# Sam McArdle

Sam's proven ability to turn ambiguous roles into thriving opportunities, establish end-to-end sales cycles, and secure lucrative partnerships, coupled with a diverse background in Facilitation, Copywriting, and Acting, positions him as a compelling force driving Responsible AI, Sustainability, Innovation Consulting, and Corporate Culture to new heights.

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#### **EXPERIENCE**

## **BoxPlay,** London — *Head of Partnerships*

Sep 2021 - Present

Implemented a B2B and B2C Solution Sales Process that resulted in 400+ outbound calls leading to 8 new active partnerships (Accenture, Exos at Google, <u>2U</u>, <u>Future Learn</u>, <u>Moodle</u>, Learnerbly, <u>Learn In</u> and <u>Open ESG</u>)

Managed end to end deals leading to projected \$1.5m in revenue for BoxPlay end of 2023

Organized and managed all Client facing Webinars and Marketing Blog Posts, and storyboarded and provided voiceover for all <u>Product Demos</u>

### **Key Responsibilities include:**

**Sales Strategy & process:** I am responsible for the full life cycle from prospecting, targeting, researching, signing, managing and growing partnerships.

**New Business Development:** I identify new client opportunities, generate new business leads and build a sales pipeline using Salesforce as our CRM tool.

**Strategic direction:** As part of the senior sales management team, I help shape and drive the overall business development strategy to deliver against our strategic objectives, translate the company's strategy to 12 months' plans and 3 months' targets and achieve our desired position within the learning content marketplace.

## **Accenture (The Dock),** Dublin — Innovation Safari Lead

Jun 2019 - Sep 2021

I have led client engagements with leading global organizations from numerous industries, including: Banking, Healthcare and Life Sciences.

Facilitated virtual sustainability workshops for global Accenture leadership Grew Global Sustainability Accenture newsletter sub-base 500%

## Freelance, London/Global — Professional Actor

Sep 2010 - Jun 2019

Produced and performed in a UK and Ireland Tour, selling out multiple

#### **SKILLS**

Asana, Azure Dev Ops, Google Suite, iMovie, Mural, Microsoft Office, MS Dynamics, Pipedrive, Salesforce, Wordpress

Knowledge and experience of applying design thinking methodologies

Active Listening, Critical Thinking, Negotiation, Objection Handling, Team-Work, Project Managing design sprints

#### **PASSIONS**

PRESENTING – Ran my own radio show on Trinity FM – Interviewed Pixie Lott, Bressie, and The Coronas

VOLUNTEERING – ALONE (elderly persons charity), Repeal the 8th Outreach Representative, and rehabbing stray German Shepherds

**SPORTS** - Rugby, CrossFit, Football, Boxing, Swimming, Tennis, Running (Hackney Half Marathon 2023 in 1:46)

**Health & Wellbeing** - Cooking, Yoga, Mindfulness venues, with 1,600 people seeing the show

Ran a Social Media campaign to raise £3,000+ for production costs

Developed and recorded all marketing assets for social platforms such as (META, X, Tik-Tok, and Instagram)

Global press coverage including Live primetime TV (6 O'Clock Show. Ireland AM) and Radio (National Irish Radio - RTE)

### **Innovision**, London — Executive Assistant to C-Suite

June 2015 - June 2019

As personal assistant to the CEO of <u>Innovision</u>, my responsibilities included organizing diary appointments, booking transport, handling phone calls, business development, secretarial duties and client engagement.

The role demanded strong communication and organizational skills in a fast-paced and often pressurized environment. Multi-tasking was essential as I balanced competing priorities for her time.

#### **EDUCATION**

## **Guildhall School of Music and Drama**, London — *MA in Acting 2:1*

Sep 2010 - Jul 2013

## **Trinity College Dublin,** Dublin — BA in Economics and Social Studies

Oct 2006 - Jun 2010

## **St. Mary's College**, Dublin — *Primary and Secondary School*

Sep 1995 - Jun 2006

435 Points in The Leaving Certificate

Activities and societies: Rugby, Cricket, Drama, Debating, Swimming, Volunteering, Music, Journalism.