

Aisling Brogan-Smith (she/her)

A lover of food who has a knack for puzzle-solving and creating innovative solutions to problems. Since childhood, the world of creating has always fascinated me - I'd always be annoying my mum by cutting things out from her magazines or newspapers, scribbling onto them, or creating collages to make something of my own.

Learning some python in high school briefly taught me how to do this digitally, whilst also solving problems; I thoroughly enjoyed it but I never had the courage to pursue it. I've taken the leap to revisit my love for coding and UI/UX, along with balancing my career in retail, in hopes to ultimately pursue a career where I can apply my skills and creativity!

Having thrived in both retail and tech environments, I believe this has given me invaluable experience in effective communication, teamwork and balancing high-quality customer service along with efficiency. I'm currently re-designing my portfolio and in the process of testing its accessibility!

★ Experience

Full-stack Developer, School of Code (Bootcamp)

March 2023 - July 2023

I was selected from over 8,000 applicants and completed an intensive 16 week full-stack software development bootcamp.

This bootcamp involved gaining expertise in front and back-end development, API and data management, and testing and debugging as well as agile methodologies, critical thinking, and professionalism.

★ Toolbox

JavaScript, TypeScript, HTML, CSS, Git, GitHub, Figma, React, Node.js, Express.js, PostgreSQL, Jest, Playwright

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★ Projects

NUDGE, an app that distracts you from your distractions!

FRONT-END REPOSITORY

BACK-END REPOSITORY

Over the course of 5 weeks, myself and my team of 6, came together to address real-world issues that impact our society.

Through brainstorming and discussion, we identified students' lack of motivation to study. In response, we developed an app to empower individuals and prompt them to revise consistently and implementing the social aspect of competing with friends, in attempt of making revision more fun!

The app gamifies getting started with your work by sending a 'nudge' at random, where the user has a short time to respond to the NUDGE notification. By responding to this notification, you'll be taken to a quiz and if completed in time, you'll earn some points!

We managed daily team stand-ups, clear branching strategies with GitHub, along with pair programming and team collaboration. We designed this project keeping UI and UX in mind.

We also had the amazing opportunity to talk about our final application on the Binance webinar, where we discussed our journey of learning and getting to know each other!

<https://www.binance.com/en/live/video?roomId=2150403>

★ **Other Experience**
Sales-Assistant, Lush
Cosmetics (Oxford Street)
December 2021 - February 2023

In my role at Lush, I excelled in creating positive customer experiences through personalised consultations, product demonstrations, and sales.

My time at Lush Cosmetics has imbued me with a special talent for infusing cheerfulness and positivity into every customer interaction, creating memorable experiences and fostering brand loyalty.

Selling and Operations
Partner, John Lewis &
Partners (Brent Cross)
November 2023 - January
2025

Working at John Lewis & Partners has taught me the importance of balancing high-quality service with efficiency in a fast-paced environment. As an empowered partner who was trusted with extra responsibilities when managers weren't present, I thrive both on routine and spontaneity and therefore proves my adaptability.

Being involved in stock and visual merchandising throughout Christmas periods, collaboration, decision-making and aesthetics for successful sales was crucial and something I really enjoyed.

These experiences have equipped me with valuable skills for the world of tech, such as problem-solving, collaboration, attention to detail, and a customer-centric mindset.

★ **Education**
St Dominic's Sixth Form College
September 2019 - May 2021
3 A-Levels

Sacred Heart Language College
September 2014 - May 2019

9 GCSEs, including English Language (9), English Literature (8), Maths (6) and Science (7)