VICTORIA HEROD

FULL STACK DEVELOPER WITH FLAVOUR

JAVASCRIPT TYPESCRIPT SCSS LIQUID JQUERY
REACT REACTNATIVE REDUX JSON PYTHON LARAVEL PHP
GIT GULP NPM MONGODB SQL APIS SEO EXPO JEST
MAESTRO CD/CI AGILE UMBRACO ASANA NOTION

PROJECTS

Our Precious Pond
Code   Website

A MERN stack conservation app that reveals the user's duck alter-ego.
React, Redux, Node, Express, MongoDB, CSS

Best Foot Forward
Code   Website

A React-Redux app allowing users to create, customise and coordinate football teams.
React, Redux, CSS

Prowlr
Code

A React-Redux 'animal Tinder' app with profiles and an API-driven leaderboard.
React, Redux, CSS, Laravel

Alpacalypso
Code   Website

A group-innovated (ethical) alpaca rental website.
HTML, CSS, SASS, JavaScript

Veterinary Practice
Code

An app utilising a self-built API to assist the running of a veterinary practice.
Laravel, Blade, Vagrant, MySQL, Homestead, Artisan

Seven Wonders
Code   Website

An informational website detailing the Seven Wonders through an interactive map.
HTML, CSS, JavaScript

EMPLOYMENT

App developer, HappyPorch March 2023 – present
✿ Enriching the output of a client specialising in a circular economy React Native app, while strengthening the partnership and boosting user experience
✿ Leading an end-to-end testing client project written in Maestro while simultaneously deepening my knowledge of testing with a mentor
✿ Distilling inspiration into process through creating a local wildlife app with React Native and Expo as part of my ongoing self-led training

Web developer, vvast February 2021 – February 2023
✿ Took ownership of large builds, including a Gift With Purchase feature built from scratch in Shopify Liquid, JavaScript and CSS
✿ Continuously advanced a central 'playbook' codebase, as well as adapting custom versions of it for outdoor lifestyle brands on a long-term basis (incl. JanSport, Stance, and YETI)
✿ Collaborated within a dynamic and and robust team of 3 developers, as well as with merchandising, trade and acquisition teams, in fast-moving 2-week sprints
✿ Innovated SEO areas through implementation of HREFlang tags and accessibility audits

Front of house, Wagamama February 2020 – January 2021

Ice marshal and first aider, Van Hage November 2019 – January 2020

Senior communications, fundraising and education officer, Celtic Harmony January 2018 – February 2019
✿ Coordinated and fundraised over £25,000 for the project 'Resilience Building Residentials' by writing compelling bids to trusts with precise attention to detail
✿ Delivered flexibility and brilliance in a fast-paced environment, utilising excellent time management whether innovating the charity's WordPress website or leading foraging sessions for 30 children

ABOUT

3 years since I wrote my first line of code and still enthralled, I am relentlessly strengthening my tech skills within the backdrop of an experimental and challenging fully remote development team.

Utilising the unique combination of my academic background in biology at the University of Bristol and my naturally creative personality, I now seek to contribute my resourcefulness, passion, and curiosity to a new adventure within the tech for good sector – a place where my heart as well as my brain are endlessly engaged.

When I'm not coding, I may be learning Spanish, making clothes or writing a short story. Or, most recently, improving my DJing!

Portfolio site

EDUCATION

Coding Fellowship Bootcamp, Develop Me September 2020 – December 2020
✿ Thrived on learning and applying a full stack, dynamic curriculum designed by industry specialists, accelerated by code presenting, hands-on challenges and pair programming

Web Development and Python Programming, Code First Girls July – September 2020
✿ Actively participated in weekly sessions, while multitasking toward both solo and group projects
✿ Awarded 2 Project Excellence certificates for high quality code and concepts – a Seven Wonders interactive map and Fruit API Top Trumps game

University of Bristol 2014 – 2017
BSc in Biology (2:1)

Moulsham High School 2012 – 2014
A-Levels in Biology (A), English (A), Psychology (B), History (B)

✿ CEFR B1 Spanish ✿ Level 3 TEFL ✿ FAA Level 3 First Aid ✿ SSI Advanced Adventurer diving

QUALITIES

Restlessly motivated
✿ Researched for and co-hosted a radio show on Burst FM with a focus on technology, society and underground music
✿ Earned the Bristol Plus Award for significant community contribution
✿ Collaborated with charities such as East African Playgrounds and Emotive Circus Arts to fundraise and boost brand awareness

Zealously creative
✿ BBC 1Xtra Words First participant and Uni Slam semi-finalist
✿ Spoken word performer across the UK
✿ Facilitated weekly writing workshops and performed the opening act of the chancellor's inauguration as president and treasurer of the University of Bristol Poetry society
✿ Eagerly pursuing the crafts of DJing and music production through playing sets and creating songs after graduating from Saffron Music's courses

Emotionally intelligent
✿ An ever-developing cultural awareness, advanced by an 8-month global trip that included cycling 750 miles around Japan and being a carpentry assistant in Canada
✿ Contributed over 1,500 on-call hours to the NHS as a volunteer Check in and Chat responder throughout Covid-19
✿ Challenged educational disadvantage with Schools Plus by tutoring children, contributing to an average 2 grade improvement in coursework