Bournemouth University

Refugee Entrepreneurship and Covid-19

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Mélanie Montinard

Founder of Mawon

Lawyer and anthropologist, Mélanie Montinard has more than 12 years' experience in international cooperation between Haiti and Brazil, working with INGOs and UN agencies. Based on her own lived experience of migration and entrepreneurship, Mélanie and her husband founded Mawon, the social business in 2017, whose objective is to transform migration journeys into legal, safe and culturally rich experiences.

Abdoulaye Fall

Program Manager at Self-Funded Communities

holds a PhD in Demography with a research centered on Senegalese and Sub-Saharan migration in Spain. His life trajectory as a migrant alongside his academic background have driven him to engage since 2009 in the implementation of the Self-Funded Communities, a financial inclusion program for migrants and vulnerable collectives in Europe for which he is the Program Manager.

Mrs Sayma Ahmad

Co Founder Unity in Vision

Jointly with her Husband brought the first curry house to Dorset in 1962 this making her the first local Asian woman entrepreneur. Her inspirational journey from there as an interpreter and community pillar was calumniated at the IWD celebration in 2019 , the local community awarded Sayma , the lifetime achievement award for her supportive role to individuals and families. Till this modern day sharing her life story creates an impact through the organisations she cofounded : Dorset Bengali Association DBA, Bournemouth Interpreters group BIG , Unity in Vision UinV.

Camila Batista

Vice-Director of Migraflix

Camila has worked in favelas and marginalised areas from a young age, developing diverse local development projects. As a social entrepreneur, Camila has leadership experience in social organisations in this ecosystem. Camila is Vice-Director of Migraflix, a social startup that promotes social and economic inclusion of refugees and immigrants. In 2015, Camila was recognised as one of the "150 voices of the youth of tomorrow" by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations.

Ingrid Carmago

Brassau's International Consultant and Project Coordinator

International Relations Bachelor Degree/UFF - Brassau's International Consultant and Project Coordinator.

Jiselle Steele- Co-Host

Passionate about designing and delivering programmes that support diverse groups around the world to transform their communities through social entrepreneurship, Jiselle has over 10 years' experience in project management and programme development in both NGOs and social enterprises working particularly with youth engagement, the creative economy and women's economic empowerment. Jiselle has recently collaborated with Sukanya Ayatakshi-Endow, Senior Lecturer at BU to conduct research on female-led social entrepreneurship and refugee and immigrant entrepreneurship in Brazil, Spain and the UK.

Sukanya Ayatakshi-Endow Co-Host

Co Founder of BU Social Entrepreneurs Forum

Senior Academic in Entrepreneurship at Bournemouth University and co-founder of BUSEF . supports social entrepreneurship through BUSEF and her education practices, and is active in supporting women's representation in entrepreneurship.

Débora Gonzága

Founder of Brassau

Legal Consultant and Researcher in Brazilian Migration Law, qualified with an exclusive course for legal service networks in Brazil by the International Organisation of Migrants [OIM - Organização Internacional de Migrações] and the Federal Public Defender's Office [DPU - Defensoria Pública da União]. Débora is a member of the Network of Research and Peace conflicts and critical studies (PCECS) and the National Professional Advocacy network.

Talal Altinawi

Founder of Talal Culinaria Siria

He was a mechanical engineer in Syria and set up the gastronomy businesss in Brazil due to employment issues.

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Rita Satti El-Gazali

chairwoman of Unity in Vision

Active member from the local migrant community since settling in the UK 1998 .Rita used her biracial background to do interpreting and the rich training experience as an interior spatial designer and tutor abroad and to work with a few of local adult learning providers for 8 yrs. Since becoming a full time carer and housewife in 2010 , she focused on employing her skills towards building positive impacts on some of the lives of those around . This was hand in hand with a fantastic team of volunteers that are members or supporters through community partnerships of a local organisation called Unity in Vision , whom she chairs .

Caroline Lamb

Founder and Chair of trustees CRESS

studied Geography and International Development at Oxford University in the 1970s – She then taught Geography in schools retiring in 2008. CRESS' vision remains to enable the South Sudanese Refugees to build self – sufficiency through a holistic development strategy. The micro finance project plays a major part in this and in just 18 months some 41 savings groups have been established with 1320 members. These groups now support 573 businesses.

Lilija Noel

CRESS Uganda Microfinance officer

Lilija perform the following roles and responsibilities: - Recruit and train Community Based Facilitators (CBFs) for the VSLA project. Conduct Local authority & community mobilization to conduct awareness on CRESS VSLA activities. Provide Training to VLSA group on the VLSA methodology. Provide basic entrepreneur training to saving group members. Supervise Field CBFs & VSLA activities. Identify project and business success stories and share DOL and CRESS UK. Give business ideas and advices to saving members. Write and submit project monthly and annual report to Diocese of Liwolo

Esther Yanya

Refugee entrepreneur in Uganda

When Esther joined the saving group called "Joy", she barely had a business nor an idea of business she said. After a year, she raised money that she did a six months' skill training on tailoring. She completed and have bought three machines. She now plans to rent a house for training the local women in Mijale. She is the group secretary for both Agriculture and saving projects.

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