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About Me

I am a Graphic Designer & Web Developer with experience across a range of projects, platforms and tools. I have worked in both team-based environments and individually on solo projects. I pride myself on my versatility and in all my previous roles I have adapted quickly and made full use of my abilities. I enjoy working on creative and innovative solutions for problems and I'm always willing to go that extra mile to get the job done. I am a quick learner with a keen interest in new technologies and I'm always interested in learning to use new tools, processes and try out new ideas.

Education

2013 - 2014:

Limerick Institute of Technology

HDip in Creative Multimedia Programming with First Class Honours Grade I

2006 - 2010:

University of Limerick

B.A in New Media and English with Second Class Honours
Grade I

Key Skills



Adobe Illustrator



Adobe Premiere Pro



HTML 5



Drupal



Adobe Photoshop



Adobe Audition



CSS3



Wordpress



Adobe InDesign



Figma



JavaScript



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Nightbird Design

September 2015 - Current Graphic Design & Web Design

I have been working as a Self Employed Graphic and Web Designer in some capacity since graduating from college. I have worked on short term contracts for WIPRO, New Vistas Healthcare and other businesses. For the last two years I have been operating as Nightbird Design and I've primarily worked on websites and document design

- Document layout and design for print and web
- Website design, set up and customisation.
- Collaborating with clients across different industries and determining their needs.
- Logo Design and Typography.

Key Achievements

In 2020 I designed and drafted the final report of the SOPHIE (Seas, Oceans & Public Health in Europe) Project. This was a challenging project as it involved a quick turnaround and it was often difficult to make contact with the Belgium based clients.

Worked several online forums to create unique, interesting designs. There was a lot of freedom in these projects and as part of them I learned how to better use both my graphic design and technical skills to create interactive and dynamic elements.

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The Marine Institute

January 2016 - October 2019: Web Developer & Graphic Designer

The Marine Institute is the Irish State agency responsible for marine research, technology development and innovation in Ireland. I joined the Marine Institute in 2016 to manage three websites however over the next 4 years my role had expanded to included graphic design.

- Graphic design for online and print. Including annual reports, promotional materials and templates for future publications.
- Design and creation of new websites, style refreshes of existing sites.
- Management of Drupal 7 and WordPress websites.

Key Achievements

I was heavily involved in the planning and promotion of the annual Our Ocean Wealth Summit and SeaFest, Ireland's national marine festival. I was responsible for a lot of promotional material, the design of the programme and the creation of slides for all the speakers.

I designed and laid out the 2019 Our Ocean Wealth: Review of Progress. When I first began in my role this document was primarily designed by an outside designer however each year I took on more responsibilities. In 2019 I was responsible for the design and layout of the entire document.

Mary Immaculate College

February 2012 - May 2013: Web Design & Development

Mary Immaculate College is a University-level College of Education and the Liberal Arts. I worked as part of the IT Department and was responsible for the update and maintenance of the university website.

- Development of the corporate website: content editing, graphic design web traffic analysis, SEO & carrying out redesigns and reorganisation of site areas.
- Liaising with different services areas to determine their website requirements, what IT training was required and how they believed their section of the site should function.

Key Achievements

Though originally only brought in for a three-month temporary contact this was extended based on my work with the corporate website.

I created and designed a new Internal Portal for the Faculty of the College. A lot of the work on this project was designed on making the platform, Sharepoint, more accessible to staff.

Creation of a new video testimonial section for the website. For this I worked closely with the Students Union to make and host promotional videos for the college.

Interests

Writing, programming, technology, podcasts, current affairs, personal creative projects.