



**2022 CV**

## Out the box Business Card

I am a dynamic, self-motivated person, the author of a gripping book about a tough life, 20 years of it spent incarcerated. For the past five and a half years I have been working tirelessly building a career as a author, actor, speaker, mentor, and activist.

I am frequently contacted by the media for comment on prison and criminal justice topics; most recently in the wake of the London Bridge tragedy, when I was interviewed by national and international press, including The Guardian, Sky, LBC and Press TV.



## Books and Film

My autobiography Out of the Box was published in 2016 and received excellent reviews in The Guardian, Inside Time, The Independent, Justice Gap, Press TV and digital media.



In 2017-18 I featured in the BAFTA winning and Grierson prize nominated documentary Gun No6 produced by Garden TV, an acclaimed documentary about the journey of a lethal gun. Pre-production I worked alongside the producers as they put together the cast; I used my knowledge to assist in the production and to participate creatively as an actor.

### **Media and TV engagements include**

- TV interviews with My London and This Morning



- BBC radio



- 3 month zoom webinar for the Los Angeles Juvenile Centre for young people associated with local gang activity
- LBC radio - David Lammy

- On-screen work with the Open University, and radio, including Radio 4 and National Prison Radio
- Brixton prison Radio
- Church Radio
- Podcast with James English - 200k views

## **Advertising**

In 2021 I launched Gorilla Media - an advertising company projecting LED billboards across West London using laser projectors to display limitless size logos. Work is ongoing to expand the company.

<https://outofthebox-gorillamedia.com/>

## **Mentoring and community activism**

In 2019 I was the driving force behind a 2-day Christmas food-bank collection from Brent Cross Tesco's superstore, in conjunction with the Seventh Day Adventist church, which collected enough to give 20 homeless people and 30 families substantial food parcels.

In 2021 I organised a charity giveaway of a car to an outstanding young man who is today being scouted by professional football teams

I organised an iPhone giveaway initiative targeted at 17-20 year olds to foster and encourage them in achieving positive goals

Worked alongside Tesco to deliver a shopping giveaway to single parents and the homeless

Mentoring and financial support to families acting as a positive role model to young people.

## **Speaking engagements**

In 2021 I presented a talk to inmates at Bedford prison

Public speaking both individually and on panels at countless venues including: Greenwich, Oxford and City universities; schools, pupil referral units and youth clubs across London; bookshops, film festivals, public meetings.

## **Charity Recognition**

My charity is called Out of the Box Community Effort. On 28th September 2019 our charity work was awarded an Antoin Akpom Achievements Foundation award for Community Contribution.

## **Work in progress**

- Developing an educational digital workbook targeted at positively influencing the choices that young people make
- Developing Film scripts based on the Outofthebox book
- Building enterprise and business to further give back to local communities and benefit the outofthebox Charitable causes

More information about the Outofthebox Charity foundation can be found here at <http://outoftheboxbook.uk/>