

# Owen Pickering

## Product Designer

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## About Me

I'm a Product Designer from Snowdonia, Wales, who's passionate about using empathetic research, big data, and automated systems to create charming and empowering designs.

I'm comfortable working both in physical and digital media, including UX, UI, Full Stack Web Development, 3D & 2D CAD Rendering, Spatial Design and Database Management.

## Tools

### CAD

Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, XD, Keyshot, Fusion 360, Sketchup, Enscape

### Video & Audio

Premier Pro, After Effects, Pro Tools

### Programming & Data MANAGEMENT

PHP, Python, JavaScript, SQL, Excel, HTML

## Interests

-  Playing various musical instruments
-  Digital painting
-  Slacklining
-  Travelling
-  Hiking

## Languages

- English (Native)
- Welsh (Native)
- Spanish (Fluent)

## Work Experience

### Video Editor & Marketing Assistant

 Studio Trackside, Toronto, Canada  2018 & 19; 1 Year

- Responsible for producing corporate videos and commercial social media for high-profile clients, including Redbull, Flor de Caña, The Canadian Arts and Fashion Awards, and multiple startups.
- Heavily involved in the Ingest, Assembly, GFX, Colouring and Sound Design using Adobe Premier Pro and After Effects.
- Set up and managed the studio's Website, Social Media and Bookings.

### Assistant Furniture Designer

 Jake Phipps Ltd., Richmond, UK  2017; 5 Month

- Involved in the ideation, design, material research and manufacture of high-end furniture of up to £25,000 alongside a senior designer.
- Independently learnt to use Rhino for creating technical drawings to send to clients, as well as for creating finalised models that I rendered in Keyshot.
- Effectively communicated and negotiated with manufacturers and clients until a satisfactory level of quality was achieved.

### Bio-Engineering Intern

 Bangor Biocomposites Lab, Bangor, Wales  2018; 4 Months

- Simulated products using Solidworks based on specific biocomposites that were produced in the lab.
- Learnt how to test materials under lab conditions and how to use the data in modelling software.

### Volunteer Support Worker (in Spanish)

 'Adolescentes En El Camino', Oaxaca, Mexico  2016; 5 Months

- Supported troubled Central-American teens who were on their journey to the USA to escape poverty and involvement in gangs and drug trafficking.
- Communicated with teenagers to aid their rehabilitation and education.
- Cooperated with staff and migrants and diffusing high-risk situations.
- Organised and lead activities and fundraisers.

## Education

### Design for Industry: BA Hons 2:1

Northumbria University, Newcastle, UK  2016 - 2020

- A hands-on design course that taught design theory, research methods, modelmaking, sketching and industrial manufacturing methods.
- Projects included individual and group projects in Product, Graphics, Service, UI and UX Design.

### Art & Design Foundation (UAL): Distinction

Brighton City College, Brighton, UK  2014 - 2015

### A-Level

Ysgol Tryfan Secondary School, Bangor, Wales  2007 - 2014  
Maths; Physics; Music — A\*, A, A

## Awards

- WJEC National Innovation Award — 2nd
- BSA CREST Award — Gold
- National Science + Engineering — Finalist