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EDITOR – PUBLISHER

4 years experience in managing cultural projects (events, publications) – Media & Publishing industry Strong analytical skills – Specialized in Intercultural Management – Bilingual Afrikaans & English

MAIN SKILLS

EDITING & PUBLISHING

- Project Management:
 - Defining the editorial line
 - Writing creative briefs
 - } Editing & proof-reading
 - Managing the relationship with the artists and writers, operational teams and suppliers
 - Managing the budget
- Communication and promotion:
 - } Organization of book launches & cultural events
 - Writing of communication tools
 - Managing the relationship with the media and institutional (South Africa and abroad)

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS MANAGEMENT

- Managing the e-Learning project development:
 - Writing of the specifications: technical and usability cases
 - Writing of the creative brief
 - } Gathering of the data available on the interface
 - Management of the technical suppliers
- Internal communication:
 - } Project presentation
 - } Project communication
 - } Compliance with the global educational project

WRITING & TRANSLATION

- } Creative writing: poetry in Afrikaans
- Reporter: Afrikaans & English articles writing for print and online media
- Translation- Afrikaans & English: creative and corporate, novels, essays, articles

MEDIA ANALYSIS & SOCIAL STUDIES

- Qualitative and Quantitative data analysis: print, broadcast & online media
- Writing of recommendations to enhance the client's reputation

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

March'09 – now: AFDA Film School, e-Learning Project Manager & editorial assistant, Cape Town:

- Research and Project Management on the e-Learning program development for AFDA and International students: directing, producing, designing & acting e-Learning programs
- **Educational compliance:** analysis of the educational programs and building of recommendation to enhance the training process throughout the curriculum
- **Educational programs:** arranging ad hoc & workshops Post Graduate students
- **Educational material:** editing and proof reading lesson material, quality control of the curriculum
- **Team Management:** ensuring workflow, trafficking & deadlines to be met from writers
- **Finances:** managing Post Graduate department budget

March'09: Griffel Media, Text Editor for POMP'09 (cultural journal), Cape Town:

- **Editor:** definition of the editorial line
- **Editing and Proof Reading:** all articles
- Writer: interviews, articles writing
- **Project Manager:** relationship with writers, visual artists & designers, management of the operational teams and suppliers, networking with European and South African institutes and companies, in charge of the budget
- **Communication & Promotion** of the POMP'09 edition: launches, Internet website, communication towards the media
- **Translator:** articles and manuscripts translation Afrikaans, English, German
- **Editing & Proof Reading Manuscripts**

Jan'08 – Dec'08: African Studies Library, University of Cape Town, Student researcher, Cape Town:

Research: assisting students on their projects

2008: Die Stem (weekly paper appearing in London):

Editing & Proof reading on the weekly edition, Afrikaans & English

Aug'06 – Nov'07: Monitoring South Africa, Media analyst, Pretoria & Cape Town:

- Media analysis: quantitative & qualitative data analysis across print, broadcast & online media (Afrikaans & English)
- **Strategic recommendation** to enhance the clients' reputation

2007: *Ouma se slim kind* **website,** Copy writer & Translator, Pretoria:

- **Translation** of the website copy from the English to Afrikaans
- **Re-writing** of the Afrikaans copy
- } Proof reading of the website

2006: Die Genugtigboek 2006, Poet – Writer:

Writing & Publishing of personal creative writing (poetry)

2004 – 2005: Die Burger Kampus (daily newspaper), Head reporter, Cape Town:

- Management: daily editorial meeting & journalist team
- **Definition** of the editorial line
- Writing of articles & selection of pictures

2003: Samusic.co.za website, Freelance Reporter

In-depth interviews & reviews of SA musicians in English & Afrikaans

2003: Kampus Beeld (daily newspaper), Head reporter, Pretoria:

- Management: daily editorial meeting & journalist team
- **Definition** of the editorial line
- Writing of articles & selection of pictures

2003: Perdeby (student newspaper), In-depth & Internet editor, Pretoria

TERTIARY EDUCATION

Due to graduate 2009: MASTER's – Creative Writing, University of Cape Town:

Thesis on Sheila Cussons & C.G. Jung.

Portfolio of personal poems

Nov'04: HONOURS in Afrikaans & Nederlands, University of Cape Town:

Specialization: creative writing, historiography & metafiction, modern poetry

Thesis: The prophetic nature of Ingrid Jonker and Sylvia Plath's poetry

Nov'03: B.A – Languages, University of Pretoria:

Specialization: journalism, translation, copy editing, lexicography, text design, English, Afrikaans, sociology, psychology, history, information system, research

LANGAGES

Afrikaans & English: Bilingual

German: Fluent

Pack Office: word, excel, power point

ABOUT ME

I AM: passionate about words

I LOVE: challenges

I WANT: to grow, improve my skills and get new ones

REFERENCES

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