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LUZ RELLO

Spain

Change Dyslexia

She was diagnosed at an early age with dyslexia by her teacher. She faced and treated it due to this early diagnosis. She studied Linguistics and Computer Science. She developed "Dyetective" an online screening and learning platform that detects and treats dyslexia.



ZINEB AGOUMI

France

EzyGain

While studying Business and Engineering she often witnessed her grandmother falling down due to walking problems. She developed an affordable space-saving and connected gait rehabilitation device that secures patients at the pelvis and monitors their progress.

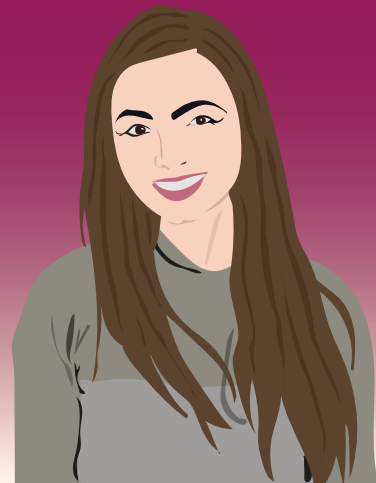


SYLKE HOEHNEL

Switzerland

SUN bioscience

While she was working on her PhD on Fabrication of Retinal Organoids, she witnessed the doctors' and patients' needs. She developed a medical hardware device that cultivates organoids, mini-organs derived from stem cells, to provide personalised drug efficacy tests.



ENASS ABO-HAMED

Palestine-UK

H2GO Power

Graduating from the Chemistry Department she became passionate about finding a way to increase the duration of batteries for mobile devices. Her spin-off startup company produces a hydrogen based clean mobile energy device with environmentally friendly by-products.



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CIARA DONLON

France

Theya

Her grandmother had undergone a double mastectomy as a result of breast cancer. She witnessed that there was a big gap in the market to help these women through their recovery and founded a company that produces post operative lingerie for women.



LISE PAPE

United Kingdom

Walk With Path

Her father suffered from Parkinson's for more than 15 years, and she witnessed the high risk of falling for people with neurological diseases. She developed products that are attached to shoes and are almost invisible helping both mobility and self-esteem of the patients.



MARINA ROSS

Russia

Hydrop

During winter, she witnessed that her clothes wore quickly while she found out that the textile industry is the 2nd most polluting in the world. Her company produces a superhydrophobic nano coating that protects clothing and footwear from wear and tear.



CARMEN HIJOSA

United Kingdom

Ananas Anam

She got a PhD in Textiles at the age of 62 because she became passionate about finding an alternative to leather which she witnessed to be a low sustainability product during her career as designer. Her company produces environmentally friendly leather using ananas leaves.



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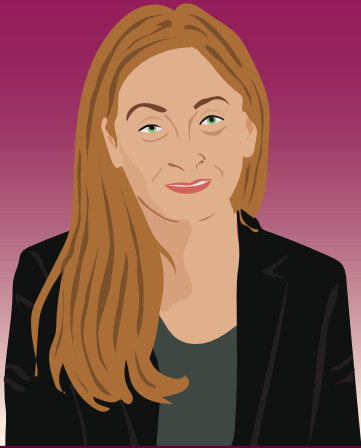
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LEONORA O'BRIEN

Ireland

Pharmapod

Working in the pharmacy sector, she witnessed the lack of monitoring tools for the drug effects and patients' safety. She developed a cloud-based platform where pharmacists and healthcare professionals can search, record and report adverse drug effects.

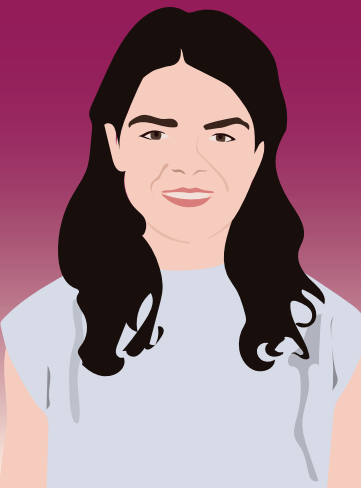


CÉCILE RÉAL

France

Enodiag

She is passionate about making women suffer less from endometriosis, that remains an unsolved mystery but also an agonizing reality for women. The company she co-founded developed non-invasive diagnosis and advanced biopsy tools to fight endometriosis.

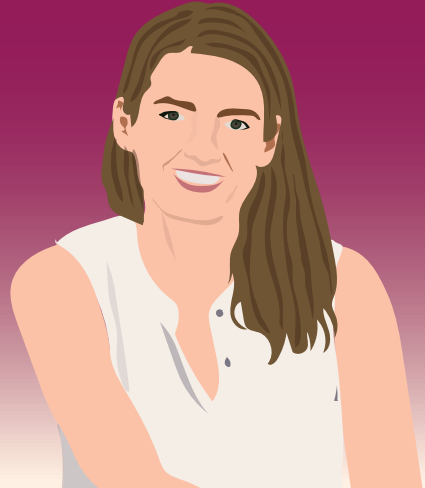


ALICE YVONNE BENTINCK

United Kingdom

Entrepreneur first - Code first girls

Her talent investor company had calls for applications for pre-seed investment products. She witnessed the absence of applications from girls due to lack of programming skills and founded an organization that offers free web programming courses for women.



METTE LYKKE

Denmark

Endomondo/Too good to go

She is passionate about people living a healthy life in a sustainable environment. She co founded 2 companies, a fitness network and a food-tech start up. She has witnessed during a restaurant dinner the amount of food wasted. She developed an app saving 20 million meals each year.



