

Becky Rush

Inquisitive individual exploring the digital world. Studying BSc (Hons) Digital Media Development at the University of Brighton. Currently on placement at BBC News, dabbling in HTML, CSS and Javascript to create interactive & interesting news pieces seen by thousands of people worldwide.



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EXPERIENCE

Visual Journalism, BBC News — *Trainee Web Developer*

August 2016 - Present

I work alongside designers, developers and journalists to create bespoke content to accompany news articles (often around data journalism) to create projects which showcase news in an interactive, interesting and comprehensive way.

I write in HTML, CSS and JavaScript on a daily basis, working on assignments ranging from small general interest pieces to large global data projects, translated into multiple languages and viewed by hundreds of thousands of users. Because of the high readership it is important to check our work across multiple browsers and devices, as well as testing our code itself - for example, with unit tests.

I have also had opportunities to improve my public speaking - giving presentations during our monthly Town Hall meetings and attending our weekly team-wide meetings, demonstrating the work I have been doing.

University of Brighton — *Student Ambassador*

December 2014 - Present

Widening Participation - Promotion of higher education to young people by running interactive sessions with them and by delivering talks at local schools and colleges.

Student Learning Technologies - Support academic staff and students in their use of learning technologies in the classroom. Work with the eLearning team on classroom technology pilots and provide support for events.

Open Days - Talking to potential students and parents about my experience of the course and their answering questions. Speaking at both course specific and computing-wide talks given by faculty staff about the work I have done whilst studying at Brighton University and on my BBC placement.

Digital - Semi-regularly write posts for the university's computing blog about industry relevant events and activities I have participated in - from my experience on placement to putting on a hack day at the university.

ACHIEVEMENTS

LanciaConsult Award for Excellence in Computing Placement Year Completion

I was awarded this for achieving the highest score in completing a placement year in Computing.

Student Employee of the Year

My team received 'Highly Commended' in the 'Above and Beyond' category.

The Digital Society

I co-founded and was elected president of a society whose aim was to unite computing students.

PROJECTS

What has Trump said about your country?

Lead developer on this Visual Journalism project marking Trump's first 100 days in office. Featured on the front page of BBC News, it was viewed by over 1 million people in the first day.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-39732845>

Which world leader are you?

Co-developed this Visual Journalism global data project, seen by over 750,000 people on the first day and published in 20 languages.

Rushlet — *Freelance Developer and Designer*

Feb 2013 - August 2016

Worked on a variety of projects including designing and developing a website for a local community event, Kemp Town Carnival, and an eCommerce site, Sweet Deliveries - both using WordPress. Created promotional posters for events such as fundraisers and have worked closely with clients to produce site maps for both Kemp Town Carnival (2013 & 2014) and Playgroup Festival 2013.

Claude Nicol & Lawson Unit (NHS) — *Patient Access Clerk*

July 2011 - October 2015

Worked as part of a large multi-disciplinary team in a busy hospital clinic. Most recently I worked in data quality and analysis - I fixed problems with coding of medical tests and compiled reports about the service using clinical data, to send to Public Health England. Previously worked on reception and phones dealing with often scared, or upset patients whilst abiding by strict confidentiality protocols in an often pressured environment.

EDUCATION

University of Brighton — *Digital Media Development (BSc)*

September 2014 - Present

Currently on track for a 1st or 2:1

1st year: 79.5%

2nd year: 70.5%

Relevant modules include: Web Design and Development, Web Technologies, Object Oriented Software Design and Implementation, Design for Digital Media, Human Computer Interaction.

BHASVIC, Brighton — *A-levels*

September 2011 - July 2013

A-Levels in Maths (A), Politics (A) and Psychology (A). AS Level in English Literature & Language (B) and Extended Project in HIV Awareness Campaigns (A*)

Alongside my studies I volunteered as a maths mentor and participated in the medical society.

Varndean High School, Brighton — *GCSEs*

September 2007 - July 2011

Equivalent of 15 GCSEs A*-B including Maths, English and ICT. Whilst at Varndean, I played in the school samba band, was a senior prefect and assisted with sound and lighting for the year 11 plays.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-37833792>

Up For It

Freelance project: hand-coded website built for a client, focussing on young people and sexual health.

<http://upfor-it.co.uk/>

Kemp Town Carnival

I redesigned and rebuilt this wordpress website using a basic template combined with a few plugins and substantial custom code.

<http://kemptowncarnival.com/>

Wild Things

Group portfolio for a uni project, inspired by Where the Wild Things are.

<http://itsuite.it.brighton.ac.uk/r17/WildThings/>

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Samba Drummer

I have been a member of Barulho, a 40 piece community samba band, for 4.5 years, performing at events both locally and internationally - including Bestival 2016.

Escape Room Conqueror

I relish the challenge of solving puzzles with friends to try and escape from a locked room in 60 minutes!

Gig goer

I love watching live music, whether it's my favourite band again or discovering new ones.

Traveller

With friends, family or flying solo, I want to see as much of the world as possible.