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Employment: Trócaire, South Campus Maynooth College, Co. Kildare.

October 2015 - Present

Position: Part-time placement, working in the communications and policy team.

Duties: Creating graphics and infographics for social media, online and print. Organising events, filming and presentations. Working on campaigns. Working with illustrators and animators. Researching policy.

Zurich, Zurich House, Frascati Road, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.

September 2001 – August 2015

Position: Head of Design

Duties:

- Person responsible for managing the company's design inhouse team of four designers and leading on all design for Zurich. Project management. Organising the workflow amongst the team.
- The brand head for Zurich in Ireland ensuring adherence and addition to the company's brand guidelines.
- Designing a wide variety of digital media from draft to finish including: posters, signs, displays, infographics, environmental graphics, packaging, presentations, flyers, brochures, annual reports, logos, adverts (print and online), stationery, promotional materials, cd covers, illustrations, animations, iBooks, apps, videos, web graphics, e-communications, social media and web pages.
- Providing training to staff. Training the team in digital skills to bring it from a print base to a full multi-media base.
- Communicating and working effectively with printers, artists, designers, animators, suppliers, newspapers, magazines and external agencies (including design, animation and advertising).
- Maintaining and ordering of equipment and troubleshooting any problems that may arise with the system, software or hardware.
- Typesetting, writing and proofreading.

Transware plc, Sandyford Industrial Estate, Sandyford, Co. Dublin.

April 2000 – September 2001

Position: Graphic Artist.

Duties: Localisation. Putting various print and digital media into different languages including educational books, brochures, presentations, educational cds, educational videos, websites and flash animations.

Skills:

- Advanced knowledge of the latest versions of InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Acrobat, Premiere, After Effects, Final Cut Pro, Dreamweaver, Flash, Quark, WordPress, Encore, Pro Tools, Powerpoint, Word, Excel, Mac OSX, Windows, HTML, CSS.
- Comfortable working alone or with a team.
- Strong project management and leadership skills. Able to organise and manage various complex projects.
- The skills, creativity, motivation and initiative needed to create the highest quality design work in print and digital media.
- Strong attention to detail and an ability to meet deadlines and work with clients and external agencies in an efficient and professional way.
- Very strong communication and presentation skills.
- Proven ability to learn new software and skills quickly and competently.

Education:

M.Sc. in Sustainable Development - DIT Bolton Street, Dublin 1.

September 2015 – Present (current marks amounting to a 1st class honour)

Course content included: Climate Change Science, Ecology, Sustainable Transport, GIS, Economics, Sustainable Communities, Environmental Law, EU Policy, Society & Sus. Dev., Public Affairs, Placemaking, Environmental Design, Spatial Planning, Research & Dissertation.

Certificate in Natural Sciences (one module off completing Diploma) - Open University

September 2010 – October 2015

Course content included: Astronomy, Cosmology, Quantum Mechanics, Physics, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science.

M.A. in Digital Media Technologies (Honours) - DIT Aungier Street, Dublin 2.

September 2006 – October 2008

Course content included: Design principles, digital media authoring, technology for digital media, project management, digital audio tools and digital screen tools. The Major Project involved the conception, execution, development and final analysis of a unique digital media based technology along with dissertation.

City and Guilds Certificate in DTP - FÁS Training College, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin.

October 1999 – March 2000

Honours Degree in English and Sociology - UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4.

September 1994 – June 1997

Achievements: Train The Trainer certificate with the Open College. Attendance Certificate in Psychology from Trinity College Dublin. Teaching English as a Foreign Language Certificate. Certificate in Creative Writing from NUIM. I was part of a digital team that came second in a Science Gallery Hackathon. Currently doing the print and web requirements for an arts and cultural festival and for a local community farm.

Interests:

Genuine interest and passion for all science and arts. Global, social and climate justice. Sustainable Development. Reading, writing, creating music, listening to podcasts and educational talks and videos (e.g. TED talks and TED ed), and gardening.