Claire Carden

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Education

Royal Central School of Speech and Drama

London, June 2026 (Expected)

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Costume Construction

University of the Arts London

London, Sept 2022-June 2023

UAL Level 3 Foundation Diploma in Art and Design, Design for Theatre, Screen and Performance specialization

Work Experience

Vallejo, CA July 2024-Sept 2024

Pink Depford Design

Costume Intern

- Collaborated with the designer and the rest of the construction team to create costumes for private clients as well as California Shakespeare Theater's production of "As You Like It."
- Drafted patterns, created toiles, and assisted in fittings to personally make costumes for multiple actors and clients

Sugar Magnolia Powder Room

Larkspur, CA June 2023-Sept 2023

Sewing Assistant and Tutor

• Tutored the shop owner in basic machine and hand sewing skills, increasing the amount of sellable inventory and supporting sustainability goals.

Marin Pottery/Studio 4 Art

San Rafael & Novato, CA March 2022-Sept 2022

Studio Assistant and Camp Counselor

- Facilitated an organised and productive environment for customers and members.
- Taught art skills to children and teens including hand sewing, pottery, street art, and drawing, increasing knowledge of technical skills and supporting students' exploration of art disciplines.

Volunteer Experience

Girls With Guts

Virtual, May 2022-Present

Social Media Chairperson

• Creates social media posts and campaigns on Instagram, TikTok, and Facebook to raise awareness about IBD and promote the Girls With Guts organisation and events.

Camp Oasis
Volunteer Counselor
WA, Aug 2023

- Co-counselled a cabin of 7 young IBD patients for two weeks, facilitating daily activities for group bonding and confidence building.
- Supervised daily electives, keeping campers safe and engaged.
- Provided a safe space for campers to learn more about their disabilities and how to advocate for themselves in health settings.

Additional Information

Technical Skills: Costume interpretation (pattern drafting, sewing techniques, dyeing and breaking down, and costume supervision), adapting blocks for period clothing, wardrobe and dressing

Activities: Costume Construction Class of 2026 Representative, Royal Central School of Speech and Drama (RCSSD) (Oct 2023-Present), Vice President, RCSSD Jewish Society (Oct 2024-Present), President, RCSSD Fiber Arts Society (Oct 2023-Present), Vice President, UAL Jewish Society (Nov 2022-May 2023)