

SOPHIA PPALI

RESEARCHER & DIGITAL ARTIST

/ ALL ABOUT ME

PhD candidate and designer, passionate about culture, co-design and digital technologies.

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/ WORK EXPERIENCE

>> Research Fellow

University of Arts London | December 2020 to present

Research on the impact of the pandemic on professionals in the arts and culture sectors and the role technology can play in post-pandemic recovery. The project is funded by AHRC.

>> Graduate teaching assistant

University of Kent | Sep 2019 to present

Assisting in delivering digital media modules. Modules include: Website Design, Designing Media Environments, Digital Effects, Creativity in Interactive and Tangible media, Second year project.

>> VR Unity Developer

The Innovation Consultancy | June 2020 to March 2021

Developing a Virtual Reality rehearse and perform system for musicians impacted by COVID-19. The project is funded by Innovate UK.

>> Augmented reality research assistant

Metal, University of Kent, University of Essex | Nov 2019 to Sep 2020 Developing an Augmented Reality application for Network, which will be launched as part of Estuary festival 2021. The Project is funded by EIRA.

>> Animator and Artist

Kings College London, RADAR CNS project | Feb 2020 to April 2020 Developed animated video to explain the RADAR CNS project about wearable technologies and depression.

>> Designer and Consultant

Royal Veterinary College, MedTech Incubator | Nov 2019 to June 2020

>> TEDx University of Kent Event organiser, designer, web designer

University of Kent | January 2015 to May 2017

>> Online Design and Web Design intern

Nintendo of Europe, Germany | Sep 2015 to Sep 2016

/ EDUCATION HISTORY

>> PhD Digital Arts

University of Kent | 2019 to present

Topic: Designing Extended Reality experiences for performance: Challenges and Opportunities

>> MA & MSc Global Innovation Design

Imperial College London & Royal College of Art | 2017 to 2019 Course included terms in Tsinghua University, Beijing and Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

>> BA (hons) Digital Arts with a year in industry

University of Kent | 2013 to 2017

/ SKILLS

- > English (fluent), Greek (native)
- > Adobe Suite Photoshop, InDesign, Premiere, Acrobat, AfterEffects, Illustrator, Character Animator, Animate (proficient)
- > Autodesk Maya, Unity (proficient)
- > HTML, CSS (proficient), Javascript, C++, C# (basic)
- > Teaching, Lesson and Workshop planning, Design Thinking

/ OTHER INTERESTS

- > Traveling and cultural studies
- > Psychology, mental health
- > Karate, Badminton, Salsa, Taekwondo,
- > Animation, Korean culture and Anime

