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OBJECTIVE

After a full-time year in care, I have now returned to full-time outdoor freelancing. I am set on developing a career that I will be happy to pursue for the next few decades. Alongside setting up my own small company, I am keen to work with more providers in the outdoors and continue to enhance my facilitation of outdoor adventurous activities. I enjoy variety in my work and hope to find a good mix of work.

KEY SKILLS

The varied roles I have worked in have allowed me to develop a plethora of skills. I would say that chief amongst these are:

- **Adaptability** - The ability to adapt my approach to work in order to best suit both my clients and employers.
- **Passion** for delivering quality service and experiences.
- A **Personable** and friendly demeanor (if this can be considered a skill) that allows me to interact with clients and colleagues positively.
- A sense of **Responsibility** and **Care** - I have been trusted to make decisions that have directly affected the safety and quality of experiences clients have participated in.

EXPERIENCE

Care:	Reed Education Global	- 01/11/2021 – 11/07/2021
	Pioneer Tec	- 11/07/2022 – Ongoing

During Covid I started working as an agency care worker and was happily surprised to find a lot of enjoyment, fulfilment and sense of purpose in my work. This led me to take up a full-time position with Pioneer Tec. Although I have struggled with some aspects of the work (mainly the physical and verbal violence displayed by some of the service users I've worked with), I have also found a passion for the work and strong sense of purpose in supporting the service users to develop positively. It has been a privilege to be allowed to establish relationships, really get to know the folk I'm working with and simply do my best to fill the role of someone who is helpful to them.

Outdoors:	Rock UK	- 01/10/2012 - 21/09/2016
	Freelance Outdoor Instructor	- 03/05/2017 - Ongoing

Since entering the outdoor industry through a 2-year apprenticeship with RockUK, my experiences have been varied and continuously challenging. My work has ranged from overseeing day walks to leading canoe journeys, and from instructing on high ropes courses to leading week-long excursions abroad.

This variety has allowed me to develop a strong adaptability in my approach to work and a keenness to deliver a service that most benefits the client rather than a strict 'minimal effort based' normal.

Most challenging amongst my work in the outdoors has been my time as lead instructor for 'Global Adventure Travel'. Having advanced to the position of lead instructor, I often assumed the role of organizing trips and camps almost from scratch. This has involved taking responsibility for arranging food, transport, equipment, accommodation, activities, staffing and safety on expeditions in Jordan, Nepal and Oman. This role taught me a lot about prioritising, organisation, managing staff, dealing with issues on the go, managing relationships and expectations with clients and what constitutes high quality and reasonable service. It is also a job that often demands long days (16hr +) and hard graft, which is something I am not afraid of.



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EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

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OUTDOOR NGB AWARDS

- Rock Climbing Instructor (**RCI**)
- Summer Mountain Leader (**ML**)
- Powerboat Level 2
- UKCC BC Level 1 Paddlesport Coach
- Paddlesport Touring Leader
- 3 Star Open Canoe
- 3 Star White Water
- Outdoor First Aid
- GNAS Archery Leader
- Duke of Edinburgh Assessor
- DBS on the update service

OUTDOOR NGB AWARDS IN PROGRESS

- Level 1 cave leader
- Mountain Bike Leader Lvl 2
- Foundation climbing coach
- Paddlesport coach

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- Post-graduate diploma Outdoor and Experiential Learning
- BA Outdoor Leadership (first class)
- A level History (B)
- A level Technology and Design (A)
- A level Physical Education (D)

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

I have a keen interest in a broad range of sports and enjoy trying my hand at anything new. This has recently led me to take up snowboarding, mountain biking and kite surfing.

The sports which dominate the majority of my free time are climbing and paddling (both in open canoe and kayak). I am very fortunate to be pursuing a career in which participation in my hobbies doubles as building experience for work! I am currently working towards the RCDI and whitewater paddlesport leader awards, and every day I spend 'playing out' advances me towards those goals.

My interests are diverse. I enjoy reading fiction novels, playing the guitar or trying new board games with friends.

THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to read through my CV. Should you have any further questions or require any extra information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the e-mail address or phone number provided above.
Yours faithfully,
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