

CV for Heather Gartside



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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Art school trained: fashion designer / window display designer / founder of a design and decoration company / global merchandising manager for an international luxury brand / art and design lecturer / exhibiting artist and designer / published author / chairman on school board / tour guide / art teacher / photographer / writer / blogger

WORK EXPERIENCE:

2015 – 2016: **Writer** - Self-employed

Working on the manuscript for my second novel - The Middle Distance.

<http://wp.me/p3a1NB-mG>

2014 – 2016: **Photographer** - Self-employed

<https://www.instagram.com/gartsideheather/>

2015 – 2016: **Fundraising** - Self-employed

Supplying the children of a village school in India with freshly filtered water. Collecting and successfully shipping general school supplies and books for their fledgling library. Securing an aid link between students and faculty at an international school in Denmark and the village school

<http://wp.me/p3a1NB-h8>

2015 – 2016: **Yoga Instructor** - Yoga Alliance International

I completed a 200 hour yoga teacher training in Bangalore, India.

<http://wp.me/p3a1NB-g4>

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2014 – 2016: **IGCSE Art and Design Teacher** - NGG International School, Denmark
Established a dynamic and very successful art and design department, where I taught students aged from 8 to 16 years old. Also, I became accredited for, and ran a successful IGCSE Art and Design two year course. More details art my art teacher blogs:
<https://nggidart.wordpress.com/> <https://nggidsecondaryart.wordpress.com/> and
<https://nggiprimaryart.wordpress.com/>

2013 – 2016: **Tour Guide** - Nordic Star Aps. Denmark
A combination of my public speaking skills, energy, love of travel and passion for history

2012 – 2014: **Published Author** - 'Rice Pudding in a Duvet, the journey home with snacks.'
Available worldwide at Amazon: <http://amzn.to/2edadJ4> and at Smashwords:
<https://www.smashwords.com/books/view/413596>

2007 – 2013: **Chairman** - Parent Teachers Association; NGG International School, Denmark
I was a lively and dynamic Chairman, combining my diplomatic talents with organizational and public speaking skills

2008 – 2015: **Founder and Designer** - Gekko Design. Copenhagen. Denmark
A small company, where I designed jewellery, objects. Flowers and decoration for events and hotels in Copenhagen
<http://wp.me/p6GP5I-Q>

1998 – 2001: **Inventor and Designer** - Bergen Rain. Norway
Bergen is Europe's wettest city. In an attempt to create something artistic and positive out of abundant rain - I tinned it. The rain was sealed inside a sardine tin and was marketed, along with rain-themed postcards and access to a website called Bergen Rain. I assisted the BBC in their production of Wild Weather, where research and information from my website, and a tin of rain, were featured in the first episode: <http://bbc.in/1m2KhYG>
http://docuwiki.net/index.php?title=Wild_Weather#ed2k_Links

1998 – 1999: **Vestlandets Udstilling** - sculpture entitled, 'Rain Reflection' was featured in the Vestlandets Udstilling in Bergen and throughout western Norway. More details soon at
<https://heathergartside.wordpress.com>

1995 – 1997: **Global Merchandising Manager** - Louis Vuitton Malletier. Paris
I was responsible for design, manufacturing, training and installation of exhibitions, events, publications, and window displays for LV

1994 – 1995: **Design and Merchandising** - The Conran Shop, Tokyo. Japan
With a Terence Conran and team of decorators from London and Paris, I set-up the in-store merchandising and window displays for the Conran Shop. I also trained Japanese staff and helped to arrange training seminars in Paris and London.

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1993 – 1995: **Head of Design and Decoration** - The Conran Shop. Paris

I worked with a young team of six other decorators. My job was to design, install and maintain decoration work within the Paris store. The Conran Shop in Paris gained a great reputation for the creative approach to decoration in my time there. From here I was head-hunted for my job with Louis Vuitton.

1991 – 1993: **Display Designer** - The Conran Shop. London

Part of the team in Terence Conran's London flagship store. I served my visual merchandising apprenticeship here.

1987 – 1989: **Art and Design Foundation Course Lecturer** – Solihull College

1988 – 1989: **Art and Design Foundation Course Lecturer** - Stourbridge College of Art

1986 – 1987: **History of Art and Design Lecturer** - Ravensbourne College of Art and Design

1986 – 1991: Freelance artist, jewellery designer, window and clothes designer. London

EDUCATION:

2015 – 2016: Yoga Teacher. Yoga Alliance International. India

2015 – 2016: Accredited Examiner for Cambridge International Examinations. Denmark

1983 – 1986: B.A (Hons) in Fashion and Textile Design – distinction in history of art
Gloucestershire College of Arts and Technology

REFERENCES:

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