



# Christine McDowell

Interaction Design Student

## Career Objective

A conscientious self starter with great enthusiasm and determination to succeed. Hard working, reliable and resourceful with excellent organizational and communication skills. Creative with an eye for detail, a team player with the ability to adapt quickly to new situations, I am a problem solver, always coming up ideas and solutions to make everyday life that bit easier.

Currently I am pursuing a degree in Interaction Design at Ulster University Belfast, Realising my passion for UI/UX and Front End Web Development, I changed course when successfully completing first year in Software Engineering in 2018 at Ulster University Jordanstown. I am a keen designer with a passion for all things UX, seeking work experience to support my aspirations to one day become a UI/UX Designer.

## Working Knowledge

<b>Skills</b>	HTML, CSS, SQL, JAVA, UI Design, Web Design, Mobile Design	Market research, User Research, Usability Testing, Illustration, Concept Generation, Concept Development, Branding.
<b>Tools</b>	Pen & Paper, Github, Brackets, Sketch, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe XD,	InVision, Adobe Photoshop, MySQL, Visual Basic, Code Blocks, Altium PCB Designer.
<b>Other Skills (Self Taught)</b>	I have been teaching myself Java Script, ReactJS, AngularJS and Sass using online courses. I build and repair all types of Electronic Devices eg. computers, mobile phones, televisions, laptops.	

## Certifications

MTA: Database Fundamentals - Certified 2018  
Altium Designer, Premier EDA Solutions - Certified 2016

## Achievements and Awards

### 2016 World Skills UK National Gold Medal Winner, Catagory - Industrial Electronics

In 2016 I competed in The World Skills Competition held in Bermingham's NEC. The experience was exhilarating; four days of intense competition with other learners and apprentices, in front of thousands of people truly tested my ability and passion to succeed.

### 2017 SEMTA Special Recognition Award

In 2017 I was invited to the Semta Skills Awards held in London where I received an award of special recognition for my accomplishments in the World Skills.

### 2018 Citi Spire - Female Student mentoring Programme and Work Experience Week

I was mentored for by a female senior software engineer for 6 weeks, gaining insight into the different aspects and roles of the business, I worked with a team of other female students completing workshops and developing relationships with them and Citi employees.

## Interests

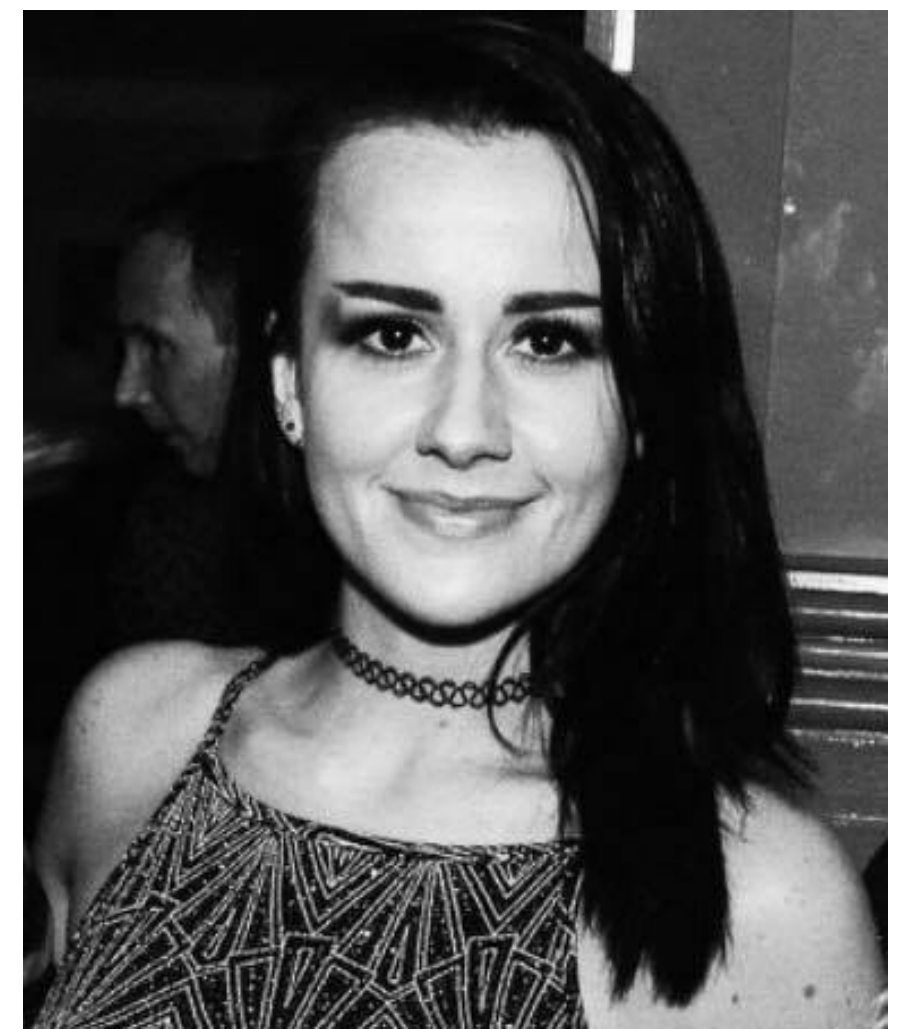
Improving my knowledge in the IT Industry by staying up to date with the latest Tech news, I follow many tech companies and people in industry on twitter, linkedin and instagram. Teaching myself new skills, and pushing boundries to test my capabilities.

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“I’m focussed on creating meaningful experiences that make life easier through design.”

## Education

BEng Hons Interaction Design, Ulster University 2018-2021

**Year 2 Modules:**  
Creative Entrepreneurship  
Designing with Content  
Designing User Experiences  
Narrative and Storytelling

**Year 1 Modules:**  
Interaction Design fundamentals  
Introduction to Communication Design  
Exploring Identity  
Imaging and Data Visualisation

BEng Hons Software Engineering, Ulster University 2017-2018

**Year 1 Modules:**  
Computer Technologies  
Introduction to Databases  
Programming I  
Academic Skills for Computing  
Professional Awareness  
Mathematics for Computing

BTEC Level 3 Ext Diploma Engineering, Belfast Metropolitan College  
Year: 2015-2017  
Grade: D\*D\*D\*

BTEC Level 2 First Diploma Engineering, Belfast Metropolitan College  
Year: 2014-2015  
Grade: D\*D\*D

## Work Experience

Hospitality & Management Sector:  
2006 – 2019

## Referee

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