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Top Skills

Business Strategy
Start-ups
Business Development

Matt Clifford

PM's Representative for the AI Safety Summit (On sabbatical from Entrepreneur First)
United Kingdom

Summary

I co-founded and run Entrepreneur First, the world's leading talent investor. The companies built at EF are now worth over \$10bn.

Entrepreneur First is the best place in the world to meet your co-founder and build a startup from scratch.

Every six months, in six countries around the world, we bring together and fund exceptional individuals to help them meet their co-founder, develop an idea and raise money from leading investors - as fast as possible.

EF alumni companies include Tractable (a computer vision unicorn), Cleo, Omnipresent, Aztec, Transcelestial, Airbank and many more.

We're backed by some of the world's best tech founders and company builders, including Patrick and John Collison (Stripe); Reid Hoffman (LinkedIn), Demis Hassabis (DeepMind); Tom Blomfield (GoCardless and Monzo), Sara Clemens (Pandora and Twitch); Nat Friedman (GitHub); and Matt Mullenweg (Wordpress).

For more information about Entrepreneur First, visit <http://www.joinef.com/>

In 2016, I was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to business.

Experience

10 Downing Street
Prime Minister's Representative for the AI Safety Summit
August 2023 - Present (4 months)
London, England, United Kingdom

The Prime Minister has appointed me as his Representative for the AI Safety Summit that the UK will host at Bletchley Park in November 2023. Alongside Jonathan Black, I will lead the UK's preparations for the Summit and the negotiations and discussions with the attending countries and companies.

I am taking a short sabbatical from Entrepreneur First to take on this role. I will return to EF full-time after the Summit.

Entrepreneur First

Chief Executive, Co-founder

August 2011 - Present (12 years 4 months)

London, United Kingdom

We invest in the world's top technical talent and support them to build world-class startups in London, North America, Berlin, Paris and Bangalore. The companies that we've helped to build from scratch are now worth over \$10bn.

Advanced Research and Invention Agency

Chair

August 2022 - Present (1 year 4 months)

I am the founding Chair of ARIA - a new R&D funding agency designed to make bold bets that complement and amplify the UK's world-class research ecosystem. Our mandate: create new capabilities that can benefit the UK and advance human progress.

Code First: Girls

Co-founder and NED

June 2013 - Present (10 years 6 months)

London, United Kingdom

Code First: Girls exists to close the gender gap in tech. We have taught over 100,000 women to code, working in partnership with over 100 leading employers and 50 universities.

Kennedy Memorial Trust

Trustee

January 2019 - Present (4 years 11 months)

London, United Kingdom

The Kennedy Memorial Trust is the UK's national memorial to President John F Kennedy. It has provided fully funded scholarships for graduate study at Harvard and MIT since 1966.

Innovate UK

Council Member (non-exec director)

January 2020 - March 2023 (3 years 3 months)

London, United Kingdom

InnovateUK is the UK's innovation agency. Innovate UK is part of UK Research and Innovation, a non-departmental public body funded by a grant-in-aid from the UK government.

Member of the Risk and Audit Committee.

techfortrade

Trustee and Non-exec Director

September 2013 - June 2018 (4 years 10 months)

London, UK

techfortrade is the leading UK charity specifically focused on bridging the divide between emerging technology and international trade and economic development. We directly support early stage businesses using innovative and disruptive digital technology to create opportunities that facilitate trade and alleviate poverty.

McKinsey & Company

1 year 11 months

Associate

July 2011 - August 2011 (2 months)

London, United Kingdom

Helped advise on a range of strategy, growth and innovation questions across healthcare, retail, high-tech and social sectors.

Business Analyst

October 2009 - June 2011 (1 year 9 months)

London

Office of US Senator Sherrod Brown

Research

June 2007 - August 2007 (3 months)

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Master of Science (MSc)

