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Ten Justifications for Selection:

⇒I am not a criminal, I don't gamble, smoke or have any addictions- *I am not likely to steal from my employer for my next 'fix'.* ⇒I am not in debt or paying off a student loan- *I am remaining financially astute and no longer chasing the illusion of education.* ⇒I am anti Trade Unionism- *I am not an industrial trouble maker.* ⇒I am against workplace pensions- *I will not be bought by governmental organisations.* ⇒I am intent on remaining single and childless- *Another serving of the world's population problems? Pay for it!* ⇒I am meritocratic, hate Liberalism/ Marxism and Gender Politics- *I am in control of my destiny.* ⇒I am anti-establishment- *I am not trying to be different: I am what I am.* ⇒I am honest about my income- *I play by the rules and expect everyone else to do so too.* ⇒I am a hard worker, with a positive work ethic and a wealth mindset- *I have come to enjoy hard work, optimism and respect.* ⇒I am cultured, educated, and above all else: **"HAPPY"**- *I take pride in my work and in my thinking.*

Mindset & Skills:

What I am looking for is a medium-sized team, say 15, within a nurturing and loving social environment not unlike that of DSC. There, I have come to welcome both the interesting and humdrum tasks I have been granted responsibility for. Job satisfaction is more important to me than money (although I like some tasks to have a creative element). One can tell a good employer when one enjoys both the routine as well as the more unusual tasks with people one feels like working with boundlessly and, trust me: I have the energy to do so! A good job should not feel like work at all. That's not to say it should be easy nor personally too difficult: the work is what it is. I guess that is something I have yet to fully realise. However, what I have learnt at DSC is timeliness in completion of tasks, an eagerness to please, a contribution to the culture of work and above all a demonstration of usefulness and dedication to the team.

Paid Work Experience:

Directory of Social Change, (DSC) London, N7 6PA

August 2014 – Lock-down

Cross-Departmental Office Volunteer

Responsibilities:

- Assisting several office workers out of a room of 15;
- Preparing MS Office Documents for internal & external use;
- Using Progress (a CRM Database for non-profit organisations);
- Uploading and downloading surveys and feedback;
- Enclosed Subscription reminders into envelopes;

Achievements:

- Advanced office schedule to put 3 Months ahead;
- Handled all tasks accurately and timely;
- Adopted a 'can do' approach and work ethic;
- Developed self-confidence and optimism;
- Satisfied quality work expectations;

Paid Work Experience:

Jessops PLC, Jessops House, 98 Scudamore Road, Leicester

August 2002 – August 2009

Photographic Sales Advisor

Responsibilities:

- Organised the storage of paper and chemicals;
- Contacted customers on the status of their orders;
- Demonstrated cameras and associated technology;
- Assisted in preparing film for chemical development;

Achievements:

- Tenacity in staying in employment against all the odds;
- Experience in handling complaints and difficult situations;
- Better self-knowledge in learning that a job in retail is not for me;
- Worked with sales equipment with limited functionality;
- Gained an appreciation of how to behave as a customer;
- Increased self-confidence when taking payment;

Unpaid Work Experience:

WeightWatchers UK Ltd, North London Classes

August 2009 – Lock-down

Voluntary Greeter and Clerical Support

Responsibilities:

- Setting up tables, signage and scales for the class;
- Providing form filling guidance to new membership applicants;
- Dating members' record booklets before weighing takes place;
- Making tea and coffee for the other helpers;

Achievements:

- Maintained a healthy weight and BMI for over 4 years;
- Improved social and organisational skills;
- "Motivated to take exercise and feel comfortable with my body";
- Learnt that feeling hungry can be a sign of good health;
- Motivated to miss lunch breaks whilst at work;

Whittington Hospital Voluntary Services, London N19

May 2012 – January 2015

Volunteer Guide & Clerical Assistant

Responsibilities:

- Showed people to clinics and wards;
- Ensured compliance to health and safety;
- Attended hospital events and charity campaigns;
- Assisted with ad-hoc tasks on behalf of patients and staff;

Achievements:

- Learnt about the paperwork nurses have to use;
- Learnt to listen carefully to Visitors esp. if they are foreign;
- Made friends in the Day Treatment Centre on Level 3;
- Became inspired by the students and staff working within the hospital;

Education:

Training:

- British Sign Language Evening Class- CoNEL, Tottenham Centre, N17
- Level 1 Business Finance, Sage, DTP- HALS Wood Green, N22
- Level 2 European Computer Driving License- 5e Selby Centre, Tottenham

Vocational:

- LAMDA Acting for Beginners, Barnet College, Arts Depot, Finchley
- VTCT Anatomy & Physiology, Swedish Massage, Barnet College, Hendon

Academic:

- OCN Level 3 Access to Higher Education- Radiography (Merit).
- Higher National Diploma 2D Design (Pass).
- BTEC Foundation Studies in Art & Design (Pass).
- AS Level Photography, Art, English & Geography.

Distance Learning:

- Shoot 'n' Sell, Bureau of Freelance Photographers, Bourne Hill, London
- Higher Diploma in IT, Schiedegger MIS, Luton, Bedfordshire.

Additional Study:

- Beginners' German Evening Class- Working Men's College, Camden, N1
- Vemag Intensive German Audio Course.
- Pimsleur German: Beginner 1, 2, and 3. Audio Course.

Lock-down Learning:

Full details of texts & resources studied- available only if interviewed in person.

Additional Skills:

MS Office 2013, Modern Greek ECFL 3A, German ECFL 1A, LinkedIn, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Suite and Acrobat, SurveyMonkey, Microsoft Explorer, Edge and Google Chrome Browsers, Composing Photographs and mediating them with my drawing/painting skills. Artist-Writer, Innovator and Technical 'Doer'.

Links:

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