

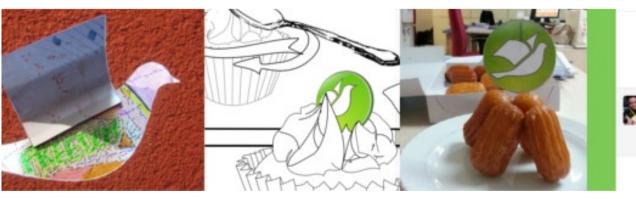
Personal Statement

I am a creative Free Software advocate, a Vegan, full time ideas generator and a learning enthusiast. I enjoy talking, writing and hacking anything from furniture to video. I work hard and am motivated by compassion for people and animals, hope for the future... and an inability to resist a challenge.

Employment History

| <u>Job Title</u> | Employer | <u>Dates</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Skills</u> |
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| Community and Marketing Manager | phpList Ltd | 1/1/2014 - Present | As Community and Marketing manager for phpList, an Open Source software project, my work ranges from administration to content production, to SEO to Documentation, Video Editing to Surveying. I am working very hard, learning an awful lot, and starting to see some fantastic results. | Communication, writing, team-work, self-motivation, long-term planning. |
| Consultant / Intern | FSFE (as self employed) | 11/2/2013 - 1/10/2013 | After working for FSFE as a volunteer, I became an intern. So far I have been focusing on tasks for Document Freedom Day, including writing and proofing press releases and news articles, social media, and designing creative tasks and graphical instructions. I also made a video about using HTML5 video on YouTube and co-wrote some campaign pages about Flash removal. I enjoy the fast pace of work and learning. | Writing, technical implementation of creative ideas, team-work and self-motivation. |
| Paper Girl | Trinity Mirror Distributions | 3/11/2013 - 1/06/2013 | I delivered the local newspaper with my partner Joe. We took this job to get out and about as we tend to be desk-bound otherwise. I left the job because Joe was attacked by a (little grumpy) dog. I now go running instead! | Self-motivation. |
| Writing Commissions | EngageMedi a Collective / FlossManuals | 20/11/2012 till Present | I co-authored a manual about video editing, useing Booki software. We then wrote a second video editing manual with a large group of writers. We are currently finishing an OwnCloud manual. Each manual has involved 3-8 days | Writing, technical, organisation and team-work. |

| | | | fast-paced work. | |
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| Business Partner | Ethical Pets | Oct 2011 - present. | | |
| English Teacher | Educastream | 01/03/10 till 01/03/13 | I taught English to French students via the internet. My students ranged from age 5 to adult and from beginners to fluent. I taught using a combination of VoIP, webcam and presentation software. I enjoyed teaching and meeting so many new people, and debating with the advanced work and students. Patience a kindness, flexibility, work and students. | |
| Professional Interviewer | Kwest | 26/3/09 till 3/12/09 | Il interviewed residents of social housing face-to-face, collecting data for housing associations. I enjoyed meeting new people, but found some of the resident's unhappy living situations upsetting. Communication | |
| Telephone Researcher | Liberal Democrats | 04/11/09 till 26/01/09 | I conducted telephone interviews about voting habits, local issues and opinions. I enjoyed the job but struggled with poor public transport links. | Communication and tolerance. |
| Activities co- ordinator. | Moss Cottage (nursing home) | 04/08/08 till 04/11/08 | I organised activities for the residents, these ranged from a poetry society, to arts and crafts, sing-along sessions and exercise classes. I enjoyed working with the residents but found the care home system very distressing. | Compassion, flexibility, humour, organisation and communication. |
| Housing, Welfare and Marketing. | Manchester Central School of English | 01/09/07 till 01/02/08 | | |





Unpaid / Voluntary Work

| <u>Job Title</u> | <u>Dates</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Skills</u> |
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| FSFE | 2011- Present | I have worked on a range of projects with increasing involvement. Earlier this year I helped design and create the robot-tango DFD poster and worked on theydontwantyou.to campaign design. Most I have been running CryptoParties and a Festival in Manchester. | Self-motivation, creativity and idea generation, good time-management. |
| The Record | Ongoing | At the Flossie 2012 conference I organised the recording of 30 video interviews with women working or volunteering in Free software, for example, librarians, artists, academics and musicians. I am hoping to organise a video editing sprint and make a short film to premier at Flossie 2014. Organisation for the property of the propert | |
| Okay Computer | Feb 2011 | I set up and ran a Free Software event for non-technical people. I made a presentation to 30-40 attendees. Also, 15-20 computers with Ubuntu installed were given away. Courage (I w newbie!) | |
| Writer | 2010 | I wrote a novel. I hope to go back to it one day and get it published. Creativity, Self-Motivation. | |

Education

| Establishment | <u>Dates</u> | <u>Course</u> <u>Taken</u> | Grades awarded |
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| University of Wales, Bangor. | Sept 2004 till June 2007 | BSc in Psychology | 2.1 (hons) |
| St. Mary's 6th Form College, Blackburn. | Sept 2001 till June 2003 | A levels As Levels | English Literature (B) Psychology (B) Politics (D) Sociology (B) Biology (C) |
| Oak Hill College, Whalley. | June 2003 | GCSE's | 9 GCSE's including English Lit (A*) English Lang (A), Maths (B), Science (B). |



Working Style, Personality and Hobbies.

My work method is achievement oriented and based on learning and perfecting whichever skills I need to accomplish any given goal. For example, I needed to create marketing materials to professional standards for Ethical Pets, but had no prior-knowledge of graphic design, web design or video editing. So I learned how to use Gimp, Inkscape, Kdenlive (etc) to achieve my goal. I believe that learning is a vital part of being, because you can therefore never forget what it's like to be a beginner.

As a person, I have high expectations of myself. While I am largely an extrovert, I need a lot of quiet time, away from social noise: this is why I enjoy telecommuting.

When I am not creating and/or working, I enjoy crime drama (especially Scandinavian) and Science Fiction. I also enjoy walking with my dogs, sleeping and reading.





References

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