

# Fiona Fessey

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## summary

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Strong design is integral to companies as it communicates their brand identity, a concept that I have been honing throughout my education and work practice. I graduated in Illustration (BA) and started work as a Newspaper planner at Newsquest Media Group. I took the opportunity to study Graphic Communication (MA) and returned to work at Newsquest Media Group as a Magazine Designer.

Since then I have gained an understanding of coding through MOOC's and bootcamps delivered by *Coding First Girls (CFG)*. I have also taught myself figma via youtube tutorials, I think that it is important to learn new skills.

In order to practice in the Adobe Suite I submit fortnightly projects to *The Grow and Glow Club* on instagram in response to the briefs set, my typography and sense of style has developed.

As a magazine designer, specialising in lifestyle and fashion, I work with clients to design pages which best showcase their companies. It is a very fast-paced environment which means that organisation is integral to the role. Collaboration is essential in magazine design, some of the magazines require three designers.

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## Education

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<b>St Josephs RC High School,</b> GCSE's A-Levels	<b>2008-2015</b>
<b>Bridgend College of Art,</b> Foundation Art Diploma	<b>2015-2016</b>
<b>Cardiff Metropolitan University,</b> Illustration (BA)	<b>2016-2019</b>
<b>University of South Wales</b> Graphic Communication (MA)	<b>2020-2021</b>

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## Experience

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<b>Newsquest Media Group,</b> Newspaper Planner	<b>2019 - 2020</b>
<i>Studied Graphic Communication Masters</i>	<i>2020-2021</i>
<b>Newsquest Media Group,</b> Magazine Designer	<b>2021- Current Date</b>

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## Programmes

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- Adobesuite (Mainly indesign, Illustrator, photoshop, XD and Dreamweaver)
- Visual code
- Figma
- Python (Certificate in 8 week coding programme)

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## Skills

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- Layout and design
- Strong organisational skills
- Interested in learning the latest technological advancements
- Working collaboratively

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## Interests

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In my spare time I enjoy being creative through mediums such as drawing, painting and Adobe Illustrator.

I also enjoy attending the theatre and music events with friends and family.

Weather depending, I enjoy paddle boarding, I check my magic seaweed app and if the sea is calm I love to be at the beach in order to unwind.

Every Tuesday I play Netball and take part in charity tournaments.

I attend Pilates and Yoga classes with Studio S.

I am a member of the Studio S book club, it has been a great way to get to know new people and read new genres.