

E-Portfolio

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Personal Profile

An enthusiastic and motivated individual who thrives at any challenge given. I am motivated and focused, determined to do the best I possibly can. Skills I'm currently using while studying at university. I am a reliable and dependable person with exceptional time keeping and organisational skills managing both my university as well as within my roles during events. I enjoy working and problem solving, constantly trying to improve myself and show initiative. I am a trusted individual who excels at any given task and can be relied upon with minimal supervision, for example during volunteering I have been given tasks that would only be given to trusted and experienced volunteers. My exceptional communication skills have allowed me to work with a range of people in different settings.

Key Skills

Organisational and time keeping

Communication both verbal and written

Working with children and general public.

Education

Blaengwawr Comprehensive School/Aberdare Community School	2012 – 2018
Aberdare College	2018 – 2019
The College Merthyr Tydfil	2019 – 2021
University of Wales Trinity Saint David	2020- present

Qualifications

GCSE in English Language	B	23/08/2017
GCSE in English Literature	B	23/08/2017
GCSE in Mathematics	B	23/08/2017
GCSE in Mathematics - Numeracy	C	23/08/2017
GCSE Double Award Science	C	25/08/2016
GCSE Additional Science	C	23/08/2017
GCSE in Religious Studies	B	23/08/2017
GCSE in Film Studies	B	23/08/2017

GCSE in Media Studies	C	23/08/2017
GCSE in Home Economics: Child Development	B	23/08/2017
Pearson BTEC Level 2 Certificate for IT Users (ITQ)	Pass	01/06/2017
GCSE Welsh (Short Course)	C	23/08/2017
GCSE in Religious Studies (Short Course)	B	25/08/2016
Welsh Baccalaureate Level 2	P2	05/02/2018
AS Level in Media Studies	D	15/08/2018
NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma Children's Care, Learning & Development	Pass	21/08/2019
90 Credit Level 3 Travel and Tourism	DD	07/2020

Work Experience and Volunteering

Student Teaching Assistant, Cwmaman Primary school

2018 – 2019

My role was to be a teaching assistant in training. I did both one on one and group work with children both in reception and nursery (ages 3-5). Outside of working with the children my roles also included break time duty, cleaning the classroom, creating displays, planning activities, attending school trips and transition days.

Student Crèche Worker, Rachel's Playhouse

2018 – 2019

My role in the crèche was to work in both one on one and group work with the children in a childcare setting that was meant to prepare them for starting school (ages 1-3). My roles included doing activities with the children, as well as cleaning and creating the displays.

Volunteer, British Heart Foundation

2019 - present

My role in British heart foundation is working on the till serving the customers, meeting the customer's needs, going through donations, tagging and coding them. I also do rotation going through all the clothes and other items on the floor and taking off any of certain dates to be recycled to then also restock the floor with new donation items to be sold.

Volunteer MacMillan Cancer Research

2019

Attended the Cardiff half marathon with the charity Macmillan ensuring that the event run smoothly and encouraged the runners.

Ffos Las

2021

I worked at the UWTSD manage the track event at Ffos las. My roles included greeting /providing general assistance to guests, assisted in the charity auction bids, hosting at the restaurant and helping to set up and pack away the event.

Interests

In my spare time my hobbies and interests include traveling, events, musical theatre or volunteering.

References available upon request

Digital CV Link: https://youtu.be/H3_QhgWGI5c

CV Script

Introduction- A brief summary of who I am and my background. To give an idea who I am and what I like and how this reflects on my resume.

Hi, my name is Shauna Louise Whitcombe and this is my digital CV. An audio-visual summary of who am I and what skills and experiences I bring to the table.

So, to begin. I have a humble beginning in a small town in the valleys of south Wales called Aberdare. Coming from a small mining town I know the values of a close knit community. What it's like to get to know everyone on your doorstep. That sense of connection in your community is something I like to apply to all aspects of my life. I pride myself on my outgoing nature and free spirit. My hobbies reflect this side of me. I love the musical theatre especially the opera. I like to volunteer and to continue non-profit work alongside or as part of my career. I love anything that portrays human nature and experience. My career and academic aims align with this.

