

# Nicholas Meraki

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## **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

I am an enthusiastic, creative individual, with a long-standing passion for photography. I have had the opportunity to build my portfolio by shooting weddings, portraits and events for family, friends and colleagues over the years. From this, I have been able to improve on building a good rapport with the individuals I photograph, as well as mastering my photography and post-processing skills.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **Voluntary Builder and Photographer – November 2013 – May 2014**

Documentary Arts Asia  
Chiang Mai, Thailand

I chose to give my time to Documentary Arts Asia in building a new, sustainable gallery as they support a cause close to my heart. They aim to assist struggling artists and under-represented Asian groups to tell their stories and be given the opportunity to exhibit their documentary photography. I volunteered on a full-time basis, partaking in building daily. I was also appointed the photographer responsible for documenting the progress of the development, the photographs of which helped to raise \$12,000 for the gallery.

### **Various roles – July 2007-September 2013**

Whitecroft Lighting  
Ashton-Under-Lyne

I had various roles whilst working at this company. I was responsible for the constant deliveries of stock, by checking and maintaining stock levels on a daily basis. This was a fast-paced environment where a keen eye for detail was a must. This role taught me to be very thorough in my work. I also used my computer skills whilst working night shifts, counting and adjusting stock in order to make way for the company's extension.

### **Warehouse operative – June 2006-July 2007**

Office Depot  
Ashton-Under-Lyne

Whilst in this position, my responsibilities included maintaining accurate records of stock levels and assisting goods-out. Office Depot enabled me to retake my Forklift reach truck Refresher course, which allowed me to continue to work safely and effectively to a high standard. I also acquired my Low level order picker license whilst working for the company.

### **Team Leader – November 2004-June 2006**

Christy Towels UK Ltd  
Hyde & Manchester branch

My responsibilities at Christy Towels mainly consisted of running the Preparation Department and liaising with management at our sister branch. I booked stock onto the in-house computer system, as well as training new operatives. I oversaw and distributed the duties of several colleagues within the Preparation Department, and ensured that efficiency was maintained on a daily basis.

## **EDUCATION**

February 2013 - June 2013  
Manchester City College

City & Guilds Level 2 Certificate in Studio Lighting

September 2010 – November 2010  
Tameside College

Adobe Photoshop

September 2009 – April 2010  
Tameside College

Photography NCFE Level 1

January 2006 – March 2006  
Ashton Sixth Form College

Digital Photography

January 2004 – December 2005  
Ashton Sixth Form College

European Computer Driving Licence

July 2005 - September 2006  
Ashton Sixth Form College

Level 1 & 2 Adult Literacy  
Edexcel

July 2005  
Ashton Sixth Form College

Level 2 Adult Numeracy  
Edexcel

December 2003  
Ashton Sixth Form College

Level 1 Adult Numeracy  
Edexcel

### **TRAINING/COURSES**

Full, clean Driver's Licence

Various in-service and external training related to employment

Christy Towels UK Ltd

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| • Reach fork lift truck licence   | 05/04/05 |
| • Scissor Lift licence            | 27/06/05 |
| • Texpro in-house computer system | 10/11/04 |

### **AWARDS**

Learndirect Learner of the Year 2005  
Ashton Sixth Form College

Best Skills for Life Learner of the Year 2004  
Ashton Sixth Form College

### **PERSONAL INTERESTS**

In my spare time, I enjoy capturing documentary and landscape-style images. I have a passion for learning, and I am always keen to acquire new skills. I also find myself reading and watching photography tutorials on a daily basis to constantly further my knowledge. I have travelled through Europe and South-East Asia extensively, pursuing both my travelling and photography goals, and I hope to visit many more countries in the future.

### **REFERENCES**

References available upon request