

# DAVID MONSON

Furniture Maker/Carpenter/Instructor

#### **PROFILE**

Woodwork Industry Professional who has worked in Cabinet Making and joinery from shop floor to design and sales.

Set up a Wooden gift manufacturing business in 2011 using CNC and Laser Technology supplying local markets and exporting to the US, Uk and Canada.

Also a woodwork Instructor teaching Night Classes and more recently working as part of a Team in the Rehabilitation of patients in a Hospital.

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#### **HOBBIES**

Soccer/Sport in General Gardening Walking Travelling

# **EDUCATION**

#### **GALWAY-MAYO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

The Furniture College Letterfrack

2010-2011

**B.Sc (Hons), Furniture and Wood Technology**, May 2011 First Class Honours. Student of the year AWARD.

2009-2010

**B.Sc Furniture and Wood Technology**, October 2010 with Distinction. Student of the year AWARD.

2003-2005

**National Certificate in Furniture & Wood Technology**, October 2005 with Distinction. Student of the year AWARD.

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### **Self Employed (IRELAND)** OWNER

September 2011–Present

Set up Company, Secured Investment, Manage Strategy and Financial Investment with Day to day running.

- Manufacture of Wooden Gifts
- Fitting out of Shops
- Furniture Manufacture
- General Carpentry and House Renovation
- Signs and Printing
- Furniture Installation

#### National Rehabilitation Hospital (IRELAND) Senior Woodwork Instructor

September 2017–Present (Career Break Since Sept 2018)

Supporting Occupational Therapists in Rehabilitation of patients in The Brain Injury Programme, Spinal Injury Programme, The Prosthetic, Orthotic and Limb Absence Rehabilitation Programme and The Paediatric Programme.

# Green Sahara Furniture (Morocco) Furniture Maker

January 2010–August 2010 Part of my Degree Work Experience

- Developed design and production processes.
- Learned Basic Arabic
- Trade Show Exhibition Organising

#### John Bosco Furniture (Ireland) Manager

August 2008-August 2009

- Responsible for Management of Showroom and Sales
- Co-ordinated design and sales process between showroom and factory manager
- Co-Ordination with Architects and Quantity Surveyors
- Presented design proposals to clients
- Responsible for Marketing and Sales strategy.

# Dingle Design Furniture (Ireland) Manager/Furniture Maker

May 2006-August 2008

- Managed Start up process of business, developing strategies and production plans.
- Project Manager responsible for all projects from Sales to Installation
- Responsible for Sales and Supply chain.
- Client Liaising.

# **ACCOMPLISHMENTS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Student of the Year, GMIT Letterfrack, 2005, 2010, 2011 €600 Award RTE Dragons Den Investment Secured 2013 €60,000 Award Kerry Business Awards Radio Kerry 2014
Shortlisted Kerrys Best Young Entrepreneur 2015
Shortlisted Best Start up Awards 2013
Kerrys Best Young Entrepreneur Award 2016 €15,000 Prize
Childrens First Training Certificate 2018
Disability Equality Training Certificate 2018
Communicating with People who have an Intellectual Disability 2018
Enterprise Ireland New Frontiers Training 2014 €15,000 Award
Grow Your Business Training 2012
Enterprise Ireland Award 2016 €50,000

Helped set up Charity for the Eve Branson Foundation in Morocco with David Bult of Green Sahara Furniture and Sir Richard Branson in 2016.

# **SKILLS**

# **Physical Skills**

Designing/Cabinet Making/Fitting Skills
Power tool and woodworking machinery skills
CNC, Laser and UV Printing Skills
Joinery Skills
Spray Finishing
Forklift Driving
Tractor and Machinery Driving Skills
Heavy Rigid Truck Driving License
Teaching/Instructor Skills
Management Skills
Sales and Communication Skills

# **IT Skills**

Microsoft Packages, AUTOCAD, INVENTOR, COREL Draw, ADOBE Photoshop, Wordpress Website Development, Vector Works, Mach 3.

# **REFERENCES**

# **Professional**

Mrs Lisa Held Head of Occupational Therapy Department National Rehabilitation Hospital Email: lisa.held@nrh.ie

Mr. John Carroll M.D. John Bosco Furniture Ballybrittas, Co. Laois Telephone: +353 878335112

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# ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Furniture Maker/Joiner, Summer 2004 Dan O' Connor Joinery Works, Co. Kerry, Ireland.

Furniture Maker/Joiner, Summer 2003 John Casey Fitted Furniture, Co. Kerry, Ireland.

Furniture Maker/Joiner, Summer 2002 Tim O'Halloran Fitted Furniture, Co. Kerry, Ireland. END