

Catherine Colley

Freelance Illustrator and Designer

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Key Skills

Adobe InDesign	Adobe Photoshop	Adobe Illustrator	Graphic Design
Figma/Adobe XD	Illustration	Visual Merchandising	Retail Design
Visual Communication	Critical Thinking	Team Work & Collaboration	Working to a Brief
Problem Solving	Linguistics	Russian (Conversational)	Welsh (Conversational)

Employment History

Illustrator Sept 2020 - Present

Freelance Sheffield, UK

Undertook various work for clients in my spare time, including:

- Visual merchandising and retail design work, including window displays and chalkboard signs for local businesses.
- Commissions by individuals for drawing and design work, including design work for prosthetic leg covers.
- Made limited edition runs of screenprints and Risograph prints that were sold at art fairs and online.
- Created work for Sheffield Adventure Film Festival, Triple Point Brewing, and others.

Shift Manager Mar 2022 – Aug 2023

Nest Coffee Shop Sheffield, UK

- Ensured the smooth running of the cafe from open to close while collaborating with other managers to ensure smooth running week by week.
- Orchestrated responsibilities on shift such as making coffees, taking orders, preparing and serving food, and keeping the cafe clean and presentable.
- Management responsibilities included stocking up and cashing up.
- Adapted to both working alone (sole member on shift) as well as working with others on busier shifts.

Front of House Team Member Sept 2020 - Jun 2022

The Ball (Greene King) Sheffield, UK

- Cooperated with colleagues as part of a team that delivered excellent standards of service.
- Bar work and food serving.
- Worked in a fast-paced, busy, and often hectic environment.

Receptionist	Jun 2019 - Mar 2020
UNICUS	Sheffield, UK
• Worked on the customer services desk of the University of Sheffield's Endcliffe Accommodation. • Dealt with queries, comments, and problems both in-person and on the phone. • Cross-department collaboration including with Estates and Facilities Management. • Used industry software to report maintenance issues.	
Waitress	Jan 2018 – Aug 2018
Tre-Ysgawen	Anglesey, UK
• Food and drink preparation, serving customers	
Customer Assistant	Nov 2017 – Jan 2018
Tesco	Anglesey, UK
• Shelf stacking, customer assisting during the winter season.	

Other Commitments

Publicity & Sponsorship Officer	2019 - 2020
University of Sheffield Beekeeping Society	University of Sheffield, UK
• Handled the social media accounts for the society. Made graphics including logos, stickers, and posters. • Handled sponsorship deals with local businesses.	

Education

Google UX Design Certificate	Google x Coursera	2023 - Current
BA. (Hons) Illustration	Sheffield Hallam University	2020 - 2023
Modern Languages - Russian, Czech, German	University of Sheffield	2018 - 2020
A Levels in Art, Sociology and Business Studies	Dubai British School	2015 - 2017
GCSEs (incl. English, Maths, ICT)	Muscat International School	2013 - 2015

About Me (the Fun Stuff)

- I have a passion for languages; I completed 2 years of university Russian classes and am approximately B1 on the CEFR scale. I also grew up on Anglesey where I went to Welsh-medium schools, and lived in the Middle East during my teenage years where I was surrounded by multilingualism.
- I love puzzles and problem-solving (ask me about my current New York Times daily crossword streak).
- I am passionate about art and love going to galleries. Some of my favourite niches include self-portraiture, Italian Renaissance art, and anything by David Shrigley.
- I love learning new things and going to classes, workshops and courses. I have done beekeeping classes, a rug tufting workshop, and regularly like going to life drawing classes.