SAM DE SMEDT

Young graduate looking to make an impact.

PERSONAL

Birthday : 14th Feburari 1994
Nationality : Belgian
Hometown : Ghent

LANGUAGES

Dutch
English
French
German

DIGITAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office
Adobe CC
Keynote Pro
Copywriting
Video Editing
Digital Marketing

MOBILITY

Belgian Driving Licence (B)

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PROFILE

From a young age, I loved to create new things. I wanted to become an inventor. Since I had quite a wide field of interest, I always felt the urge to explore new terrain. Architecture school strengthened this need and taught me to think outside the box by interlinking a variety of disciplines. Later, my appetite for entrepreneurship motivated me to study business economics. During my thesis and internship year, I often encountered sustainability issues and discovered how entrepreneurship and innovation can be used in tackling these complex challenges.

I flourish in vibrant and changing environments, because it keeps me alert and continually forces me to question the status quo. People describe me as inventive, venturous, incisive and persevering. I like to be challenged and perform best in smaller teams.

In my spare time I can be found behind the turntables as I am part of a Ghent based DJ duo called 'Trubadur'. I also enjoy a game of futsal or going for a swim. My holidays are mostly spent in the mountains; skiing in the winter and hiking during the summer season.

EDUCATION

SECONDARY EDUCATION

SINT LIEVEN COLLEGE
General education with a focus on mathematics and economics
2006 - 2012

BACHELOR IN ARCHITECTURE

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LEUVEN
Art-inspired training in architecture and urban planning
2012 - 2017

MASTER IN BUSINESS ECONOMICS

GHENT UNIVERSITY
Mirco-economic education focused on marketing and entrepeneurship
2016 - 2018

THESIS SEMESTER ABROAD

CITY OF BERLIN
Research on temporality in start-ups and sustainable entrepreneurship
2018 - 2019

EXPERIENCE

Business Development Internship

May 2019 - Jun 2019

C-RE-A.I.D. | www.c-re-aid.org

Creaid is a Belgian architectural NGO based in Moshi, Tanzania. During my time there, I investigated the possibility of transforming the NGO into a social enterprise in order to reduce its dependence on traditional funding methods. I then proposed models to safeguard the financial sustainability of the organization.

Market Analysis Internship

Mar 2010 - Apr 2019

Smart Farmers | www.smartfarmers.eu

During this voluntary internship I learned more about the operation of aquaponics and urban agriculture, which fuelled my interest in circular economy. I was responsible for the maintenance of installations and also carried out research into potential opportunities on the international market.

Bar Manager

Dec 2014 - Jan 2019

First In Line | www.firstinline.be

As a Barmanager I was responsible for supervising and guiding bar crews on festivals such as Tomorrowland or Rock Werchter and events in Vooruit, Ghent.

Scouting

Sep 2001 - Aug 2016

Sint-Lieven | www.sint-lieven.be

I spent most of my childhood in the youth movement. It taught me a lot about group dynamics and living together with different people. During my time as a leader, I worked with children of different ages, each with their own specific challenges.