



# Stephen Skelly

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## Introduction

I am ambitious and enthusiastic with a commitment to perfection in all aspects my work. I work well in group environments and I am able to manage and motivate people where necessary. However, I have taken on many web projects as an individual and I am very capable of working alone and using my own initiative. I have excellent communication skills and have a lot of experience of working with the public and with clients. I work extremely well under pressure and I am able to keep to tight deadlines.

## Objective

To be challenged in my role as a web designer, with the prospects of enhancing my skills and creative abilities.

## Key Skills

- Web design that complies to web standards and accessibility guidelines
- Graphic design
- Familiar with Dreamweaver, Photoshop, Illustrator, Flash
- Great Typography Skills
- Basic Search Engine Optimisation
- Excellent knowledge of both Windows and Mac operating systems
- HTML Coding
- CSS Coding
- PHP Development
- MySql Development
- Flash Development
- JavaScript

I have been taking on web projects for over 7 years with 2 years experience working as a web designer for a top local daily newspaper and have built up a substantial portfolio of work. During this time I have gained an extensive knowledge of HTML and CSS as well as having a capable and growing knowledge on technologies such as PHP MySql and JavaScript. I also have a good understanding of Flash, Dreamweaver, Photoshop and the rest of the Adobe Creative Studio suite.

## Education

September 2005 - June 2008

### University Of Hull (Scarborough Campus)

BSc (Hons) Internet Computing

Modules Covered:

- Psychology of Internet Behaviour
- E-Business
- Advanced Web Design
- Web Security
- Web Authoring, Interaction, Design and Usability
- Collaborative Development
- Animation and Simulation
- Creative Media Technology
- Object Oriented Programming & Design

September 2003 – July 2005

### Blackpool Sixth Form College

A-Level - Business Studies: B

A-Level – Computing: C

A-Level – Maths: D

AS-Level – Geography: C

September 1998 – July 2003

### Beacon Hill High School

10 GCSE's Consisting of 7 Grade B's and 3 Grade C's

GNVQ ICT – Pass (Equivalent to 4 GCSE's grade C)

## Work Experience

### Stephen Skelly – Freelance

September 2010 - Present

I am currently working as a freelance designer/developer in Blackpool.

#### The Gazette

Avroe House, Avroe Crecent  
Blackpool Business Park,  
Blackpool  
FY4 2DP

November 2008 – September 2010

Shortly after graduating I moved back to Blackpool and got a job as a web designer at my local newspaper, The Gazette. I worked for close to two years at the paper and during my time there the website won numerous prestigious internal and external regional awards and countless nominations and commendations. The web team at The Gazette were praised for coming up with creative, new and innovative ideas for promoting and enhancing the web site and as a result achieved record visitor numbers.

#### Flair Event Staffing

7 Rylands Close  
Beeston  
Nottingham  
NG9 1LT

Summer 2006 - Present

In the summer of 2006 I started working with the event staffing company, working at some of the major music festivals around the UK. The company employs thousands of staff every year. My enthusiasm, hard work and good nature were noticed, and by the end of my second season with the Flair I was promoted to Supervisor of the Artist Bar at V festival. I am now spending my summer weekends working as a bar manager for Flair Events. In this role I am solely responsible for supervising bar staff, dealing with the public, controlling stock levels, handling large amounts of cash and working long shifts. This role requires lots of energy, excellent communication and management skills when dealing with staff and members of the public.

In 2009 I was approached by Flair to redevelop their website as this is their main source of recruitment for their thousands of staff. I implemented a full custom CMS that enabled online staff registration and event applications to be possible, simplifying the whole application process for both the user and the client, saving them both lots of time and effort.

#### Vman Events

Suite 71, Brij House  
Bankhall Lane  
Altrincham  
Cheshire  
WA15 0LN

February 2007 - February 2010

In February 2007 I was given the opportunity to be crew for an Arctic Monkeys show in Morecambe, the show was organised by Vman Events, after working a few more shows with other high profile bands, I was soon promoted to Show Representative. As a Show Rep I was responsible for the organisation and smooth running of large shows. This included artist welfare, organisation of the staff involved in the show, ticketing and settling up with artists and venue. This has involved working with lots of new people and travelling around different parts of the country.

Since working for Vman events I have took over administration of the company website and Myspace account. I used to update and amend the Vman Events website ([www.vmanevents.co.uk](http://www.vmanevents.co.uk)) and redesigned and administered the myspace account, which is used by thousands of people in the Manchester area.

## Referees:

### Alison Bott – Assistant Editor

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### Web designer/developer

- Website design and development
- Graphic design and branding & advert design
- Hosting and general web services

### Web designer

- Daily maintenance and update of website
- Design and creation web pages and mini-sites for local events / promotions and competitions.
- Producing graphics and adverts for both web and print
- Build and implementation of content pages for new website.

### Bar manager, Website developer

- Managing the operations of small festival bars
- Staff supervision/ motivation
- Handling large amounts of cash
- Controlling stock levels
- Dealing with the public and VIP's
- Development of a new bespoke CMS [www.eventstaffing.co.uk](http://www.eventstaffing.co.uk)

### Show representative, Website administrator

- Acting as a representative for the company
- Staging shows; Responsible from start to finish
- Artist salary management
- Promotion & show logistics
- Box office duties/ticketing
- Website & MySpace design and administration

### Dr Darren Mundy - Lecturer

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