

# Gareth Edward Owen

**Date of Birth:** 07-08-78  
**Nationality:** British  
**Other Information:** Full UK Driving Licence



**Objective:** Men's & Boys Senior Designer– Non Clothing

- Excellent Adobe Illustrator skills.
- Innovative design ability, meticulous design/technical drawing.
- Accomplished verbal/sketching and presentation skills.
- Ability to communicate design and concept ideas to all levels of the business.
- Visualise and translate 2D/3D design into a tangible commercial product.
- Knowledge of materials, colour, textures, human factors, form, technical process, footwear development, manufacturing methods, pattern cutting, last development, market research, shop reports, fashion and trend forecasting. Private label brand building and production lead times.
- Can deliver to timelines and fob's.
- Range building.
- Factory exposure in China, Thailand, Taiwan, Vietnam, India and Indonesia.
- Sales and account management experience.
- Familiarity in merchandising, shipping and importing.

## EMPLOYMENT

<b>2018-Present</b>	Senior Mens Footwear Designer, Marks & Spencer PLC. Formal, Casual, Sport, Holiday, Slipper and Technical footwear.
<b>2014-2018</b>	Senior Boys Footwear Designer, NEXT Retail PLC. Formal, casual, sport, sandal, slipper and pram shoes.
<b>2009-2014</b>	Senior Footwear Designer / Account Manager at Law Design & Organic Universe. Men's, Boys' formal and casual categories. Working with Debenhams, Next, M&S and various other retailers and brands.
<b>2005-2009</b>	Footwear Designer, Browning Enterprises Ltd. Men's, Boys' formal, casual and sports categories. Sales/merchandising/QC support.
<b>2003-2004</b>	Footwear Designer, Indigo Shoes Ltd/ATG.uk Ltd. Men's and Children's formal and casual sports categories. Ladies' sports fashion.
<b>2001-2003</b>	Footwear Designer, Ellesse Ltd. Running category, urban wear, and heritage tennis shoes. Vulcanized casual product, leisure active category and casual lifestyle skate product.
<b>2000-2001</b>	Footwear Designer, Pentland Shoe. Dr. Martens account. Men's, Children's and Ladies' Sports designer.

## EDUCATION

<b>1998-2000</b>	2:1 BA(hons) Footwear Design DeMontfort University.
<b>1996-1996</b>	Merit H.N.D Footwear Design and Manufacture, Leicester South Fields College.
<b>1994-1996</b>	3 A-levels Newtown High School 6 <sup>th</sup> Form.
<b>1989-1994</b>	8 GCSE's Grade A-C Newtown High School.

## REFERENCES

On request.

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