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**Executive Summary**

An extremely energetic and self-motivated individual with great interpersonal and communication skills. I am honest, dedicated and trustworthy with excellent organisational abilities.

Looking to enhance my career with a new and exciting challenge. I pride myself on attention to detail. Happy to work on my own initiative but at the same time I relish working as part of an enthusiastic, motivated and professional team.

**Education and Qualifications**

The TEFL Academy (RQF) (TEFL)

Level 5 Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language

603/3835/0 20th September 2021

Gainsborough College (Lincoln College Group)

Level 3 Award in education & training City & Guilds

600/95554/4 26th July 2017

Southampton Solent University

BA (Hons) Comedy Writing and Performance (2:1) 2011 – 2014

Newark College (Lincoln College Group)

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (Acting) (DDD) 2009-2011

Functional Skills Level 2 in English, Math & ICT

Cotelands School Ruskington

9 GCSEs: Including English Language C, English Literature B, Mathematics C, History B 2004-2009

**Employment History**

Over a decade of experience running comedy nights and events at venues throughout the UK. Currently self-employed in the entertainment industry. “12 Step Comedy” covers a range of activities including Master of Ceremonies, Stand-up Comedy, writing and performance.

Critiqued other performers at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival on behalf of Three weeks Edinburgh magazine. These were submitted and published on both digital and traditional platforms.

I performed at 6 Edinburgh Fringe Festivals 2011-2017 using a variety of skills for the admin, promotional and performance side of the events throughout the month-long festival.

Whilst at University I organised and managed a variety of events at local venues along the south coast. This included weekly comedy nights at The Royal Oak in Southampton for 4 years, also venues at Brighton, Bournemouth, Salisbury and several events at the Royal Naval Base Gosport.

Regular host for national company ‘Weekly Quiz’ pub quizzes over the previous 3 years, organising and hosting pub quizzes all over the country.

I have performed at 500+ Stand-up gigs all over the UK working with the public in a very unique way and improving my improvisational skills preparing me for the most unlikely situations on and off stage.

I have teaching experience leading classes whilst at college and university, this includes theatre in education performances and guest speaking at university discussing my experiences at the Edinburgh fringe festival/managing events over an extended period of time.

**Training and Skills**

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Computer literate, comfortable with most aspects of Macintosh and PC and Microsoft office.

Technical knowledge of most venue equipment, theatre sound systems and lighting.

Full clean driving licence with access to a car and local public transport.

Qualified LifeGuard.

**Other**

Whilst at University I spent a week on work experience at the Liverpool Echo and had several articles published.

**References**

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