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Multidisciplinary designer and estimator, with experience in various engineering industries. Experienced in 2D & 3D design, financial estimation and delivering successful construction/refurbishment projects to tight time frames and budget constraints within a live environment. I have had the opportunity to work on small and large projects around the world.


I'm an ambitious individual that looks forward to the future. I'm very excited for the opportunities offered to me. I am versatile and I can easily overcome problems and find solutions that work both efficiently and to a high standard. I thrive in high pressure roles as I like to test my abilities and discover new strengths.

Currently studying a UI & UX bootcamp with the University of Birmingham.

SUMMARY

- Dedicated • Ambitious • Versatile • Self Sufficient • Confident in managing internal and external stakeholders
- Collaborator • Strategic Thinker • Highly Motivated • Problem Solver • Design

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

 **URBAN Sports Massage Therapist Contractor**
Urban Wellness, | West Midlands, Staffordshire, UK

January 2020- Current 2023

- Provided sports massage therapy services to a wide range of clients, including amateur and professional athletes, fitness enthusiasts, and individuals with chronic pain.
- Understanding of anatomy, injury/ pain management, conducting initial assessments, developing customized treatment plans for clients, utilizing deep tissue massage, trigger point therapy, myofascial release techniques.
- Communicate effectively with clients about their treatment plans, progress and any concerns they may have, building strong client relationships and ensuring client satisfaction.
- Maintained client confidentiality, adhered to ethical standards, and followed health and safety protocols.
- Collaborated with other sports therapy professionals, such as physiotherapists and athletic trainers, to ensure comprehensive care for clients.
- Working at big running events such as Equinox (2022)
- Carrying out five-hundred plus five star therapeutic treatments over the West Midlands and Staffordshire, assisting with UK wide marketing campaigns, sales and upselling treatments.

 **CAD Technician & Trainer**
Geogrow | Cannock, UK

April 2022 - January 2023

- Created and modified 2D and 3D models for a variety of engineering and architectural projects using AutoCAD and Geo5 modeling software, resulting in increased efficiency and accuracy in design.
- Produced engineering drawings for a variety of projects providing a greener solution for the construction industry.
- Collaborate with engineers, geotechnical engineers and other stakeholders to coordinate project timelines and ensure project requirements are met.
- Conducted quality control checks to ensure accuracy and completeness of designs and plans resulting in minimal design errors on multiple projects.
- Estimating and quoting tenders for projects around the United Kingdom.
- Provided training and support to new CAD Technicians, resulting in increased efficiency and effectiveness of the CAD team.
- Completed works on notable projects such as HS2 and Hinkley Point Power Station.
- Created new CAD blocks and elements for Geogrow to improve speed and efficiency.



CAD Technician for Planning Applications
Midwest Planning | Telford, UK

October 2021 - March 2022

- Using AutoCAD and mapping software to create planning applications for rural/agricultural dwellings. Modification of plans for various planning applications, including site plans, zoning maps and sub-divisional layouts.
- Business case document production along with analysis on performance with financial reporting and attainment of legal and local authority planning applications.
- Experience in delivering successful construction/refurbishment projects to tight time frames and budget constraints within a live environment. Production of precise drawings in a small team, attention to detail, quality control and error prevention.
- Reviewing contractors accreditations, insurances and health and safety documentation inline with company policies and procedures. Collaborating with stakeholders, communicating clearly and professionally.
- Carry out property surveys highlighting external conditions of land dwellings.



