

# Megan Ryan

Background Design and Illustration

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## Profile

I'm a Background Designer and Illustrator with a love of colour, nature and little wonders!  
I have a passion for stories and creating heartfelt work with a meaningful message.  
I love to work with others and I'm a organised communicator.

In my free time I tend to a range of personal projects and volunteer at local animal sanctuaries, getting far too attached to the residents! I also enjoy horse riding and gaming.

## Experience

### University of Hertfordshire - Visiting Lecturer - October 2020 - Present

Lecturer for classes in Animation, Illustration and Concept Art. Providing tutorial content, answering student questions, giving feedback on their work and leading software workshops. Acting also as a Personal Tutor providing students a contact to keep tabs on their wellbeing as well as academic progress.

### LowBrow Studios - Background Artist - September 2022 - November 2022

Responsible for designing and painting creative and striking backgrounds for multiple shows. Adapting to and ensuring a consistency of style and working efficiently to meet production deadlines. Communicating with producers and directors to apply client notes and plan design solutions.

### Freelance Animator and Illustrator - August 2020 - September 2022

Creating work for a range of clients in positions such as Illustrator, Animator and Storyboarder. Creating animated commercials, posters for productions, animated explainers and personal commissions. Working both in teams and alone on projects, ensuring communication throughout and a timely turnaround. Also providing guidance and solutions on visual style, themes and narrative.

### Holy Rood Catholic Primary School - Classroom assistant - 2015 - March 2016

Assistant for Teachers of classes ranging from reception to year six, responsibilities ranged from teaching one to one to safeguarding children's wellbeing and safety.

### Creative Connection - London - Contributing Artist - 2014 + 2017

I had multiple work experience placements at Creative Connection where I created artwork, attended client and team meetings and worked on pre-production and post-production projects.

## Education

University of Hertfordshire - First Class - BA (Hons) 2D Animation and Character for Digital Media - 2017- 2020

## Skills

Adobe Photoshop, TV Paint, Adobe After Effects, Blender

Final Film - Imaginary - Special Mention Award - Hertfordshire Animation Expose

## Achievements

Imaginary - Official Selection - Animex Awards Festival, Thessaloniki Animation Festival & Hertfordshire Film Festival

Mentee in the KidScreen Next Wave Mentorship Programme 2020