Academics – what I have studied and the skills learnt from those experiences. The work experience I have also taken from that time in my life.

My academic story started off in childcare. Studying a Cache level 3 Diploma. This is where I learnt the true meaning of responsibility and what it means to work in a network. I have worked as a teaching assistant and in a creche during my placement which gave me a range of practical roles. Going forward I studied travel and tourism both at college and university where I am currently still studying. The course I am currently studying is international tourism management. I am studying in Wales in Swansea and through this have had opportunities to learn outside of the classroom through events. These event experiences have highlighted what my strengths are. I love to work with people and the tourism scene. Providing experiences and memories.

Obstacles - The elements of my life that I have had to overcome in order to get where I am today. The lessons learnt from those hurdles.

Getting to where I am today did have hurdles to overcome. Coming from a small working town there was not an emphasis on higher education. I struggled with subjects such as Mathematics. A qualification I understood was very necessary to achieve. I overcame this by taking extra lessons wherever I could. Attending over school sessions to commit to my goal. I achieved this and was shown that some things may need extra time or attention but that does not make them impossible. Through my higher education I found the determination and encouragement to take my education further.

Secondary Opinions – A reflection of me based on the feedback of others.

Looking at the feedback I have received throughout the years I work hard and can be trusted to get the job done. I am timely and motivated making sure to get assignments and tasks down on time. One comment I always received is on being organised. I value organisation as it ensures things remain orderly and that everything's functions as it should. Something vital in the industry I am looking to progress in. Overall, I look forward to establishing myself in an industry that helps people make lifelong memories or to simply have fun.

Where to find me – My social media usernames and what they entail

If you want to get to know me beyond this video, you can follow me on my social media. To get to know me professionally you can find my linked in profile and if you want to get to know me better in general, there is my Instagram and Twitter. If you have any more questions or would like to get in touch you can contact me via my email shaunalouisewhitcombe@gmail.com

ZANDER LETTER

Dear Miss Whitcombe

I managed to learn how to use a computer properly eventually.

As confusing as they can be got there in the end. I have come to understand the importance of the skill that is digital literacy. To both learn and work in a world that is digital. How it affects the ability to communicate just as literacy and language affects communication face to face. (Adobe, 2020) it really helped to read adobe's guide.

Adobe shared three tips in order to develop said skill.. The first to simply experiment with digital tools in order to build your confidence. Going on to mention free online courses. The third tip being about external help from others. (2022) The operations units helped having to make a digital brochure and website. Introduced me to new applications. It's been really beneficial to have those skills in the tourism industry. To also apply these skills in my placements. Even in an experience based industry that's so people orientated technology still develops. The ability to navigate the digital world gave me the ability to not only communicate but to also navigate and organise. It has led to opportunities and options with half the battle simply coming from the confidence to develop these skills. (Adobe, 2022)

Understanding the necessity of said skills away also a motivation. In reading about how to develop digital literacy my research led me to many academic papers. One being The designer Liberian which talked about the growing digital divide. A summary being that there is a clear divide between the benefits reaped by those who internet access and digital access to those who do not. (2015). This led to a sense of gratitude towards my opportunities online. The digital skills developed would go on to help me contact placement opportunities and be professional.

Beyond the digital world I also learned to apply myself during the placement year and going into my career beyond my academics.. I gained valuable experience that gave me the insight I needed. I lacked the insider knowledge on the industry. However, through applying myself in the placements I was able to see which aspect of the industry was for me. Making my goal more specific and achievable instead of just a broad sense of where I was headed. In looking for placement not opportunities I learnt that applying myself practically was something new for me. The experience I had in the working world prior to university was not that of the tourism industry.

My thought process for my placement decisions landed me with the question of what they will offer me. In a Ted Talk Terrie Shipley says to "not just apply to college see how college applies to you". To identify who you are and your personality to apply work that is purposeful to you. To ask what will one get out of the experience. To help better apply yourself to it. I applied this holistic approach to my placement year and all of my opportunities throughout the recent years. Through this I found that I was able to put my best foot forward and really apply myself in my placements leading to better networking opportunities. The idea that the experience could be mutually beneficial helped me to make connections that I needed in the industry. Overall building my resume. To conclude I over the years I have developed a range of skills and confidence in areas I previously lacked. Helping me to build my sense of self agency and self-efficacy through my opportunities and learning.

