

Who is Doing What

VWS Alumni Corner

Interview with Lily Cameron, Class of 2013



VWS: Tell me about your work and education after graduating from the VWS. (post-secondary schooling, travel, work experience, family, etc...)

LC: I went straight to university after Grade Twelve, moving all the way to Nova Scotia to attend Acadia University in Wolfville. Acadia is filled with pageantry, tradition, and has the warmest and most inclusive quality of student life. It is a very Waldorf-like university and, after my initial trauma at being left alone across the country, I loved it. I transferred to UVIC for my second year, and graduated in June of 2018 with a BA in psychology. I have regrets around not graduating from Acadia, but I may have been too young to be so far from my family. During my university years, I also went on some non-academic adventures, such as travelling to Ireland to spend seven incredible days hiking along the Dingle Way!

VWS: What kind of work/study are you involved in now?

LC: After graduating from university, I returned home to North Vancouver and believed that my only options were a minimum wage job or continuing on to get my masters degree. The masters degree wasn't calling to me and none of the jobs available fit my shy personality or my beloved dog's timetable. I had to get creative. I focused on what I love to do with my time, which is reading and research, and enrolled in an online certificate program offered by SFU. I am now running my very own small business! My business is called Lily Cameron Proofreading, and I offer proofreading and editing services to both publishers and individuals. I launched my website in the summer of 2018, and have been hard at work ever since. I can work anywhere in the world as long as I have a laptop and wifi, and that flexibility is very exciting. Being a solopreneur is a dream come true for me. I've loved discovering all the different aspects of running a business and I am thrilled to keep growing and learning.

VWS: What advice would you give to this year's graduates?

LC: Ask for help when you need it. Remember that you are growing up in a different world than your parents experienced. They had to go out and knock on doors, and often they had to know someone to get a foot in that door. They may have a lot of good advice to offer, but social media has created a platform that we need to explore with our peers and not necessarily take cues from an older generation. Be brave and venture forth!

VWS: What are your fondest memories of your time at the VWS?

LC: I have so many fond memories from my time at the VWS: Christmas Fairs, school plays, flute playing, class trips, eurythmy, and more. I feel incredibly lucky that I got to attend the Waldorf School, especially the elementary school — so many magical moments! I belonged to a huge, rollicking, noisy class that pushed every boundary. We were full of mischief and energy and curiosity. I loved growing up in that environment.

VWS: How did Waldorf education affect your life, and your choice of career?

VV: I attended Waldorf from kindergarten to high school, so it's safe to say it had a great affect on my life and my choice of career. Waldorf fostered my innate sense of curiosity and reflection. At the end of my Waldorf schooling, the Grade Twelve Project process sparked my love for research and inspired me to pursue a degree in psychology. The Grade Twelve Project was a tough experience, but it did teach me a lot about myself.

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