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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE:

A proven Non-executive Director and Business Consultant with successful experience in advising start-ups, SMEs, community groups and enterprises. Extensive experience in Education and Community Regeneration project/programme management.

Skill set includes:

- ⤴ Business planning & strategy (including costings)
- ⤴ Management (design, appraisal, delivery, monitoring and evaluation) of projects and programmes.
- ⤴ Significant performance assessment skills and experience.
- ⤴ Devising and implementing economic development, regeneration, and education strategies.
- ⤴ Providing business/financial start-up advice and subsequent support to small and medium-sized enterprises, co-operatives, community groups and community enterprises.
- ⤴ Experience of Commissioning and E-procurement in Local Authority settings
- ⤴ Education and training skills in both academic and practical settings, including online via "Moodle".
- ⤴ Experienced in managing and leading multi-functional teams.
- ⤴ Excellent interpersonal, mediation, communications, negotiating, influencing/presentation skills.
- ⤴ IT literate: including web site design / installation / maintenance, experienced in hardware and software support .
- ⤴ Experienced company director, company secretary, school governor, college governor, trustee, treasurer, Chair
- ⤴ Languages: French; rudimentary Spanish.

CAREER EXPERIENCE:

Partner / Director - solutions.coop ltd – the Co-Operative Solutions Partnership August 2003 – present

- ⤴ co-operative development, SME guidance and advice
- ⤴ programme development and management
- ⤴ evaluations & due diligence
- ⤴ change management
- ⤴ Extended School services
- ⤴ democracy audits / internal communications audits / meeting cycle management
- ⤴ mediation & conflict resolution, collective decision-making facilitation

Core Team Member - EdenLit Ltd March 2017 – present

Assistance/advice with regard to blockchain/cryptocurrency and AI (Artificial Intelligence) marketing and implementation.

Director - The Operator ICT Ltd June 2015 – December 2018

Sales, Marketing, Management, Tech Support, etc in fields of ICT and Telecomms.

Chair of Trustees - Northampton Town FC Community Trust January 2015 – October 2016

Assistance/advice with regard to oversight and strategy development.

Area Committee / Regional Values & Principles Committee - The Co-Operative Group July 2011 – June 2015

Assistance/advice with regard to member services and good trading practice.

Ex Officio Board Member - Techmaids Ltd September 2014 – June 2015

Assistance/advice with regard to finance (providing IT training to ethnic minority women)

National Treasurer / Ex Officio Board Member - The Healing Trust (NFSH Ltd) August 2013 – April 2014

Assistance/advice with regard to oversight and management/reporting of finances.

Ambassador - The Global Poverty Project January 2012 – January 2013

Assistance/advice with regard to raising awareness of extreme global poverty.

Trustee - University Of Bristol Student Union November 2008 – February 2011

Assistance/advice with regard to Trust management and strategy development.

Programme Manager / Senior Advisor - Bristol City Council October 2004 – July 2009

- ⤴ Area Lead / Senior Adviser for Extended School Partnerships
- ⤴ Interpretation and delivery of £1.4 & £3 million regeneration programmes.
- ⤴ Management of Programmes consisting of up to 60 different projects
- ⤴ Monitoring, evaluation, contract management, and auditable record keeping.
- ⤴ Development, launch, and support of Extended School Partnerships & Communities
- ⤴ Assistance with roll out of "commissioning" and e-procurement framework
- ⤴ "Change Coach" within the BCC Business Transformation programme

Assistant Director - Marsh Farm New Deal Community Development Trust - Renaisi Consultants February 2002 – July 2003

- ⤴ Assist in the delivery of the Marsh Farm New Deal programme - £48 million over 10 years.
- ⤴ Coordinate community development.
- ⤴ Manage multiple projects.
- ⤴ Arrange acquisition (for £5m) of large local factory for community use.

Curriculum Vitae: **Martin Strube**

▲ Manage factory and associated equipment and facilities

Non-Executive Director - Social Software Ltd

December 2005 – January 2009

Assistance/advice with regard to company management and strategy development.

Company Secretary, Director & Founder Member - Eastern Region Co-Operative Council

January 1997 – July 2000

Secretariat and strategy development.

Economic Development Officer / CDA Manager - Luton Borough Council

April 1995 - June 2000

- ▲ Assist in the development of an Economic Development Strategy.
- ▲ Manage Euro ADAPT project in establishing transnational standards in co-operative development.
- ▲ Manage the operation of CDA Luton in seeking to establish and support new and existing enterprises.
- ▲ Assist with business plans and financial projections.
- ▲ Provide advice on financial management, including book-keeping/accounting practices, VAT and National Insurance.
- ▲ Interpret and advise on Memoranda / Articles of Association and Company Law.
- ▲ Advise and assist community-based enterprises
- ▲ Manage Euro KONVER project re. links between environmental technology and economic development.
- ▲ Liaise with other bodies/projects, including Local Authorities, TECs, Chambers of Commerce, and Business Links.
- ▲ Establish and provide secretariat to first UK "Co-operative Regional Council"

PREVIOUSLY:

Beds / Northants Co-operative Development Agencies; Community Projects Foundation, London; Cassio College, Watford; Oxfam, Kenya; Cambridgeshire College of Arts & Technology, Cambridge

SELF EMPLOYED: East Coast Road Productions, GrassRoots ICT, Writer / Musician

Founder Member - Sunseed Third World Development Trust and Bluefields Alternative Technology Centre;

Editor - Democratic Practice in Education

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS:

NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY, UK – Post Grad Certificate towards M Phil in Public Service Management

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY, Newfoundland, Canada - BA Anthropology & Political Science

COURSES / CPD: Institute of Leadership & Management – Co-operative Development Practitioner, Co-operative College Certificates in "Developing an Engaged Membership", "Applying Values & Principles", "Understanding Group Finance", "Understanding Management Information", BTEC Level 4 - Management Into Leadership, BCC Coaching for Change, Procurement & E Procurement, Common Assessment Framework, eCAF, Fischer Family Trust analysis, ESRC (Extended Schools Remodelling Consultant), Project Cycle Management, Mediation, Viable Systems (Stafford Beer), Communications, Health & Safety, Negotiation, Equal Opportunities, Accessing European Funds, Fair Selection.

LEISURE INTERESTS: Writing, directing and editing film and video. Performing and producing audio and video DVD. Working collectively to produce outdoor festivals and arts, theatre, and music events..

REFERENCES:

There are recommendations from current and previous colleagues permanently posted on my account at the professional networking web site www.linkedin.com. All would be happy to provide more detail as required. The most current is:

- "I have known Martin Strube since the early 80s and have worked with him in a number of settings. I have always found him to be tremendously resourceful and constructive. He has a useful balance of attention to detail combined with a good grasp of overview. He is a pleasure to work with and I have no hesitation in recommending him to anyone in any consultative role." - Jenny Smith, Partner, Co-operative Solutions Partnership

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