

Ryan Peace

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Profile

I have just finished my third year on my Marine and Natural History Photography Bachelor of Arts degree course at Falmouth University. My studies focused mostly on photography practice, but also modules that include animal environment as well as conservation and its representation in the media. I chose this course as I am passionate about photography, film, the welfare of animals, people, and the natural world.

Education

09/2020 – 07/2023 Falmouth University

2.2 in Marine and natural history photography

09/2017 – 08/2020 New College Stamford

UAL Level 3 extended Photography diploma (Merit)

09/2012 – 08/2017 Casterton College Rutland

GCSE/BTECs:

Biology (B), Chemistry (B), BTEC Level 2 Engineering (Distinction*), English Literature (5), English Language (5), Mathematics (5), Physics (B), Religious Studies (B), IT (B)

Employment Experience

08/2023 - Present Plant area assistant at Gates Garden Centre, Oakham, Leicestershire

After University, I quickly went into full time employment whilst applying for jobs in my desired career path. Finding the natural world inspiring, I fit in very well working within the plant area. This job requires having a developed understanding of plant care, processing new stock efficiently and carefully and assisting customers with horticultural enquiries.

05/2022 – 06/2023 Store Colleague (Keyholder) at Fat Face, Falmouth, Cornwall

Throughout my second and third year of university, I worked at Fat Face as a Store Colleague. I was appointed as a keyholder within this role, giving me the extra responsibilities of opening/closing the store, and handling both during and at the start and end of my shift. Duties also consisted of keeping the store tidy, greeting, and serving customers, and replenishing stock throughout the day. Working alongside my studies allowed me to become great at task prioritisation and time management.

06/2020 – 09/2020 Store Assistant at Waterside Garden Centre (Aquatics Department), Baston, Lincolnshire

During the pandemic, I was furloughed by the Rutland Zoo, but wanted to continue gaining experience within the animal welfare sector before beginning my studies at university. I was fortunate to be offered a seasonal role as a Store Assistant at Waterside Garden Centre, where I began to develop a better knowledge of aquatic species. I also continued to work as a till assistant within this role and therefore improved my money handling skills. I dealt with high pressure situations as the garden centre had a higher than usual footfall of customers (the Covid-19 lockdown triggered an increased interest in home and gardening activities). This helped me to improve my customer service further, whilst also considering the safety of my customers and peers.

09/2017 – 05/2020 Service and Sales Assistant at Rutland Zoo, Rutland Water, Rutland

Following my GCSEs, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to begin working at my local zoo. Working with animals and environment had always been a goal of mine, so this was a massive step in the right direction. This role allowed me to gain experience working as 'front of house' staff: serving customers and improving my communication skills. I also performed daily animal presentations, which allowed me to gain confidence talking to and teaching larger audiences. Alongside this, I worked on the till, handling both cash and prepaid transactions. Additionally, I managed a filing system of daily animal care sheets, transferring information from these into an Excel document. My duties extended to cleaning and renovating enclosures within the zoo, assisting with feeding the animals on a schedule, undertaking temperature checks, assisting in treating animals for illness and logging their behaviour. Just under three years of working at the zoo gave me a deeper understanding of both animal care and

12/2015 - Present Volunteer at Stamford Kiwanis, Charity work, Stamford, Lincolnshire (registered charity)

Helping with Kiwanis since a young age has really forged a strong attitude towards helping others. They have funded many organisations, the most notable being; 'Evergreen care trust' and 'Marie Curie Nurses'. I assist with the bonfire night event in November, and the Christmas 'Santa's Sleigh' collection. Donations fund many organisations, most notably; 'The Evergreen Care Trust' and 'Marie Curie Nurses'.

Additional Skills, Experience and Qualifications

- Full UK Driving Licence
- PADI qualified - Advanced diver
- Recording and interpreting data at Hampton Nature Reserve (Peterborough)
- Advanced level of editing in Adobe software (Premiere Pro, Photoshop, Lightroom, Acrobat)