Astrid Saxby

UI/UX DESIGNER & TEACHER



I'm Astrid, a UX designer located in the Northeast of England. Having transitioned from a teaching career, I've consistently had a passion for making intricate concepts comprehensible. I thrive on tackling challenges within tech projects, finding joy in problem- solving. My design ethos centres on clarity, simplicity and functionality. Beyond my professional pursuits, I'm an avid rock climber, continually seeking the next adventure.

WORK EXPERIENCE

UX DESIGNER & TEACHER (FREELANCE) Jan 2023 - present

Combining a wealth of experience in the classroom with creating good UX app design.

SCIENCE & ICT HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

Sunbeck Centre (PRU), Northallerton, N. Yorks Jul 2005 – Dec 2023

Teaching with teenagers who were disengaged from education and out of mainstream school. With my careful design of resources, tasks and personal rapport I developed a positive learning environment. Consistently my academic results in Science & ICT were the highest in the school.

FULL-TIME MUM Jan 2004 - Jul 2005

SCIENCE TEACHER

Acklam Grange School, Middlesbrough, Sept 1998 – Dec 2004

Planning & delivering high quality GCSE science education to secondary school students.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR

Social Services Co. Durham, Mar 1995 – Sept 1997

A high proportion of the children in care did not go to school.

I set up systems across both the education and the social services departments across Co. Durham to improve educational opportunities for these children. I monitored the school attendance which showed a gradual increase despite the complex problems involved. I presented a paper to the County Council to instigate strategic reform to the system.

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SKILLS

Information Architecture
Usability testing
Workshop facilitation
Project management
User research
Wireframing
Prototyping
UI designFigma
Figjam / Notion

HTML / CSS / JavaScript

EDUCATION & LEARNING

CareerFoundry Frontend Development Sept 2023 – Nov 2023 Developed a website to showcase my portfolio.

CareerFoundry UX Immersion Course
June 2022 – Sept 2023
Designed a fitness app for climbers to
recover from injury allowing users to
book a physio appointment online.
Conducted user research, produced an
interactive prototype with Figma and
implemented feedback to refine
designs to me WCAG standards.
Feedback praised the clear, uncluttered
way that the app worked.



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WORK EXPERIENCE (continued)

ROUND THE WORLD TRIP Nov 1994 - Mar 1995

DEVELOPMENT TRAINER

Drive for Youth & Lindley Educational Trust, Oct 1987 – Nov 1994

Facilitating groupwork sessions to develop teamwork, communication, leadership & motivation. Leading expeditions to various parts of the world including Jordan, Zambia, USA & the Czech Republic.

EDUCATION

Durham University
Post Graduate Certificate of Education

University of Southampton BSc (hons) Physiology & Biochemistry

VOLUNTEER WORK & INTERESTS

Enthusiastic mountaineer, rock climber, caver & cyclist Trustee of local housing charity Vice President of the Climbers' Club

REFEREES

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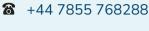
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