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## SUMMARY

Sustainability Manager with experience in public service and grassroots advocacy. Extensive NGO and for-profit project manager experience. Communication, planning, and organizing are my strong suits, as are extensive writing experience (including grants) and building programs from the ground up.

## COMPETENCIES

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| Project Management | Entrepreneur | Editing (film/video) | German, Spanish |
| Planning, Organizing | Strategist, Catalyst | Writing | Hungarian |

## EDUCATION

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York, NY**
MA Sustainability Management |GPA 3.92/4.00 2023
Relevant Coursework: Sustainability Management | Sustainability Metrics | Policy & Legal Context| Sustainable Forestry| International Environmental Law | Earth's Climate |Circular Economy
Capstone: Rainforest preservation projects funding through private funds

**Catholic College of Cologne, Germany** 2000
Social Pedagogy, BS

**ELTE – Bárczi Gusztáv College, Budapest, Hungary** 1996
Social work and mental hygiene, BS

## EXPERIENCE & LEADERSHIP

SzóKiMondóka Fejlesztőjáték Ltd., Budapest, Hungary 2010 - 2023
**Founder, CEO – remote from the US**

- Promoting literacy, language preservation, and environmental awareness for children.
- Hired and onboarded staff for a satellite company, in collaboration with famous writers and musicians.
- Fundraising, marketing, sales, and creation of educational material.
- Created a new methodology promoting literacy and an entire product line of 36 products.
- Business planning, competitive research, focus group, market analysis. Created a successful subscription system.

Overbrook Foundation, New York 2023
**Graduate Student Consultant**
NGO Framework Assessment, Liaison for NGOs for vetting them in rainforest preservation for support.

Lower East Side Ecology Center, New York, NY 2008 - 2010
**Field Rep - EcoBIZ Program**

- Door to door canvassing and recruiting businesses for the EcoBIZ program.
- Guiding them through the steps of environmentally sound solutions in their business (energy, waste, water, etc.)

BUDS Foundation for Human & Nature Protection, NGO, Budapest 1999 – 2007
**Founder, Leader, Program Manager, Fund Raiser**
Inspire individuals to take action in their lives and communities. Create educational & work opportunities.

- Recipient of a European Union Grant (Approx. 330,000 USD) to create an employment program for the under-served; trained in recycling plastics/textiles for fifty individuals in two years, leading to certification and lasting employment. Led grant writing, planning, and oversight.
- Wrote and implemented a grant award to build a recycling site from the ground up. Contracted recycling companies to pick up the materials, proceeds subsidized employment for a caretaker.

- Recruited, organized, and supervised international volunteers for Eco-farming.
- Co-sponsored an International initiative with an NGO in Germany (Ökowerk - Berlin), establishing an Experience Path in the local forest. Responsible for over-site and tours.
- Successfully organized a permanent injunction to cease illegal deforestation.
- Planned and organized multiple environmental days, events, and festivals like OzoneFest, International Water Day, Earth Day, etc., for thousands of people.

**Nominated Fellow** 2012 - 2013
European Union sponsored "Program in Sustainability Education for Working Mothers."
- Sustainability Certificate earned
- One-year advanced training in entrepreneurial eco-farming and eco-tourism

Foundation for Homeless People, Budapest 2003–2007
**Lead Counselor**
In two city-wide shelters devoted to housing and engaging the homeless community. The shelter provided beds, cooking, washing opportunities, and counseling.

## Environmental/Sustainability Continuing Education

Political Economy of the Environment & Environmental Policy 2008
Corvinus University, Budapest, Hungary
Taught by Michael Ash, Assoc. Professor of Economics & Public Policy - UMASS

Magyar Gyula Gardener Secondary School, Hungary 2005
General Gardener Certification

EcoForum Foundation, Budapest, Hungary 2003
Local Composting / Herb Uses and Growing

Environmental Education Association, Hungary 2002
Forest Pedagogy