**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**ABOUT ME:**

I have been living in Ireland since Autumn 2020 with my wife Zoe and our 2 rescue dogs. We moved over from Kent in the UK, to buy and renovate a cottage with some land and take advantage of the beautiful Western scenery. We have now been living in Ireland for coming onto 2 years, and while I secured employment locally, I am now looking for a role I can perform from home.

I have a varied employment background in the UK but my first and main love is computing. From my first computer (the humble ZX Spectrum back when I was a child) I have always owned a PC and my main hobby is gaming.

I am currently undertaking a diploma in full stack software development with code Institute, for fun and to further my knowledge, whether this leads to a career change remains to be seen. In the meantime, I would like to secure a home-based role that would allow me more freedom and better quality of life.

I pick up technology quickly and am proficient at learning new systems. My current role in a busy reservations department at a 4\* hotel deals directly with customers. Whether that be selling directly to them or imparting information. I also deal with complaints on an almost daily basis, which I have a fair amount of autonomy to solve directly.

I am good with people and feel I make connections easily. I am kind and considerate and maintain good relations with my work colleagues.

I enjoy art, reading, watching football and have a particular passion for computing. I also love working on improving our land. A novelty for me which is yet to wear off!!

**Skills and Education:**

* **GCSES**

English Literature – C, English Language – C, Combined Sciences (Double Award) - C/C, Mathematics – C, Art & Design – C, History – C, Geography – C, German – D, Law - D

* **A-Levels**

Art – D, English - E

* Other - ECDL (taken in 1999)
* Programming skills - HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python, Bootstrap
* Design related skills – Photoshop, GIMP, Inkscape

**Employment:**

* **June 1992 to August 1993:**

Waitrose, Sundridge Park, Bromley, Kent

Sales Assistant / Warehouse Assistant

* **January 1994 to April 1998:**

Ellenelle, Mottingham, South East London

Apprentice then Assistant Manager in a family-owned upholstery business.

* **August 1999 to June 2000**

Government funded training course / ECDL

Attended Woolwich college to complete the ECDL and then went on to learn HTML and the basics

Of web development. Later advanced my own knowledge and helped other students to pass the

Course.

* **July 2000 to May 2005**

Became Self Employed

Successfully applied for Princes Trust Loan which allowed me to become self-employed while continuing my development via self-teaching. Gained my first paying clients and developed various websites under my then trading name Mut8Designs.

* **February 2002 to May 2005**

Freelance Print Designer

Took on freelance print design for a local printing firm to supplement self-employed wage, producing advertisements, leaflets and business cards for clients. Continued working as a part-time web designer. I also married the two aspects of my work together designing sites and print media for clients. Ceased trading due to needing a stable income to secure a mortgage.

* **May 2005 to April 2009**

Ebiquity / Thompson Intermedia, Bromley, Kent

Data Entry and Analytics Assistant for media monitoring company Thompson Intermedia. Data entry, interpreting and tracking advertising data in various media formats and entering it on the database using the in-house software. Quality checking the work of other employees. Company later changed to Ebiquity and moved its office to Newcastle and London respectively, making its Bromley based staff redundant.

* **August 2009 to September 2018**

Premier Inn, Minster, Kent (70 bed hotel, UK wide hotel chain)

Housekeeping division, then Housekeeping Supervisor, and finally to Head of Housekeeping. Checking the cleaning standards of the HK team and apply training, guidance and motivation. Hiring new personnel, applying disciplinary procedures, health and safety and all forms of training.

* **June 2017 to March 2019**

Foster Carer – private agency

I went to part-time hours at Premier Inn during this time to accommodate being the main carer as I needed flexibility. We fostered several children on short to medium stay respite care, and looked after children of various ages from 8 all the way up to 17 who had a range of behavioural and physical issues.

* **November 2019 to August 2020**

Wilkos, Ramsgate (Home retail store)

Worked evening shifts in the warehouse at Wilkinson’s, as it fitted around my fostering commitments.

* **September 2020 to September 2021:** Moved to Ireland, bought property in Aghamore, County Mayo. Spent my first year helping to update and renovate our new house as it had been vacant for some years.
* **September 2021 to Present - McWilliam Park Hotel - Reservations and Front Desk:** My current role involves taking bookings, selling promotional deals, imparting information to guests, dealing with a range of complaints/issues and covering the front desk when needed. The role is mostly phone based so I spend much of my day receiving calls or contacting customers directly.

References can be provided on request