

# 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,

SQL, Usability Testing, JAVA, Illustration,

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

Market research,

User Research,

Mobile Design Branding.

**Tools** Pen & Paper, InVision,

> Adobe Photoshop, Github,

Brackets, MySQL, Sketch, Visual Basic, Adobe Illustrator, Code Blocks, Adobe XD, Altium PCB Designer.

I have been teaching myself Java Script, ReactJS, AngularJS **Other Skills** and Sass using online courses. I build and repair all types (Self Taught)

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.

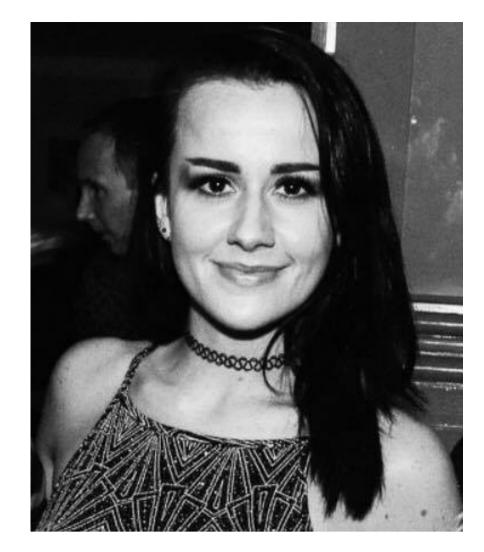
### 2018 Citi Spire - Female Student mentoring Programme and Work Experience Week

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 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 1 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

Hospitality & Management Sector: 2006 - 2019

## Referee

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