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Top Skills

Business Coaching
Thought Leadership
Creativity Skills

Languages

German
Spanish
French
Czech

Certifications

Certified LifeCoach
The Step-by-Step Guide to Building
your Thought Leadership on
LinkedIn
Certified Abundance Coach
Certified Executive Coach
Certified NLP Practitioner

Honors-Awards

South African Film & TV Awards
(SAFTAs) for Die Foon
South African Film & TV Awards
(SAFTAs) for Jam Sandwich

Michael Lee (he/him)

Ready to Innovate yourself, your organization, and the world?
Creativity & Innovation Coach Trainer and Facilitator - Human
Capacity Redesign #SpreadKindessAfrica
Johannesburg Metropolitan Area

Summary

I'm a certified "Master of Creativity and Innovation Coaching"? If you want to get better ideas faster and easier, and implement them with success - helping you do that is my specialty.

And if you're a coach who wants to do the same for your clients - perfection.

Start with this: CREATIVITY IS THE ABILITY TO THINK
DIFFERENTLY FROM YOURSELF.

I wear 3 hats that will help you:

- Master of Creativity and Innovation Coaching, certified by the ICR
- Thought Leader Coach, platforming big minds to big impact for Thought Leader Path
- Global Innovation Advisor for the cutting-edge Silicon Valley firm Innovation Minds

Now, about you:

You were born a creative genius. School and society helped trash this, but the primary culprit is you. Even better than create, you make judgments: put things in boxes to classify and understand them and function in life. Most of all your SELF: You know who you are, what you're good at, what you like & dislike. 95% of your day runs on auto-pilot so it makes sense.

Problem is, you can only have the ideas YOU have. Every day you wake up and make the free choice to stay stuck. You might have

great ideas, but they are limited by your attachment to your greatest creation: yourself.

Then you wonder why your company struggles to Innovate?
Because the above applies to your whole team of course. And each member of the team built themselves separately.

Start with being honest, open-minded, and willing about what is limiting you. (Hint: You)

I know a little about:

- Addiction. I'm a recovering addict, five years clean.

I'LL HELP YOU LEAVE BEHIND WHAT YOU ARE STUCK ON

- Creativity. I'm a professional writer, editor and filmmaker.

I'LL HELP YOU FIND NEW, COMPELLING WAYS TO PRESENT YOURSELF ALIGNED WITH YOUR VISION

- Transformation. I have years of ontology training and am an Executive Coach, NLP Practitioner, and Abundance Coach as well as what I told you above.

I'LL HELP YOU SEE YOUR BLIND SPOTS & OVERCOME THEM

- Education. I founded Academy of Television in Johannesburg in 2010 and designed the curriculum.

I KNOW HOW TO TEACH AND TRAIN LEADERS

Over the past 10 years I've developed a specific approach to personal and team creative restoration: INNOTIVITY™. It's built into my personal signature training, The Innovation Explosion, that dozens of entrepreneurs have benefited from.

I'm also certified as an Abundance Coach, Executive Coach, NLP Practitioner, and Life Coach.

Inbox me to set up a discovery call. You can get ALL you need including how to book me at <https://bit.ly/innotivity>

Experience

Innovation Minds

Senior Vice President, Strategy and Marketing

August 2020 - Present (1 year 6 months)

Silicon Valley, California, United States

We accelerate innovation for game-changing results.

Our AI-driven innovation solutions will revolutionize how you:

- Assess strategic challenges
- Jumpstart innovation and manage experimentation
- Collaborate on new ideas using Innovation Management Platform and live events (6-THONS© Framework)
- Monitor progress of ideas and evaluate impact scores
- Develop the best ideas into profitable products, services, and solutions
- Over time, our system uses AI to give feedback (Innovator Profiles) so employees can improve their innovation competencies.

Our holistic solution seamlessly joins the online and real world. Our intuitive crowdsourcing platform and live events engage employees, partners, and customers. And best of all, you always have the right support through our master facilitators and customer service.

The Mastery Hub

Creativity and Innovation Coachsultant at The Mastery Hub

April 2021 - Present (10 months)

The Mastery Hub is the World's First Digital Coachsulting Platform. We help individuals and organizations master the most important aspects of life with cutting-edge 1:1 and small group coachsulting programs | Get Started with a FREE 30-minute consultation | www.themasteryhub.com

Innotivity Institute

Master of Creativity & Innovation Coaching - Innovation Consultant - Speaker/Facilitator

July 2016 - Present (5 years 7 months)

Johannesburg Area, South Africa

We are an international creativity and innovation training and coaching organization for businesses, leaders, creators and coaches.

Innotivity is creativity and innovation described in one process. Because one without the other is pointless. They all are part of one sequence of events beginning with confronting a problem and ending with sorting it out.

When Innovation fails it is often the creativity behind it that is lacking, more than the "implementation" phase. And when creativity doesn't connect and flourish, it's the implementation piece that has broken down.

Create, innovate, pivot, disrupt, and revolutionize, at work!

At the Innotivity Institute we offer teaching that centers on individual and team mindset. While 98% of adults have lost a good chunk of their inborn creativity, we can help you get it back. We train individual entrepreneurs and artists, company and corporate teams, and creativity coaches.

