

# CLAIRE DUNFORD

*"I am a hands on graphic designer with a love for typography, print and paper.  
I am really passionate about making a difference with my work."*

## GRAPHIC DESIGNER

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## SKILLS

### SOFTWARE

I am confident in; Adobe:

- Photoshop
- InDesign
- Illustrator

I am also learning how to use  
Adobe After Effects and  
Adobe Animate.

### Microsoft:

- Word
- Powerpoint
- Excel

### DESIGN

- Typography
- Branding
- Grid formats
- Low poly and vector illustrations
- Editorial design

## REFERENCES

Available upon request;

- Creative Director at 2LK Design, Dan Mason, dan.mason@2lk.com
- Visual Culture Lecturer, Oliver Gruner, oliver.gruner@port.ac.uk

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

JULY 2016 – AUGUST 2016

GRAPHIC DESIGN ASSISTANT : 2LK DESIGN : EXHIBITION DESIGN

- I worked alongside the graphic design team, in an agency environment with others working in varying roles within the company. I feel that it has massively motivated me to want to work in the industry. I know now that I enjoy working in an agency environment, with a fast paced atmosphere.
- During my time I worked on a number of live client briefs and projects at the same time, aiding my ability to manage my time.
- An area that I found particularly interesting was developing the presentations for pitch proposals, this client pitch is something that I would like to go into in the future.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

JANUARY 2017

- In 2017 I was selected by the RSPB and Strong Island for my response to a live brief project to create a poster that promotes Langstone Harbour. I was awarded a commendation for my work and my poster is being exhibited as part of a showcase in the summer of 2017.

## EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 2016 – PRESENT

BA (HONS) GRAPHIC DESIGN : THE UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH

- I began the second year of my BA Graphic Design degree here.
- My units this year include; Developing Design Practice (using typography to redesign a short story) Live Design Briefs (RSPB and YCN), Visual Culture; Technology and the Image, Screen Design, Ethical Design, Professional Practice (Identity and Branding).
- I am currently achieving a first.

SEPTEMBER 2015 – MAY 2016

BA (HONS) DIGITAL AND GRAPHIC DESIGN : THE UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH

- I completed the first year of BA Honours Graphics and Digital Design here, achieving a 2:1.
- My degree units here included Typography (exploring the fundamentals, editorial design and typography in space), Design and Communication (Strongly based on photography, exploring the use of colour and sculpture in London) Art and Design in Context (Art History) and Graphic Design Principles, which improved my ability to think creatively.

SEPTEMBER 2013 – JUNE 2015

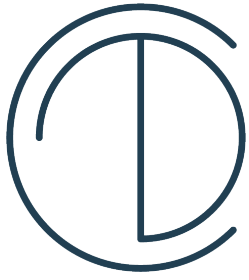
A-LEVEL : FARNBOROUGH SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

- Graphic Design; A\*, Use of Mathematics; B; Psychology; B, AS Level Geography; C

SEPTEMBER 2008 – JUNE 2013

GCSE : COURT MOOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Art and Design A\*, English Language; B, English Literature; B Mathematics: A, Double award ICT; A\*A



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## OTHER EXPERIENCE & VOLUNTEER WORK

JULY – 2017

CHARITY EVENT : MACMILLAN 'MIGHTY HIKE'

- In July, I will be hoping to complete the 26 mile hike between Windsor and Henley with the intention of raising at least £250 for cancer support.

JANUARY 2012 – PRESENT

VOLUNTEER : FLEET POND SOCIETY

- Working alongside others to maintain the nature reserve, I take pride in helping the local community.

JUNE 2016 – SEPTEMBER 2016 & APRIL 2017

NURSERY ASSISTANT : HEATH HOUSE DAY NURSERY

- Working with children from the ages of 5 months to 4 years old, supporting them through their everyday routines, eating, napping and lots of time for playing.

MARCH 2013 – JANUARY 2016

SALES ASSISTANT : HOME RETAIL GROUP (ARGOS)

- Here my confidence around customers dramatically increased, as well as my ability to problem solve and work in a team.

AUGUST 2014

POPPY PLANTING : TOWER OF LONDON

- Constructing and planting the ceramic poppies in the grounds of the tower of London.

## INTERESTS

SEPTEMBER 2016

PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY : THE UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH

- I have recently joined the photography society at the University of Portsmouth, to improve my knowledge of the camera and increase my creativity.

PRESENT

WELL BEING

- I enjoy keeping fit through running and regularly attending classes at the gym such as spinning and pump.

SEPTEMBER 2004 – NOVEMBER 2013

COMPETITIVE SWIMMING : HART

- With this I attended competitions and regularly swam over 300 lengths a night, thus showing that I am a determined and motivated person.