

curriculum vitae

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about me

I am a friendly, confident person, eager to learn, and who enjoys working both individually and in a team. Whilst I like the freedom to be creative, I am well organised and practical in my approach. In my spare time I enjoy socialising with friends, lino printing and long walks.

awards

Winner of the *Young Furniture Maker of the Year Award 2012* for studentship

Short listed in the furniture category for *New Design Britain Awards 2014*

cad skills

Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign. Solidworks, AutoCAD, Graphite Ashlar-Vellum, SketchUp. Mac & Windows literate.

work

Jan 2016 - Present
Luke Hughes & Co
project designer

Along with my furniture designer duties stated below, I now take on larger projects for the company, most especially the planning and preparation involved for complex installations abroad. I am also in the process of reviewing the company's procedures for purchasing bill of material components. This involves liaising with our sales, design and production team and creating and trialling new internal systems in order to improve efficiency and cut costs.

Nov 2013 - Present
Luke Hughes & Co
furniture designer

I work simultaneously on a range of projects from ecclesiastical interiors to corporate meeting rooms. I design bespoke furniture and lighting products usually within tight deadlines. Typically, I would see a project through from beginning to end, however I often support my colleagues in any stage of the design process. From receiving a brief I generate presentation 2D drawings and 3D renders for the client, tender drawings for our suppliers and very detailed and technical drawings for manufacture. I liaise with architects and suppliers throughout the process, order samples and visit workshops for large projects. I often carry out site surveys at the beginning of a project and supervise the installation on the day of delivery.

Aug 2015 - Present
Spaced In
part-time freelance designer

I work remotely for Ben Fletcher, who sends me initial site surveys of domestic spaces with a brief of what fitted furniture is required. I then draw up the client presentation drawings in AutoCad within a two day turn around.

May 2012 - Jan 2016
Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers
committee member

I voluntarily promoted the charitable work of the Young Furniture Makers' committee, by speaking at events and networking at evening exhibitions. I managed the Young Furniture Maker's social media platforms and graphically designed posters and leaflets for upcoming talks.

Jan 2013 - Nov 2013
Hands of Wycombe
design & marketing coordinator

I composed detailed price specification guides, created quotation and production drawings, CAD blocks and renders. I supported the sales team through graphically designing client presentations and printed literature such as product brochures and magazine advertisements. I also updated the website, managed all the company's social media platforms and planned future events and product exposure for Hands.

May 2012 - Oct 2012
Vitra Ltd.
design & marketing intern

June 2011 - Dec 2011
Channels Design
furniture design intern

June 2010 - Sep 2010
McCollin Bryan
studio & workshop intern

June 2009 - Sep 2009
V&A Images
picture library assistant

May 2007 - Dec 2011
The Body Shop Ltd.
part-time customer consultant

education

Jan 2012 - Dec 2012
Bucks New University
MA furniture design with distinction

Sep 2008 - Jun 2011
Middlesex University
BA (hons) design, interior & applied arts, first class

Sep 2007 - Jun 2008
London Metropolitan University
BTEC foundation diploma in art & design with merit

Sep 2005 - Jun 2007
Haydon School
three grade AA-level's

Sep 2001 - Jun 2005
Nower Hill High School
ten grade A - C GCSE's*

off work

Evening classes in *Fine Woodwork* at the *Building Crafts College*.

Team leader of *Desixn Studio*, who are a collaboration of *product designers* who showcased their work at *Tent London Design Festival* in September 2014.

referees

past employer

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