Civil Engineering Apprentice
RMD Kwikform | Aldridge, UK

September 2017 - March 2019

- Design and draft plans for a variety of civil engineering projects, including site development, formwork and falsework systems using software such as AutoCAD 2D, 3D and RMD's internal software.
- Conducted site surveys to gather data and analyze site conditions to inform design decisions, ensuring compliance with regulations and standards.
- Collaborate with architects, contractors and other stakeholders to coordinate project timelines and ensure project requirements were met.
- Develop cost estimates and proposals for new projects, resulting in a 20% increase in revenue in 2019.
- Analyzed design elements and identified potential issues using beam analysis software - developing effective solutions to complex problems.
- Created detailed construction drawings and technical specifications, ensuring accuracy and compliance with regulations and standards.
- Conducted quality control checks to ensure accuracy and completeness of designs and plans, resulting in zero design errors on multiple projects.
- Participated as a guest speaker at many local schools, colleges and universities. Promoting engineering programs, sharing my career journey and providing advice to students on career paths in the field.
- Mentored students at college interested in engineering, guiding them on selecting relevant coursework and internships, resulting in an increase in enrollment.
- Joined an engineering team to compete in a challenge at Sheffield University.



Swimming Teacher & Lifeguard
Walsall Council, S4 Swim School | West Midlands, Staffordshire, UK

September 2015 - 2022

- Design and implement lesson plans for students of all ages, teaching various swimming techniques for beginners, life-savers, school-swimmers, intermediate swimmers, triathletes and swimming meets for county competitions.
- Supervise and ensure safety of up to 10 students per class, maintaining a zero-accident record.
- Tailor instruction to meet individual student goals, resulting in a 100% success rate with beginners students passing first swim level tests.
- Communicate effectively with parents, colleagues and the community. Providing regular progress and feedback updates, addressing any concerns or questions in a timely and professional manner.
- Collaborate with other swimming teachers to plan and coordinate swim meets and events, resulting in weekly meets with over 100 participants.
- Hold a current lifeguard and swimming teacher certification. Staying up to date with CPR and First Aid training on land and in water.
- Recorded diving rescue depth 3m.



Barista & Store Supervisor
Whitbread Group, Costa Coffee | West Midlands, Staffordshire, UK

May 2012 - September 2015

- Managed a team of 20 associates and provided daily coaching and performance feedback resulting in high sales throughout our store launch.
- Oversaw store operations, including opening and closing procedures, cash handling, and inventory management, ensuring compliance with company policies and procedures.
- Conducted weekly inventory audits and implemented a new inventory management system that reduced inventory loss by 20% in 2014.
- Communicated effectively with upper management to report on store performance, identify areas for improvement, and collaborate on new initiatives.
- Implemented a new customer service training program that increased customer satisfaction by 15% in 2013.
- Raised over £2,000 for the Costa foundation which helps provide new schools, water, electricity, computers, and various other necessities for the less fortunate around the world.

EDUCATION

11 GCSES A* - C | Great Wyrley Academy (2006 - 2011)

A Levels | Great Wyrley Academy Sixth Form (2011 - 2013)

AAT Level 2 | Matthew Boulton College Birmingham (2014 - 2015)

Construction In the Built Environment - Level 3 | Dudley College Advanced 2 (2017 - 2019)

Construction In the Built Environment - HNC | Wolverhampton University (2019 - 2020)

UI & UX Bootcamp | University of Birmingham (2024)

CERTIFICATIONS / PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Sports Massage Level 4 | Active IQ (2022)

Sports Massage Level 3 | Active IQ (2017)

Manual Lymphatic Drainage Massage | Gateways Workshop, ABT, FHT (2022)

Aromatherapy | Awarding Body/Organisation (2020)

STA Level 2 Award In Swimming Teaching | QCF 2017

SAT Lifesaving | STA (2019)

TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS

Autocad • Revit • Data Inputting • HTML, CSS, Javascript

Microsoft Packages • Social Media Marketing & Management • UI & UX Design

CORE COMPETENCIES

Designing • Attention to Detail • Leadership

Empathetic • Communicating • Problem Solver

VOLUNTEER WORK & COMPETITIONS

Poppy Appeal Collector | Royal British Legion (Multiple Times)

“Race to the roastery” UK Charity Bike Ride | Costa Foundation (2014)

Recycling Waste Products To Create Candles | Costa Foundation (2013)

Construction / Civil Engineering Challenge | Sheffield University (2019)

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

I follow an active lifestyle and love to promote health and wellness throughout my community.

In my free time I take the opportunity to continue to educate myself on various topics and short courses to ensure my continuous professional development.