

# 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

Skills

HTML,

CSS,

User Research,

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SQL, Usability Testing, Illustration,

UI Design, Concept Generation,
Web Design, Concept Development,

Mobile Design Branding.

Tools Pen & Paper, InVision,

Github, Adobe Photoshop,

Brackets, MySQL,
Sketch, Visual Basic,
Adobe Illustrator, Code Blocks,

Adobe XD, Altium PCB Designer.

Other Skills

I have been teaching myself Java Script, ReactJS,

(Self Taught)

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.

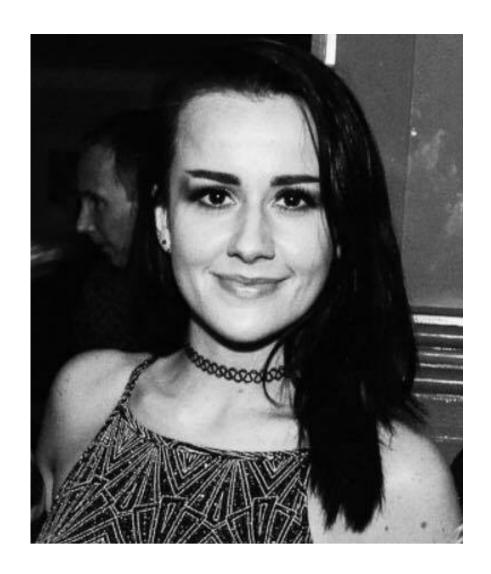
## 2018 Citi Spire - Female Student mentoring Programme and Work Experience Week

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 Entrepneurship
Designing with Content
Designing User Experiences
Narrative and Storytelling

Year I Modules:

Interaction Design fundamentals
Introduction to Communication

Design

Exploring Identity

Imaging and Data Visualisation

BEng Hons Software Engineering, Ulster University 2017-2018

Year I 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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