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Languages

- English (Native)
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About

A commercial marketer focused on outcomes not outputs. I lead my teams to have an incessant drive to continuously deliver against business objectives and understand how the marketing levers at our disposal can do that.

BRANDS WORKED WITH

- Freesat
- the People'S
- Virgin Media O2

Experience



● Director of Sales & Marketing

Freesat | Sep 2018 - Jun 2022

Freesat is a Free to View platform to rival Sky, which overhauled its model to a vertically integrated business. Managed a team of 12 marketers.

Senior Leadership: Member of the Management Team and regularly attended Board meetings.

Marketing Transformation: Overhauled the Marketing function from Brand-only to blend of Brand, Acquisition & Retention; leading to over-achieving on targets in year 1.

Team Leadership: Guided and developed a team of 12 people across Campaigns, PR, Sales, Digital, Editorial and Retention.

Integration planning: Ensured staff retention throughout the Freesat/DUK integration process through rigorous planning of internal comms; ensuring all staff remained motivated throughout.

Commercial Development: Guided the change retailer relationships from Marketing-led to commercial one, ensuring we achieved 6% higher margins than business cased.

Brand Strategy: Developed Freesat's new positioning – away from Free and into Freedom – resulting in 11% change in Top 3 consideration.

D2C Development: Oversaw the creation and delivery of our Direct-to-Consumer proposition, which delivered £230,000 gross margin in its first year.

Customer Experience: Established Freesat's Customer Experience department and principles to deal with an uplift of customer contacts of 230% in the first 3 months.

Retail Marketing: Oversaw Freesat's total retail marketing presence, ensuring clarity and consistency throughout all out touchpoints.

● Marketing Director

the People'S | Mar 2018 - Jul 2018

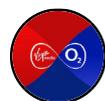
TPO is a purpose-led MVNO which donated part of its profits to a customer's chosen charity.

Commercial Development: Drove a 6% increase in direct traffic conversion through test & learn.

CRM Strategy: Improved CTRs on CRM by 11% through a revamped strategy for Welcome, Upsell and ongoing customer communications.

Media Strategy: Overhauled media strategy, moving it from digital only to a balanced approach, which delivered 8% uplift in sales through the website.

PR Development: Secured 35 radio interviews and 18 pieces of press coverage in trade and consumer titles.



● Head of Customer Acquisition Campaigns

Virgin Media O2 | Jul 2014 - Dec 2017

O2 is one of the largest mobile operators in the UK. I managed the acquisition activity across the Pay Monthly handset and SIM-only businesses as well as Pay As You Go.

Performance Marketing: Decreased CPAs from £235 to £56 through continuous optimisation of performance channels (SEO, PPC, Social and online display).

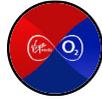
Marketing Effectiveness: Improved media ROI by 8% through remodelling of econometrics to include product halos and different types of campaigns.

Marcomms Strategy: Created a new layer of communication and mes-

saging hierarchy that drove the highest ROI (measured via Econometrics) and a media efficiency of 12%.

Marcomms Planning: Changed activity planning from quarterly to 6-monthly ensuring better planning and appropriate support from the business.

TTL Campaign Delivery & Budget Management: Oversaw the quarterly budget (c.£12-15m) for TTL media, including TV, radio, OOH, social, paid and digital display.



● Direct Marketing Manager

Virgin Media O2 | May 2012 - Jun 2014

Worked across the Pay Monthly Handset and SIM-only parts of the business as well as within the new business areas looking at digital wallets, train, healthcare and payment applications.

Customer Insight: Drove a 6.3% uplift via a change in strategy for SIM-only, driven by end user research.

Media Innovation: Established Twitter as a viable advertising channel as well as creating the business case for DRTV for SIM-only, which is now a critical channel for O2's acquisition activity.

Go To Market Planning: Launched new propositions to market including O2 Health, O2 Wallet and O2 Trains. Other Employment 2001-2012 Various positions held in Technology advertising agencies and as Assistant Brand Manager for Audio/VAIO at Sony Europe. Key highlights include:

Category launch: Launched e-reading category in the UK trebling forecasted sales within the 1st year

Lead Generation: Re-invigorated Alcatel Lucent's event marketing strategy, leading to a 40% improvement in registration rates and a 23% increase in attendance.

Promotional Delivery: Drove Walkman's market share from 7% to 12% via promotions & instore executions.

International campaign: Delivered international campaigns for Freescale, HP and StarAlliance across as many as 23 languages.