



This newsletter focuses on some of the many positive projects, businesses and endeavours, that have been motivated by the COVID pandemic. There are newly established, COVID inspired podcasts, hardship funds and businesses launched. Plus one alumna who has made it into the Top 35 Women in FinTech!

We hope you feel inspired too.

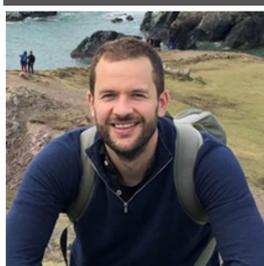
Our Alumni Masters Top-up Program continues to go from strength to strength, and we are currently recruiting for a 5th May 2021 start for the next cohort.

This study opportunity is exclusively for our alumni. In collaboration with the University of Chester, Mountbatten is offering a fully online, study from anywhere in the world opportunity to top up your Postgraduate Certificate in International Business and convert it to a Masters – MA/MBA, all at a very reasonable price.

Further information, and details on how to apply are available from the button below.

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Features



Alum of the Month Alex Melia New York Program, September 2008

"Most of my time is currently focused on running Swoosh, where I help international students, as well as non-native doctors and nurses to pass international English exams...I've also spent a lot of time lately on being part of a team that creates the podcast "Our Voices", which delves into the lives of medical professionals and highlights the highs and lows of their experiences during the global pandemic. I would describe this as a real passion project for me".

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Entrepreneurial Alumni Meet Semlani New York Program, March 2015

Meet used his experience of redundancy due to the pandemic, as an opportunity to set up his business Tartan. Tartan provides the infrastructure for businesses and end-users alike to access workforce data. Here Meet describes his business and how he set it up, and what's next on Tartan's agenda.

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Entrepreneurial Alumni Dominic Tait New York Program, March 2011

Dominic is the co-founder of Valention Vermouth, alongside his brother David. Valention is Scottish-Italian vermouth which combines the best ingredients from Scotland & Italy including small batch Italian wine and make new malt barley spirit, and botanicals cultivated in both countries.

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Yasmin Joha

Many congratulations to Yasmin (New York, August 2015), who has achieved the inspirational award of being one of the #Standout35 #womeninfintech #powerlist alongside 34 inspirational women and role models from around the world!

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/yasmin-joha-65b34253/>

Clara Widdison

Clara (New York, March 2012) was recently interviewed by BBC London in relation to her role as Head of Social Inclusion at the Mayor's Fund for London. Clara spoke about their Take & Make Recipe boxes, inspired by commercial recipe boxes, which support children in a dignified away.

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6784437428288548864/>

As Clara explains, "Take & Make aims to get children learning to cook in their homes and spending time with siblings and parents. We designed this initiative in direct response to the #Covid19 crisis, allowing us to get healthy food into homes regardless of the lockdown status. Each box contains delicious, portioned ingredients to cook a healthy meal from scratch".

You can find out more about their latest #KitchenSocial initiative by watching the video and support them here: <https://bit.ly/2PhwFEK>

Kiran Hothi & Sonam Kaur

Two NY program alumni, Kiran Hothi & Sonam Kaur (NY August 2015) of NotYourWife, are featured in Refinery29 magazine with a piece exploring South Asian representation on British television:

<https://www.refinery29.com/en-gb/south-asian-representation-british-television>

Kubi Springer

Kubi (New York, September 2001) was recently featured in the Metro UK for her advice on branding the Royal Family, and the power of self-belief.

<https://metro.co.uk/2021/03/29/branding-expert-reveals-how-she-could-help-the-royal-family-14311968/>

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We love showcasing our alumni successes, where they are now and what a day in their life looks like. If you would like to be featured in a future edition of Mountbatten Network News, get in touch!

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