If you are looking to get unstuck and/or get on the move and pivot, don't start by what you do, but by who you are being. Restore your creative genius and get on board with Innotivity.

INDIGO MONTTOYA CS

Creative Director - Film and TV Production and Writing

October 2003 - Present (18 years 4 months)

Johannesburg Area, South Africa

Thought Leader Path

Thought Leader Coach

September 2020 - July 2021 (11 months)

New York City Metropolitan Area

it's not about the money, it's about the impact. That's what gets us out of bed in the morning,

And what puts our hearts and minds into not only OUR business, but into YOURS.

The world needs you to succeed, because you will make a meaningful dent in the universe.

You will move the Earth a little bit more on its axis, towards goodness, impact, grace,

justice, wholeness, and abundance.

Isn't that what you've been working all of these years towards?

Isn't that what you thought you would accomplish in this life?

Isn't that what people told you you had within you?

We have made it our obsession and our mission to help YOU find the fuel within your passion that ACTUALLY ignites generational wealth and builds generational impact.

Because YOU only have one life, right?

Let's talk.

Human Innovation Project

Chief Visionary Officer

February 2020 - February 2021 (1 year 1 month)

South Africa

Academy of Television and Screen Arts

Founder & Founding Academic Head, Academy of Television

December 2010 - November 2019 (9 years)

Johannesburg

Launched new division of existing school, focussed on television and screen media. Originally was Head of the School, then Head of Development, then Head of Industry Relations, then Head of Storytelling.

Gotel Africa

Executive Producer: Documentaries and Reality Programming

February 2015 - August 2015 (7 months)

Abuja, Nigeria

In charge of all documentary and reality programming research, production, and distribution as well as acquisitions.

Mahala Media

CEO

January 2005 - January 2015 (10 years 1 month)

Johannesburg

Mahala Media is a media production and consulting company dedicated to transformation of people and cultures through popular media. Mahala is 51% black-woman-owned and prioritizes bringing elements of training, skills transfer, and empowering youth in its projects.

Mahala has co-produced two reality series for broadcast on SABC2 – The Ringmaster (2005), and Jam Sandwich (2008 - 2013). Mahala has worked extensively with NGOs, including the Mazisi Kunene Foundation, Fondation Espace Afrique, the Eskom Development Foundation, Showcase Your Business, and Amnesty International.

Mahala's first feature-length documentary, Durban Poison, was broadcast on SABC2 at 9 PM on Jan 4 2008. Mahala also helped launch the underground cultural venue House of Nsako and ran the film nights there for most of 2008.

Mahala in 2013 will be co-producing Jam Sandwich series 3 as well as developing a series of film and TV projects.

Gulder Ultimate Search

Director, Writer

September 2013 - October 2014 (1 year 2 months)

Nigeria

Writer and then Director of Survival type reality programme - Highlights struggle of Contestants and their struggles against themselves and the wild i.e. nature, Sponsored by Nigerian Breweries and broadcast throughout Nigeria and Africa.

The search for hidden treasure, solving riddles and puzzles, crossing obstacles and challenges, mustering physical and mental strength, working together individually/collectively and members of sub-teams

A reality show that brings to life and reinforces brands virtues and personality. A platform for youth development and empowerment.

SASFED

Executive Committee Member

July 2008 - August 2013 (5 years 2 months)

SASFED = South African Screen Federation, I was the Treasurer of the board until 2010. In 2010 the Board changed to the Executive Committee, and I was the Chair of the Intellectual Property Sub-committee.

ARISE TV

Executive Producer

June 2013 - July 2013 (2 months)

Johannesburg

Show running and content oversight for morning news and magazine shows.

Cultuvista

Director

September 2010 - May 2013 (2 years 9 months)

Running small media consulting and services business.

Jam Sandwich

Series Director, Producer

August 2008 - March 2013 (4 years 8 months)

South Africa

Multi-award winning reality show conceived by myself along with partners focussing on South African musicians collaborating to create new songs.

NEMISA

Part Time Lecturer in Camera

November 2010 - November 2010 (1 month)

Lectured camera and connected courses.

Nsako Cultural Investments

Founding Member (aka Mamba)

July 2007 - July 2008 (1 year 1 month)

NsAkO – the Nuff SAid KOLleKtiv - is an ACE company - AfriKan Cultural Empowerment. Nsako seeks to source, develop & promote African Cultural Heritage projects via music, art, film, food, fashion, literature & dance,,, and, no less, tourism. Ultimately, to create unique, inspiring venues/ spaces that closely reflect the “AfriKan Experience”.

Documentary Filmmakers Association

Treasurer

April 2007 - May 2008 (1 year 2 months)

Founding board member and Treasurer.

Wits University

Lecturer in Editing

June 2007 - November 2007 (6 months)

Lectured editing.

Trafika Press Inc.

Founding Editor

1992 - 2002 (10 years)

Created and co-ran (as Fiction Editor) international review of contemporary literature.

Education

Stanford University

MA/BA, Political Science, CREES · (1985 - 1989)

Entertainment Master Clas

Certificate, Arts, Entertainment, and Media Management · (2010 - 2010)

New York Film Academy

Certificate, Filmmaking · (1997 - 1997)

University of California, Berkeley

none, Law · (1991 - 1992)