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Professional Summary

Currently looking for a new challenge where I can indulge my passion for script writing whilst learning about the film industry, with a view to becoming an Assistant Director in due course. I aim to work with industry experts and hence be able to learn from their experiences. I'd like to contribute to improving audience experiences and efficiency within production.

Timeline of Experiences and Activities

Volunteer

Sept 2024 - Oct 2024

Sandsböla Farm, Sweden

- Worked on a farm in Sweden completing a large variety of tasks. Drawing inspiration from the change of environment, wrote film scripts in my downtime. Also completed modules from my Behavioural Psychology course.
- Days were filled with felling trees, chopping firewood, harvesting fruit from trees and fields, creating compost, carpentry and woodwork, construction work and sailing.
- Reference available via WorldPackers.

Creative Evangelist / Filmmaker / Operations Manager Jun 2021 - May 2024

Lime Intervention Design - Birmingham

This is a non-profit company specialising in creating learning materials based on behavioural science and psychology for young people.

- In collaboration with Thames Valley Police Department, created short films highlighting the dangers of knife crime. The impact of this was a 50% decrease in knife related incidents in Slough.
- Interviewed victims, perpetrators, judges, nurses, police officers etc. and captured footage as part of the resources the police would use to reduce knife crime. Used my 12 years of photography experience to optimise composition, resulting in improved video quality and police and community engagement.
- Due to the relatively small number of employees, had to cover many aspects of the production including but not limited to:
 - Identifying and contacting professionals above
 - Co-work to determine required outcomes and reverse engineer interview questions to facilitate these. This would mean writing scripts, researching roles and crafting questions.
 - Editing all footage and publish it ready for the police to show at risk teens. The impact of this has been a significant reduction in knife crime across Oxford and Milton Keynes.
- Wrote, directed, produced, shot and edited a 5-minute film with multiple locations and 15-20 actors which stimulated conversations between the police and young people.
- Had oversight of production, distribution and utilisation of our films for a 5-month period.
- Heavily involved in writing and planning all the stories, characters and learning objectives for a series of comics aimed at children aged between 10-14 years. Contacted clients and stakeholders, visited schools and organised annual teaching schedules.

Environmental PA,
SDTA Productions - Buckinghamshire/Oxfordshire

May 2021 - Dec 2021

- Worked on several locations on the production of 'Master's of the Air', collaborating with many roles on set. Supplied water, organised stock and clearing recycling and general waste particularly during meal hours.
- During down time would run small errands for those who required assistance.

Warehouse Operative
Cinram – Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire

Jul 2019 - Sept 2019

- Efficiently and effectively picked, packed and dispatched a variety of items such as CD's, DVD's, videos, games etc. exceeding time and quantity targets.

Environmental Support Officer
Three Rivers District Council – Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire

Aug 2016 - Sept 2016

- Assisted the Environmental Protection Department in all aspects, including admin for Recycling Managers, Trade Waste, Abandoned Vehicles, Fly Tipping, Cemeteries.
- Increased efficiency for the department with data logging different software and databases including GIS.

Education

Bachelor of Arts, Architecture
University of Portsmouth – Portsmouth

Sept 2019 - Nov 2020

- Passed first year in all four modules. Work required collaboration with students, dissertations, coursework, time in the workshop creating scale models and presentations to tutors.
- I left university due to COVID-19 limiting the interaction between tutors and students.

Parmiter's School
Watford, Hertfordshire

Sept 2012 - Jul 2019

A Levels:

- A*, B, D in Photography, Product Design and Maths respectively.

GCSE:

- 8 A*-C grades, including 8 in Maths and 6 & 6 in English Literature and Language.
- Part of county athletics team, county rugby team and district football team including captain of badminton team.
- Earned full house colours for extra-curricular activities and contribution to the school.

Skills and Accomplishments

- Full Driving Licence.
- Keen amateur photographer. Have covered various events e.g. Weddings, corporate events.
- Earned a Distinction in Behavioural Psychology Diploma via Centre of Excellence in December 2024.
- Computer literate with Microsoft Office, Adobe Software and GIS, including a Premiere Pro course qualification via Udemy in December 2020.
- Prior to University, I coached weekly badminton sessions for children aged 5 – 18.
- Member of the Scouting Association for twelve years. This gave me a knowledge and love of nature and the environment. It taught me independence as well as specific skills, e.g. bushcraft skills to kayaking and orienteering.