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CREATIVE DESIGNER

ABOUT ME

I am an enterprising creative designer. I have spent the last four years working as a designer at Kohler, involved in a number of projects in both the domestic and commercial space. I graduated with a First Class Honours in Product Design Technology after studying at the University of the West of England. During my placement year I worked for a creative design agency and setup my own design company with four course peers. This experience has enabled me to determine where my passion and skills lie and further develop my flair for both user centred design and how effective design is integral to business success.

EDUCATION

University of the West of England, Bristol | 2007 - 2011
Product Design Technology (BSc) Hons First Class

Peter Symonds College, Winchester | 2005 - 2007
A Level Product Design B A Level Sport & PE C
A Level Business Studies D

DESIGN SKILLS

UX/UI design Concept workshops
Prototyping User / stakeholder research
Usability testing Design for print & web

DIGITAL SKILLS

Adobe Creative Suite Mac OSX / Microsoft OS

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2015 attended a 'Interaction & Prototyping' training course
- 2013 attended a 2 day Adobe Illustrator training course
- Exhibited at New Designers 2011, with "taste"
- Hing product range retailing in Debenhams & Pets at Home
- Co - Founder of PinkLime Design

INTERESTS

As well as being a keen designer, I love cycling. Back in 2014 I cycled over 900 miles from Melksham to Monte Carlo in just 9 days, in aid of Cancer Research UK. I also love skiing, cooking and photography.

REFERENCES

Available on request.

EMPLOYMENT & EXPERIENCE

Kohler K&B UK | Designer | October 2011 - Present
After graduating I joined the in-house design team at Kohler. I have readily adapted to their approach to design and have been involved in a number of collaborative and individual projects.

My significant project involvement has been taking a 360 degree approach, defining the user experience and designing a multi platform application, integral to the commissioning and maintenance process of a new range of smart and connected taps and showers for the healthcare market.

PinkLime | Co - Founder | January 2010 - September 2010
PinkLime was a creative design company setup by myself and four course peers. We presented the business concept to UWE Ventures who offered us funding and an office space in the heart of Bristol, providing the infrastructure required.

In the year of trading we were able to work on a number of projects ranging from branding for a software company to product design for manufacture for a sports product.

Primarily at PinkLime we all worked together as a team, but I often found myself taking the lead role, which was very rewarding and I enjoyed the added responsibility. I am really passionate about the importance of the impact that can be created by the use of effective design. Overall, I was able to develop my skills not only as a designer, but as a young individual.

Blink | Design Internship | November 2009 - June 2010
Working in conjunction with both partners in a busy design studio, I was given the opportunity to work on various design projects.

The main project I was involved in was the design of a new product range for pets. From the initial concept, to using CAD to produce photo realistic visuals to be used when marketing the products, to liaising with and understanding clients requirements.

I had a large involvement in the branding, website, packaging and marketing concepts that are now used to present the product range in the market place.

Overall, my time spent at Blink proved to be a maturing, confidence building and a rewarding experience.