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Interior & Environmental Designer

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Creative interior and environmental designer with international experience across Scotland, Italy, and Poland. Expertise in adaptive residential design, commercial interiors, and product development. Proven entrepreneur leading 3D Dundee, a dynamic 3D printing business specializing in custom objects and services. Combines aesthetic vision with deep empathy to create human-centered spaces that enhance how people live and work. Strong technical proficiency in AutoCAD, SketchUp, Rhino 3D, and additive manufacturing.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Interior & Environmental Design

University of Dundee, Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art & Design (DJCAD)

September 2022 - June 2025 | Dundee, Scotland

Activities: Class Representative, DUMRCC Cycling Club

- Product Design • Adobe InDesign • Customer Requirements • 20/20 Design
- Floor Plans • Space Planning • SketchUp • Adobe Photoshop
- Adaptive & Universal Design • Human-Centered Design Methodology

International Exchange - Bachelor's Degree, Interior Design

Politecnico di Milano

September 2023 - February 2024 | Milan, Italy

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) • Cruise Design • Rhino 3D • Canva
- AI for Design • Retail Design • AutoCAD • Project Coordination

Higher National Diploma - 3D Design: Interior, Exhibition & Product Design

Edinburgh College

September 2020 - June 2022 | Edinburgh, Scotland

- Vectorworks • Space Planning • Adobe Photoshop • 20/20 Design Software

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Co-Founder & CEO

3D Dundee | May 2024 - Present | Dundee, Scotland

Lead dynamic 3D printing business specializing in high-quality custom 3D-printed objects and services. Oversee all operations from marketing and sales to production and innovation, ensuring precise, reliable, and cutting-edge solutions for diverse client needs.

- Direct complete business operations including strategic planning, client acquisition, and service delivery
- Manage end-to-end product lifecycle: concept development, 3D modeling, prototyping, and additive manufacturing
- Deliver top-tier 3D printing services tailored to prototyping, custom designs, and small-batch production
- Collaborate closely with businesses and individuals to transform ideas into physical products
- Successfully delivered 10+ custom product designs across consumer goods, home décor, and furniture components
- Demonstrate passion for additive manufacturing and emerging technologies in product development

Freelance Interior Designer

Self-Employed | 2024 - Present | Edinburgh & Dundee, Scotland

- Deliver comprehensive interior design services across commercial and residential sectors
- Design complete commercial interiors from concept development through technical documentation
- Conduct site analysis, develop space plans, create 3D visualizations, and specify materials
- Manage client relationships, contractor coordination, project timelines, and building code compliance

Featured Project - Fitness Yard Boutique Gym, Edinburgh:

- Led complete interior design for commercial fitness facility at 1 Waterfront Avenue, Edinburgh
- Developed two comprehensive material proposals with mood boards, color palettes, and 3D renderings
- Created optimized space plan for cardio, strength training, and functional fitness zones
- Designed brand-integrated custom reception desk featuring vertical wood paneling and signature yellow accent
- Specified commercial-grade materials (birch plywood, rubber flooring) balancing durability and aesthetics
- Addressed northwest-facing site with limited natural light through strategic material and color strategy

Retail Sales Assistant

Screwfix | Part-time | April 2021 - April 2024 | Dundee, Scotland

- Provided expert customer service answering technical questions by phone and face-to-face
- Managed customer database, stock monitoring, and delivery coordination
- Organized promotional events and maintained warehouse operations

Catering Barista

EICA Ratho | Full-time | December 2018 - November 2020 | Edinburgh, Scotland

- Delivered excellent customer service while managing tills and cash operations
- Handled stock management, merchandising, and maintaining cafe floor presentation standards
- Collaborated with team to ensure timely customer order preparation and maintained safety protocols

KEY PROJECTS

A Place for Movement - Adaptive Residential Design

Final Year Capstone Project | University of Dundee | April 2025

Challenge: Redesign hillside cottage in Gardenstown, Scotland for client living with Essential Tremor since childhood. Address narrow doorways, uneven levels, restricted circulation, and daily emotional strain.

Key Design Solutions:

- Merged two semi-detached cottages into unified open-plan home with fluid circulation
- Designed curved glass extension linking both houses, mapping sun path from east to west
- Created stabilizing landing areas, integrated handrails, and ergonomic kitchen design
- Developed tremor-inspired design language translating movement into zigzag forms and custom furniture
- Conducted extensive user research including client interviews and hands-on engagement tasks
- Specified tactile materials (rubber flooring, birch plywood) supporting stability and sensory comfort
- Balanced accessibility requirements with Victorian-inspired warmth and aesthetic quality

Philosophy: "Design as a quiet form of care" - demonstrating that accessibility and beauty are not mutually exclusive.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Design Software

- AutoCAD (Advanced) - Technical drawing, floor plans, construction documentation
- SketchUp + V-Ray - 3D modeling and photorealistic rendering
- Rhino 3D - Advanced 3D modeling and computational design
- Revit - BIM and collaborative design
- Adobe Creative Suite - Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator
- 20/20 Design Software - Kitchen & bath design
- Enscape, Twinmotion - Real-time architectural visualization

- Vectorworks - CAD and 3D modeling
- Canva - Graphics and presentations
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools for design optimization

Design Capabilities

- Space Planning & Layout Optimization
- 3D Visualization & Rendering
- Adaptive & Universal Design
- Material Selection & Specification
- Kitchen & Bath Design
- Lighting Design (Natural & Artificial)
- Retail & Exhibition Design
- Product Design & 3D Printing
- Heritage-Sensitive Design & Brand Integration

Business & Project Management

- Entrepreneurship & Business Operations
- Client Communication & User Research
- Sales & Product Marketing
- Customer Requirements Analysis
- Site Analysis & Manual Survey
- Budget & Timeline Management
- Project Coordination
- Technical Documentation & Construction Drawings

DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

"Design as a quiet form of care"

I believe great interior design creates emotionally responsive spaces that support how people actually live. My approach combines aesthetic vision with deep empathy—designing environments that enhance human experience. Whether creating accessible homes for individuals with movement disorders, energizing commercial fitness spaces, or developing custom products through 3D printing, I design with purpose and care.