**Dara Boland**Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL DETAILS:

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#### **KEY STRENGTHS:**

• Strong interpersonal, leadership, communication and sales skills

Highly ambitious, motivated and success orientated
Core grounding in business, science and technology

Digital Marketing – Conducted numerous client campaigns across all platforms

 Competent in Java, CSS, HTML, Dreamweaver, Fireworks, Flash, Adobe suite, Wireshark, Microsoft Project, CAD, SPSS, SEO, Adwords and Google analytics

# **EDUCATION:**

Sept. 11 – Aug 12 (Night)
Sept. 10 – Aug 11
Sept. 06-June 10
Sept. 05-June 06
Sept. 06-June 06
Sept. 06-June

Geography B2; German B1; Irish B1Lower Paper: Maths B1

### **COLLEGE PROJECTS:**

- Google AdWord Campaigns (ERS, Topsec, Chubb Property, Davenport Direct)
- Social Media Strategy (Gifts4all, FLB, CPS)
- Online PR Strategy (Gifts4all, Designer Wine, BabyGifts4U)
- Search Engine Optimisation (Gifts4all, Cash Encounters, ECM, CashforGold)
- Online Risk Assessment and Business Continuity Planning (Aer Arann)
- Commercialisation Strategy (Healthcomms, Equinewatch, NGE, EcoPower)
- China Market Entry Strategy (Tickets.ie, GGFL)
- Carbon Accounting Implementation (Nootrol, AskDave, Redbrick Construction)

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- ECDL Certificate and ICDL Advanced Certificate in Computing
- Hosca Certificate in Personal and Leadership Development
- Edward de Bono Certificate in Thinking Systems
- Semi-Finalist at Mason Hayes & Curran Green Business Award and Accenture Leaders of Tomorrow Award
- Arts: On stage performances in the Helix, the O2 and the Odyssey Arenas
- Captained GAA School and Club in Croke Park and Parnell Park
- Team Captain of Hilltown Boys Soccer Club
- Elected Prefect in final year at Sutton Park School
- Elected PRO Officer / Webmaster to DCU Boxing Club (<u>www.dcuboxing.com</u>)
- Certified Martial Arts Instructor: Taekwondo and Hapkido
- National champion in Taekwondo and Kickboxing
- Inducted into DCU's Elite Athlete Development Programme (2007 -2011)
- PADI certificate in adventure scuba diving
- Certified Skydiver (License A)
- Gaelic Training Certificate (Grade 1)
- Participant of two successful Guinness World Record attempts
- Fully licensed Security Guard in the State of California
- Student Ambassador for DCU and DCU Disability Service
- Represented DCU in Industry engagement expedition to India

## **INTERESTS AND HOBBIES:**

- Regular participant in GOMCHA; Google's online marketing challenge
- Website Design e.g. (<u>www.cloudpayrollsolutions.net</u>, www.darascv.weebly.com)
- App Design. Android Programming Platform License (APPL) holder
- Golf (Member of Donabate and Tara Glen golf clubs)
- Martial Arts, Boxing, Windsurfing, Snooker, GAA, Soccer, Tennis, Skydiving, Playing Music, Chess, Reading and Blogging (http://daraboland.wordpress.com/)
- Public speaking. Member of Toastmasters International
- DCU Societies: Active member of Entrepreneurial & Social, Irish, GAA, Martial Arts, Style, Guitar, Boxing, Science & Technology, Dance, Surf & Sail
- Travel (Europe, Canada, America, Cuba, Morocco, India, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia)
- Charity work. Regular volunteer work with SUAS, UNICEF and SVP

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**WORK EXPERIENCE:** 

**Discover Science & Engineering, Wilton Place. Dub 2**May 2010 – July 2010

Position: Science / Technology Ambassador

## **Role Specific Responsibilities:**

 Visit a number of European cities to promote Dublin City of Science 2012 (Liverpool, Brussels, Amsterdam, Barcelona, Toulouse, Geneva, Milan and Turin)

- Chair regular conference calls with stakeholders; Fáilte Ireland, Dublin City Council and the Office of the Chief Scientific Adviser to the Government
- Reporting (blogs), on cutting edge innovation across various fields, including ICT
- Acting Webmaster to <a href="http://www.dublinscience2012.ie/">http://www.dublinscience2012.ie/</a> and all associated Social Media

Allianz Insurance, Merrion rd. Dub 4

September 2008- August 2009

**Position:** Market Development Analyst

# **Role Specific Responsibilities:**

- Conducting price / product comparison studies in various Insurance markets
- Delivering feasibility reports for new markets
- Implementing various above / below the line marketing campaigns

• Reporting and presenting to board of management

Fairyhouse Market, Ratoath, Co. Meath

January 1999 to March 2009

**Position:** Stallholder

# **Role Specific Responsibilities:**

- Exercise marketing skills when dealing with suppliers and customers
- Purchase stock from Distributors across Europe, Manage operations and staff
- Offer phone accessories and a phone repair service

IBM Ireland, Mulhuddart. Dub 15

**June 2006 to August 2006** 

**Position:** Call Manager

### **Role Specific Responsibilities:**

- Checking customer's entitlement to service
- Liaising with front office support centers
- Scheduling local engineer and ordering required parts
- Managing customers' expectations and ensuring high levels of customer satisfaction
- Keeping customer informed at all times, ensuring all ETA's are met

#### **Other Work Experience:**

• Internet Marketer (Search Engine Marketing campaigns for several clients)

• SaaS Marketing Assistant (Expd8)

Assistant Journalist (North County Leader)

Toronto Docks Nightclub (Stock Control Clerk / Barback Supervisor)

• Nightclub Promoter (Earth, Tomango, Club 21, Academy, Renaissance)

Driver/Valeter (Budget Car Rental, Flawless Finish)
 Senior Golf Caddy
 Hotel Concierge (Portmarnock Hotel and Golf Club)

• Waiter/Barman (Various bars/restaurants in New York and Toronto)

Promotion Works (Edelman, Brand Ignite, Fleishman Hilliard, 3D, Imagine, Verve)
Sales Assistant (Quinn's Off License, Old Portmarnock Golf Club, Tara Glen, BFresh,

Malahide Garden Centre)

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

