

Jiselle Steele (CoHost)



Passionate about designing and delivering programmes that support diverse groups around the world to transform their communities through social entrepreneurship. Jiselle currently runs corporate volunteering and mentor programmes at _SocialStarters and has also led professional development and enterprise programmes in the UK, Brazil and Sri Lanka.



Sukanya Ayatakshi-Endow (Co-Host)

Senior Academic in Entrepreneurship at Bournemouth University Business School and co-founder of BU Social Entrepreneurs Forum. Supports social entrepreneurship through BUSEF and her education practices, and is active in supporting women's representation in entrepreneurship.

Founder of Josafinas Colab and Cultural Space, social business of female entrepreneurs from the periphery and cultural space that rescues Afro-Brazilian and Indigenous culture in Campo Grande



Aira Nascimento

Sarah Ali Choudhury



As an Indian food expert, Sarah's recipes and articles have featured in publications locally, nationally and internationally including Financial Times, The Telegraph, The Independent and various others. Forbes highlighted Sarah as a disrupter in the Indian catering industry and titled her 'The Curry Queen'.

Erin Thomas Wong



Founder of the The Mumpreneur Collective, Erin has founded several small businesses and is without doubt an entrepreneur at heart! She had a fast-paced career in Television Production on some of the UK's best-loved programmes.



Maryam Al Aamri

Founder and CEO of Youth Vision. Maryam is a young woman ambitious, seeking to achieve her mission in life "empower youth to be leaders so they can build themselves and their countries."



Gabriela Anastácia

CEO of Gamarc Communication and in 2016, after motherhood created the social impact movement, Papo de Empreendedora [Female Entrepreneur Chat], to democratise access to entrepreneurship education for women.



Ludmila Hastenreiter

Founder and Executive Director of Accounting Empowerment (founded in 2017) Ludmila leads the delivery of free events that promote awareness, training in Business Finance / Accounting (that has already reached 2000 people) and in the development of Accounting Solutions for managing micro and small enterprises.

Bia Santos



CEO of Barkus Education, social impact business of inclusion and financial education, graduated in Administration from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro - UFRJ and the University of Porto - Uporto and post-graduate in History and African and Afro-Brazilian Culture by the Institute of New Blacks.



Ranya Bakr

Founder of Storey and advisor to United Nations development programme's (UNDP). Ranya is an Iraqi Architect, she holds a Masters' degree in Innovation Management & Entrepreneurship from Bournemouth University and is a Chevening scholarship alumna.



Beatriz Carvalho

From São João De Meriti, a suburban area in the West zone of Rio, is a journalist and founder of social enterprise, Women In Front. Her social enterprise, Women In Front was created with the objective to empower women and girls from favela and periphery communities digitally as well as providing services to NGOs and social enterprises.



Shaima Al Lawati

Pioneer and thought leader, a dynamic, self-starter, expert and innovator in corporate social responsibility and sustainability with over a decade of experience across a wide spectrum of industries in Oman working with leading companies and governments. She is the founder of Al Maidan for Sustainability (Sustainable Square Oman) (2015 - 2017) and Destination Sustainability (2017-present)



Dayse Valença

Executive Secretary and Project Manager, Dayse is an ASHOKA Social Entrepreneur Fellow and has led the coordination of projects at Rio based NGO, ASPLANDE since 1994.



Adrienne Saunders

Founder of Yes You Can Training International Speaker. A professional, articulate and driven corporate trainer with over 10 years of experience in building highly effective teams for a wide range of small, medium and multinational companies.

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