for three publishers, began full-time freelance editorial service (1986 on) working mainly on clinical medical texts and journals.

Professional memberships included:

- 1986 Member (and on newsletter committee) of Women in Publishing
- 1987 Member of Society of Indexers
- 1988 Founding member of Society of Freelance Editors and Proofreaders
- 1990 Member of European Association of Science Editors
- Member of Council of Biology Editors, US

In the 1990s, began training in medical massage and gradually transitioned into a career in the wellness industry but continued to use editorial skills. In 2017, returned to the UK after a long period in the US (14 years) and India (3 years).

Resumed freelance editing work (focus biomedical science). Credentials were again recognized by the Society for Freelance Editors and Proofreaders of which I am a Professional Member.

Directory entry: <https://www.sfep.org.uk/directory/sara-firman>

In-house experience:

1982-4 Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau for Plant Breeding and Genetics, Cambridge, UK

Information Scientist. Scanning and abstracting world literature for the monthly journal 'Plant Breeding Abstracts' (also available online). Tasks included copy-editing and proof-reading of final journal copy.

1984-5 Elsevier Science Publishers, Cambridge, UK

Assistant Editor and Book Reviews Editor for 3 monthly review journals (Trends in Genetics, Trends in Biotechnology and Trends in Biochemical Sciences). Copy-editing manuscripts, preparing copy for typesetting and printing, proof-reading.

1985-6 British Council, London, UK

Editorial Assistant, Publishing Department. Management of a wide variety of print materials from initial proposal through to publication: liaising with authors, briefing designers, obtaining estimates, copy-editing and proof-reading, ensuring schedules were kept, and passing final copy to printers.

2008-14 Ancient Tower Press (independent publisher), Missouri, US

Administrative assistant and books copy-editor. Also created and kept up website, a task that included copy-editing and proof-reading.