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Overview

I am an experienced marketing professional who has become a specialist in on-line communication and eBusiness. I work on a freelance basis for a variety of companies and training organisations, advising and training on-line marketing, technology, strategy and hands on development techniques.

E-business skills

Web strategy

- •Gathering Macro and Micro data for on and off line market analysis
- •Worked with businesses to deliver objective on-line strategic direction
- •Thorough understanding of value formulation and web measuring metrics
- •Delivering and directing businesses on integrated eBsuiness approaches

Technical services

- •In depth understanding and practical experience of Domain name management
- •Procurement and management of enterprise level hosting solutions
- •Sound technical knowledge of internet systems and development methods
- •Some experience with eCommerce systems and processes

Site design and delivery

- •Extensive experience in web design, usability, accessibility
- •Practitioner of standards compliant, engine friendly web sites and hosted systems
- •Templated web delivery for fast roll out and minimum maintenance overhead
- •Good knowledge of the EU legal requirements for eBusiness and eCommerce

Web marketing

- Experience of search engine optimization, term purchasing and on-line advertising
- •Some on-line joint venture and reciprocation link work
- •Exponent of on-line and off line marketing integration within a business

Project management

- •Defined procedural methods and consulted on the recruitment of web agencies
- •Deliver many complex web projects at both a technical and application level

Business and marketing skills

Consultancy

- •Highly developed consultancy techniques gained across diverse Global cultures
- •Confident communicator at any level in an organisation
- •Excellent multi level communication skills and high degree of personal effectiveness

Marketing

- •I am a fully experienced marketing manager and have worked across the full mix
- •Brand management and introduction of new brands
- Defining business and marketing strategy

Business

- Sound knowledge of how a businesses functions across all it's departments
- •Have been responsible for significant budgets as well as P&L ownership
- •Experience of driving corporate and business strategy.

Work history

Jan 2004 - Present Company director - Totem Media Ltd

- •All the tasks and responsibilities that go with being a company director.
- •Client acquisition and ongoing client management.
- •Creative direction, planning and delivery of all client and internal projects.
- •Marketing, managing and developing the Totem digital business.

Jun 2001 – Dec 2003 International communications manager - ICI paints PLC

- •International consultant for 35 worldwide paints businesses.
- •Managing and driving new product development within eBusiness.
- •Delivering value to the ICI paints businesses through on-line communications.

Mar 2000 - Jun 2001 <u>Business information manager - Yamaha Motor UK Ltd</u>

- •Create and manage on-line communication across all product groups.
- •Management and reporting of marketing information and business data.
- •Developing corporate communications strategy with the marketing director.

Jul 1996 - Mar 2000 Brand manager - Yamaha Motor UK Ltd

- Management of field sales staff and dealer performance for MBK scooters.
- •Developing a new dealer network for MBK scooters and PAS electric cycles.
- Manage the MBK and Yamaha scooter brands within target and budget.

Feb 1993 - Jul 1996 **Duty and event manager - Spectrum Leisure Complex**

A customer focused role with responsibility for the largest leisure center in the UK, with special responsibility for professional sports events, and a large team of full and part time staff.

Jun 1988 - Feb 1993 **Retail manager- First Service Sports**

I gained some invaluable retail experience in this chain of independent sports

stores.

Formal education

Sep 1994 - Jul 1996 Portsmouth University Business School, Farnborough, Hampshire

DMS - Post Graduate Diploma in Management Studies (with Marketing)

Sep 1992 - Jul 1994 North Hants Business School, Farnborough, Hampshire

B/TEC HND Leisure Management

Jan 1985 - Jul 1987 The Kings School, Worcester, West Midlands

A Levels in Graphics, Math's and Physics

Jan 1980 - Dec 1984 Peterhouse Boys School, Marondera, Zimbabwe

9 O level passes including English and Math's

Technical capabilities

- •In-depth knowledge of X/HTML, DHTML, Javascript, CSS, Dreamweaver, Frontpage etc
- •Excellent web design and graphics skills Photoshop, Fireworks, Freehand, In-design
- Accessibility, Search and web marketing, content writing
- •Dynamic Web application concepts using J2EE and ASP, PHP, .NET
- •Database design and concepts with SQL server 2000, Oracle, Access and MySQL
- •General grounding in networking (WAN, VPN, LAN), wi-fi, firewalls and security principals
- •Web hosting architecture including server configuration and administration
- •Reasonably proficient digital photographer
- •I can use all the Microsoft office software and tools, as well as project, access, etc
- •I also use open source software such as open office, open workbench etc

Previous achievements

- •Started Totem digital from scratch, delivering a small net profit in the first year.
- •Created planned and managed successful PR and advertising campaigns for Totem digital.
- •Recently completed a £30k multimedia training CD project for Specsavers opticians.
- •Led an on-line communications project for 9 Asian markets at ICI.
- •Developed "how to guidelines" for businesses to effectively engage creative agencies at ICI.
- •Defined a system of "value measures" to help prove ROI and on-line effectiveness at ICI.
- •Introduced the MBK scooter brand to the UK and achieved 4% market share.
- •Planned and managed marketing events: shows, seminars, dealer open days, photo shoots.
- •Built a dealer network of independent dealers for Yamaha electric bicycles and scooters.

Personal development

- •Time management for business managers (2 day)
- •Advanced Brand management (5 day)
- •Core Consultancy Skills (2 day)
- •Sales skills for sales managers (2 day)
- •Stress and time management (2 day)
- •Business management Part 1 (3 day)
- Managing face to face conflicts (1 day)
- Assertiveness (1 day)
- Communication and leadership (1 day)

Other information

- •Married to Helen with no children
- •Born on 13th May 1968
- •British Citizen
- •Basic ability in French
- •Full (and clean!) UK driving License motorcycle and car

<u>Interests</u>

I am an enthusiastic sports man, particularly golf (5 handicap), skiing, snowboarding and motor sports. I attend the gym regularly, I'm a keen motorcyclist, and enjoy travel - experiencing new & different cultures.

As an "early adopter" I have a healthy interest in new technology and techniques. I have coupled PC and home audio technology in my home cinema, I recently set up a multi-media server in my house, I have experimented with wi-fi and ethernet networking and enjoy digital Photography.