



The early part of 2022 has seen Black History Month in the US and Women's History Month in the UK, but the distressing situation in the Ukraine has taken over in prominence on a global scale, unfortunately.

Mountbatten Program Director General, Dr Paul Beresford-Hill recently made a trip to Syria and Turkey in his capacity as Ambassador, Permanent Mission of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the United Nations. The Sovereign Order of Malta is a major Catholic humanitarian organization, which today mobilizes over 100,000 staff and volunteers worldwide, providing disaster relief, first aid training, educational programmes for migrants and refugees, support for the victims of human trafficking and exploitation while it also operates a global network of hospitals, clinics and locally managed ambulance and emergency care facilities.

This trip culminated in an address Dr Paul recently gave to the United Nations, on humanitarian aid to Ukraine: <https://youtu.be/bTcJO27fNgg>

Please also read the In the News section at the end of this newsletter to see how David Marshall has been helping the Ukrainian Red Cross Society and how you can help too.

Alumni Master's Top-up Program - An Affordable Master's degree

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[Alumni Masters Program](#)

Our Alumni Masters programme is a truly transformative training journey for experienced professionals, and here are some accounts from recent alumni, [Laura McNally](#), [Chris Wheatley](#) and Andrew Dawson below:

"After 15 months of hard work, it's great to finally be able to confirm my MBA result as a Distinction from the Mountbatten Program. What started off as a challenge to upskill myself during the Covid lockdown, turned into an ongoing balance on how to allocate the right time to study against a full time job and then later in the year, a move to a new job in a new country. A completely remote MBA was definitely an interesting experience, however it was all made the more bearable with the great cohort."

"It's been a long journey since I looked like this ten years ago on my first Mountbatten experience!"



Andrew Dawson (New York, March 2012 PGC), MBA
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Mountbatten Connect Update

Mountbatten Program is changing the way we connect with our alumni. Our plan going forward, is that as many of you as possible join our LinkedIn alumni group, details of which are below. If you request to join, you will be approved, and it will be kept exclusively for Mountbatten alumni. In this group, much like Mountbatten Connect, you can post jobs, events and fundraisers, as well as promote your new business ventures and other relevant projects.

You can also follow our [LinkedIn company page for Mountbatten Program](#), to keep in touch with Program developments and news.

We hope you continue to enjoy the benefits that come from being part of our unique and exclusive global alumni network of over 8,000 people from across 45 countries, and spanning a huge diversity of industries, professions and varied career paths.

[Join the Mountbatten Program Alumni Network](#)

Features



Alum of the Month Vikas Sharma London Program, March 2009

"(During my year in London), I represented Kent based Hadlow Cricket Club in ECB affiliated cricket league and played a key role in taking them to the higher division. I was invited to play by my manager, who was Cricket enthusiast and supported the club as a local".

[Read more](#)



Entrepreneurial Alumni Update David Mantle New York Program, September 2007

"Stashbee was founded in 2017 with a single goal - to be the place for space. From storing items to parking cars, our mission is to put the world's unused space to good use. From vacant garages and parking spaces to sheds and spare rooms, we connect those in need of space to those who have space to spare."

[Read full article](#)

In the News

Sofia Laurell (New York, September 2010)

Sofia and her company Tiny Organics, has recently been featured in Forbes Magazine in an article detailing how she (and her co-founders) built a company that provides healthy baby food that introduces youngsters to different flavours and textures. Seventy percent of each of the company's meals are vegetable-forward, meaning that the vegetables are the focal point of the meal. The company has raised \$11 million in a Series A funding round led by Springdale Ventures, with participation from other prominent investors, including InvestEco, Silas Capital, Human Ventures and Babylist. The full account is in the link below:-

www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6914595115302883328
www.tinyorganics.com

Alex Melia (New York, September 2008)

Alex continues to source and produce a noteworthy NHS podcast series, Our Voices, which provides a platform for doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals to share their untold stories. Developed by a team of 5 that includes sound engineers, NHS experts and podcast editors.

Listen here: https://link.chnl.com/Our_Voices

Our Voices has been featured on Pod Bible, BBC Radio 4 Extra and was listed on Apple Podcast's New and Noteworthy section. So far, they've had over 10,000 downloads and hope they can continue to spread these powerful stories to provide hope and inspiration to others!

Ryan Clarke (New York, August 201)

Ryan is the Head of ECOMMERCE at STATSports and has been included in the 30 Under 30 - pWc Sport for Business 2022. Ryan says, "It's been a mad start to 2022, but buzzing to have been included in the PwC Sport for Business 30 under 30 this year". Congratulations!

www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6917151775451955201

Yasmin Johal (New York, August 2015)

Yasmin continues to feature prominently in the women in FinTech space, making the Women in FinTech Powerlist awarded 2022, by Innovate Finance.

www.linkedin.com/in/yasmin-johal-65b34253/recent-activity/shares

Excellent news Yasmin!

David Marshall (New York, September 1997)

David, founder of Marshall E-Learning Consultancy, which focuses on diversity, inclusion and unconscious bias training courses, recently extended his company's support of humanitarian aid for Ukraine during the month of March, by continuing to donate 100% of sales to the Red Cross in Ukraine throughout April. David writes, "The Ukrainian Red Cross Society is a non-profit humanitarian and charitable association of Ukraine. It operates in the fields of disaster management, health and care, tracing services, youth activities, and need support during these extremely difficult times that Ukraine are facing."

www.linkedin.com/in/david-marshall-2b89842/recent-activity

Please get in touch with David, if you or your company would like to help or get involved in some way.

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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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