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As a creative and passionate designer I have completed a degree in University studying Digital Art. I have taken on some work experience, created work through a freelance project, as well as setting up my own personal website, the details of which can be found above. This shows my self-motivated attitude to life, believing in creating my own opportunities. I am currently working for a large software company as the only graphic designer, which means that my time management has to be well prepared in order to complete my current projects.

Education

University of the West of Scotland
BA Digital Art | Sept 2011 – May 2012

Reid Kerr College
HND Visual Communication with Animation | Grade A | Aug 2009 – June 2011
HNC Photography | Aug 2003 – June 2005

Barrhead High School
Higher Geography | Grade C | Aug 2002 – June 2003
Intermediate 2 English | Grade A | Aug 2002 – June 2003
Intermediate 2 Graphic Comm | Grade A | Aug 2001 – June 2002

Graphic Design Experience

Graphic Designer

SIMUL8 | Cochrane House | 29 Cochrane Street | Glasgow | G1 1HL
March 2012

SIMUL8 is an international software company which develops, markets, and supports business simulation software that improves processes, reduces costs and enhances the way people make and communicate decisions, risk free.

Skills Gained:
Being the only designer within this company means that my role is very hands-on and varied. Since starting at SIMUL8 I have began to create a new brand look for the company througout the many avenues which they reach customers. This includes design work for the website, print work, icons within the software and the list goes on.

Print Work
Freelance

Adobo | 87 High Holborn | London | W1CV 6LS
Summer 2011, ongoing freelance work

Adobo is a London based mexican fast food restaurant. This was a self-generated freelance project. I was commissioned to create a menu card for the business, which in turn lead to the creation of further print work including several posters and a promotional leaflet for the restaurant. This relationship is ongoing and I am delivering creative solutions when required.

Skills Gained:
I learned to work with a real live client, with whom I liased with throughout the project, and received payment from. Delivering on schedule and to specification I have gained valuable time management skills as well as networking skills so far.

Work Experience

Graphic Design Intern

Pocapoc Creative | Suite 2.5 | The Hub @ Pacific Quay | Pacific Drive | Glasgow | G51 1EA
Summer 2011

Pocapoc Creative is a small team of professional creatives working on various big brand projects with multimedia platform design, specialising in branding. It gave me a very inspirational insight into the workings of a branding design agency.

Skills Gained:
My time here seen me working on some high profile brochures for events within the Renfrewshire area, meaning I had to enhance my skills further. I also liased with clients over the phone and e-mail, and worked on the brochure design to print completion.

Multimedia Graphic Designer

Reid Kerr College | Renfrew Road | Paisley | PA3 4DR
February 2011 - April 2012

Reid Kerr College is an educational establishment located in the heart of Paisley. They offer a wide range of subjects to prospective students and are highly regarded in the town. My role within this placement is to produce educational material for use by the college.

Skills Gained:
I work with many different media formats. I have learned to work in a fast paced environment, which keeps me on my toes and allows me to deliver to a high standard. The material I produce varies day to day, meaning that I have to get my head into a task very quickly. The workflow has made me more confident in keeping a good pace and delivering work in a quick turnaround time.

Work Experience

Graphic Design Assistant

GCM Creative | 27 St. James Business Centre | Paisley | PA3 3AT
February 9th and 11th 2011, Summer of 2011, occasional freelance work (at present)

GCM Creative is a design company who deals with different projects on a day to day basis providing creative solutlions to clients problems and needs. While at this company I have assisted on various different design briefs, from corporate ID to packaging label design to promotional content whilst working solely on an Apple Mac.

Skills Gained:
I needed the ability to work on my own initiative within this company on individual briefs as well as being able to take direction and deliver on feedback to produce client ready design materials.

Employment History

Waitress

TGI Friday's | Xscape Braehead | Kings Inch Road | Renfrew | PA4 8XQ
March 2006 – Present

I deal with guests on a day to day basis which has given me excellent interpersonal skills, given me multi-tasking skills due to being a very busy restaurant, and led me to being a more confident person overall.

Achievements

June 2011	**Student of the Year Award (Specialist Craft Award)**
April 2011	**Short listed for Engage Renfrewshire Corporate ID proposal**
March 2011	**Short listed for British Lung Foundation Advertising Campaign proposal**
March 2010	**Bronze award for animation 'Notion of Horizons' from UWS**
Feb 2010	**Competition Winner NHS Artwork and Animation Brief**

Personal Interests

Still fascinated by the field of photography, I frequently capture unique moments as and when I see them, as I feel that it aids with my design approach, and I enjoy taking photographs. When I get the time I try to go snowboarding to further my skills in the sport.

References are available upon request.