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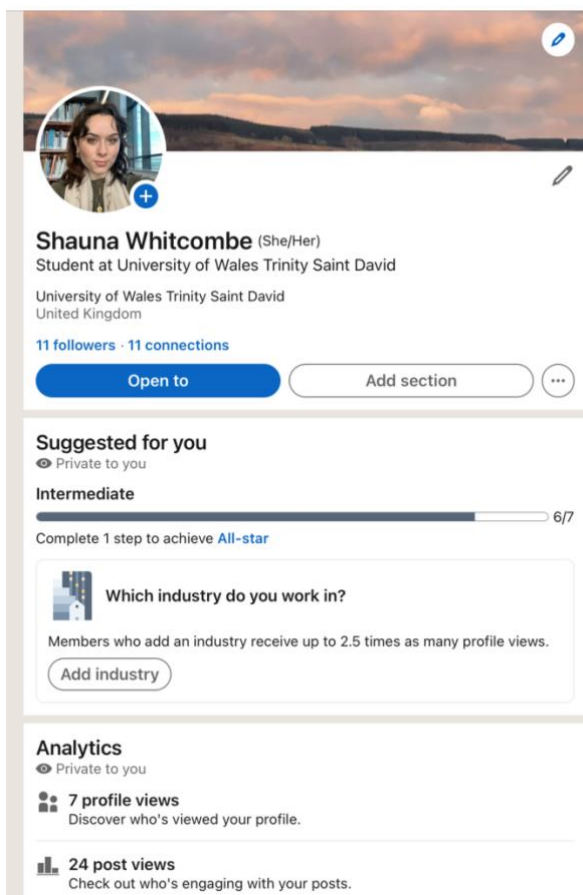
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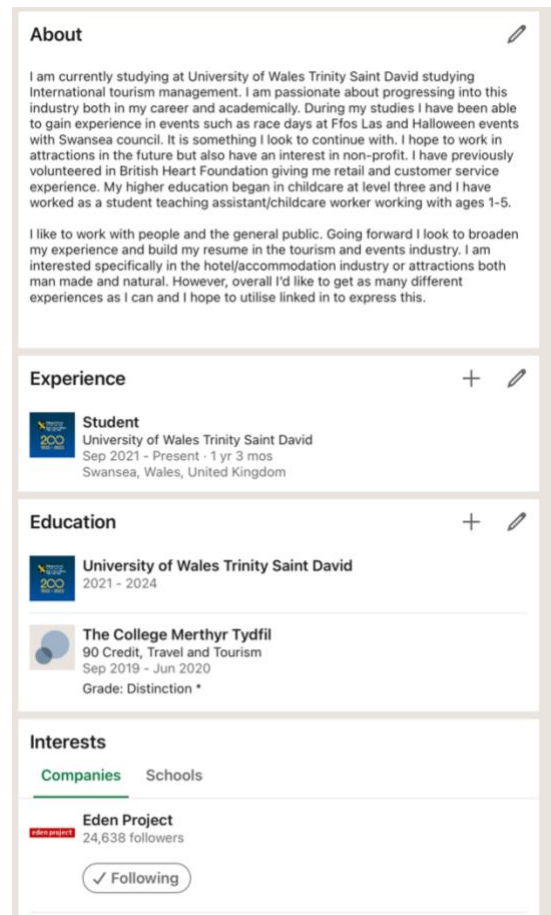


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United Kingdom
11 followers · 11 connections

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Which industry do you work in?
Members who add an industry receive up to 2.5 times as many profile views.
Add industry

Analytics
Private to you
7 profile views
Discover who's viewed your profile.
24 post views
Check out who's engaging with your posts.



