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Software Engineer

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An enthusiastic, well-organised developer, I'm excited about launching the next phase of my career in a junior role where I can utilise my technical skillset and continue learning from other experienced team members.

Alongside my software engineering skills, I have a tenacious focus on problem solving and collaboration, honed from my experience leading communications campaigns for the police.

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING SKILLS

- **HTML5:** Semantically correct for accessibility and SEO.
- **CSS 3:** Responsive design, Flexbox, CSS Grid, pre-processors (SASS) and CSS frameworks.
- **JavaScript:** ES6+, APIs, animation (Greensock) and Next.js.
- **React:** Hooks, Redux.
- **Node.js:** Vanilla and Express.
- **Databases:** SQL - MySQL , NoSQL - MongoDB with Mongoose.js.
- **Collaboration:** Github.

EDUCATION

The Collab Lab

April 2023 – June 2023

- An eight-week programme for early career developers, during which we work with three team-mates and mentors to create a smart shopping app in React.
- Experiencing remote collaboration and pair programming, and developing a more in-depth knowledge of using Github for collaborative projects.

The Jump Digital School

May 2022 - Dec 2022

- A 30-week programme of in-depth, full-stack software engineering training enabling me to develop and deploy full-stack websites and web applications to a professional standard
- Delivered individual and team projects remotely, including participating in a hackathon.

Manchester Metropolitan University

- Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing Management

University of Birmingham

- BA (Hons) English and American Studies (2:1)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Working with multiple senior stakeholders, I combine **collaboration, diplomacy, creativity** and **organisational skills** to understand what they're trying to achieve, be it to inform or change behaviour, and then create the messaging and media to tell the right story to deliver that.

Surrey Police, Guildford

Sep 2010 - present

Senior Communications Officer

- Internal comms: working with senior police officers, I structure and implement the communication of challenging and sensitive internal change programmes
- External comms: designing, coordinating and implementing cross-platform campaigns
- Management: line-managing a small team

Oldham Strategic Partnership, Oldham

Marketing and Communications Officer

- Most significant achievement: I created and managed the partnership's winning entry into a major European awards scheme, travelling to Belgium to present to public sector bodies from across Europe.

Salford City Council

Marketing Officer

- I redeveloped and maintained the organisation's website in this role.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- I have the right to work in the UK
- I am immediately available for interview