About

I am currently studying at University of Wales Trinity Saint David studying International tourism management. I am passionate about progressing into this industry both in my career and academically. During my studies I have been able to gain experience in events such as race days at Ffos Las and Halloween events with Swansea council. It is something I look to continue with. I hope to work in attractions in the future but also have an interest in non-profit. I have previously volunteered in British Heart Foundation giving me retail and customer service experience. My higher education began in childcare at level three and I have worked as a student teaching assistant/childcare worker working with ages 1-5.

I like to work with people and the general public. Going forward I look to broaden my experience and build my resume in the tourism and events industry. I am interested specifically in the hotel/accommodation industry or attractions both man made and natural. However, overall I'd like to get as many different experiences as I can and I hope to utilise linked in to express this.

Experience

Student
University of Wales Trinity Saint David
Sep 2021 - Present · 1 yr 3 mos
Swansea, Wales, United Kingdom

Education

University of Wales Trinity Saint David
2021 - 2024

The College Merthyr Tydfil
90 Credit, Travel and Tourism
Sep 2019 - Jun 2020
Grade: Distinction *

Interests
Companies Schools

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David Attenborough
by Shauna Whitcombe - Monday, 14 November 2022, 9:45 AM

His why statement would be to raise awareness and educate about the natural world and the ways we have to protect it to sustain its future.

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by Shauna Whitcombe - Monday, 14 November 2022, 9:55 AM

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Importance of Networking
by Shauna Whitcombe - Monday, 14 November 2022, 9:56 AM

It provides the ability to gain connections that can be beneficial both professionally and personally.

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Technological advances and their impact
by Criscita De Carvalho Rosa Correia - Saturday, 12 November 2022, 10:55 AM

How have technological advancements affected employment options and professions?
Is it good to adapt to new changes if it endangers millions of jobs?

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Re: Technological advances and their impact
by Beth Lewis - Monday, 14 November 2022, 9:38 PM

Technological advancements are essential to the 21st century as they create new job opportunities and help fuel economic growth. In some cases, technology has helped with the productivity of companies – for example, within the health industry. Technological advancements can also highlight companies that cannot adapt and, therefore, go into liquidation, which can sometimes be the best option. The most significant advantage of adapting to new technology is that it can give a competitive edge.

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Re: Technological advances and their impact
by Alex Luke - Monday, 14 November 2022, 7:14 PM

Technological advancements have allowed people to get jobs they never would have dreamed of a few years ago, many jobs have been created, but also have been automated as advancements have been made.
It is a good thing to adapt as long as we are continuing to make progress and it is causing a positive impact for the human race.

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Re: Technological advances and their impact
by Shauna Whitcombe - Monday, 14 November 2022, 10:05 AM

Technology has both created and reduced job opportunities. Certain job roles can now be replaced by machines or computers. The digital world has also seen the end of companies that failed to adapt to a digital setting such as Thomas Cook

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SOCIAL MEDIA
by Criscita De Carvalho Rosa Correia - Saturday, 12 November 2022, 10:58 AM

How the network society has an impact on people's careers and how it has transformed?

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Re: SOCIAL MEDIA
by Emily Jones - Tuesday, 15 November 2022, 10:50 AM

The networking society has an impact on people's careers as it gives an avenue for newer opportunities, as when people start noticing you it opens the door for newer and exciting opportunities.

The networking society has transformed as it's a great step in humanity's social development.

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Re: SOCIAL MEDIA
by Beth Lewis - Monday, 14 November 2022, 8:12 PM

Any form of social media/ networking allows you to connect with people to help develop careers. LinkedIn is a perfect example of this, as Shauna has already mentioned. It allows you to showcase all of your skills and employment history. So businesses can search for necessary skills online

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Re: SOCIAL MEDIA
by Alex Luke - Monday, 14 November 2022, 7:09 PM

I think network society has further allowed people to develop their careers by them being able to easily communicate with people all around the world at the touch of a button.

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Re: SOCIAL MEDIA
by Shauna Whitcombe - Monday, 14 November 2022, 10:02 AM

I think social media networking apps such as linked in have greatly benefited the business world both on an individual and global level. It has allowed people to progress in their careers and put their name out there.

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