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YVONNE BRADY

Ireland

EVB sports

A vibrant mother of 3 children who took up running after the birth of her youngest child. She faced light bladder leakage and has witnessed a general taboo about discussing it. She founded a company that produces sportswear that alleviate stress incontinence.



PATRICIA GROS MICOL

France

Handishare

At the age of 17, she was in a train crash that left her with chronic head and back pains. Later, she faced partial facial paralysis and survived a small heart attack. Her company offers employment to disabled people to provide back-office and administrative services to businesses.

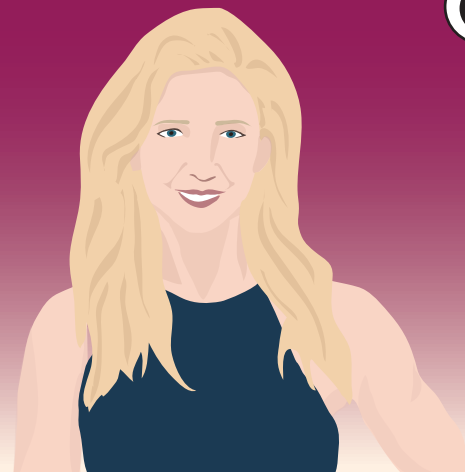


JENNY CARENCO

France

Les Menus Bébé

As a new mother, she was confronted with buying jarred baby food or cooking nutritious and healthy meals herself. She witnessed other parents regularly dropping by her home to pick up the frozen homemade dishes she now produces in her company.



LAURA CHICUREL

United Kingdom

Chicurela

Raised in Chile, the world's second largest exporter of salmon she witnessed that the fish is sheared before it goes to market, leaving tens of thousands of skins to be discarded each year. Her company produces eco-friendly salmon skin leather for the fashion industry and beyond.



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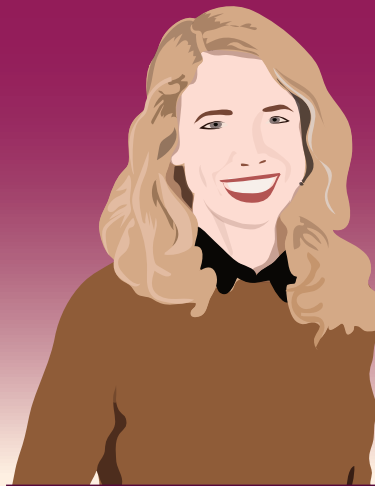


SOFIE BLAKSTAD

Denmark

Hiveonline

During her long of experience with financial institutions she witnessed the fundraising barriers that microenterprises faced when seeking capital. She developed a platform that helps them get credit and access markets by creating a trust history based on facts.



DORA PALFI

Sweden

Imagilabs

When she worked at her first job as a developer, she faced gender discrimination as she was referred as "the girl on the 7th floor" because there were no other women developers. She developed a community and mobile tools that make programming fun for teenage girls.



JULIA RÖMER

Germany

Coolar

When she heard about the idea of cooling with heat she became passionate about it. She studied industrial engineering and founded a company that produces solar-powered, off-the-grid refrigerators for the reliable storage of vaccines.



KRISTINA TSVETANOVA

Austria

BLITAB Tech

When her visually impaired friend registered for university classes she witnessed that there was a lack of infrastructure and support for blind people. She developed a tactile tablet for the blind and visually impaired that converts text into little smart dots ("tixels") or audio.



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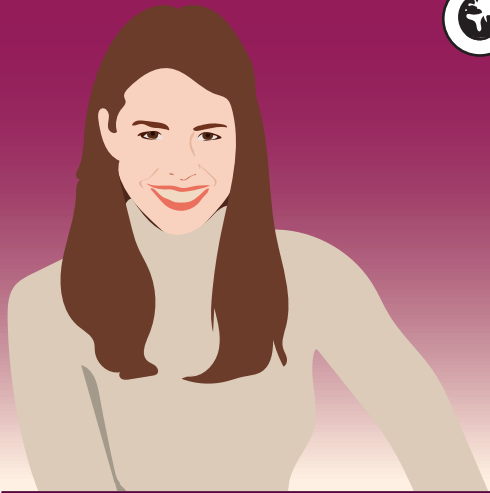
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KRESSE WESLING

United Kingdom

Elvis & Kresse

She has been passionate about waste for years. She wanted to add value to waste and build a valuable product from it. The result is a company that produces luxury goods and accessories from industrial and commercial waste such as fire hoses and coffee bags.



MICHÈLE BOISDRON-CELLE

France

Onco Drug Personalized Medicine

As a pharmacologist, she witnessed the lack of methods to reduce the risks of cancer therapy according to a patient's genes and metabolism. Her company developed tools and services to predict and monitor toxicity from chemotherapy and optimise dosages for safer treatment.



CARA SAYER

United Kingdom

Really Simple Ideas Ltd.

As a new mother she faced the challenge to get her baby sleep when shading was not enough. Her company produces an innovative blackout blind, baby sleep-aid and high-grade sunscreen for prams and pushchairs. She has also plans for other products helping mothers.



XENIA I. LOIZIDOU

Cyprus

Isotech Ltd and Akti NGO

She studied Civil and Coastal Engineering and has a PhD on Participatory Decision-Support Systems. She is passionate about environmental protection of coasts. Her company developed solutions on coastal erosion control and adaptation to climate changes and blue growth.



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ZOI GIAVRI

Greece

Advantis

As an Electrical Engineer she witnessed a lack of accuracy in medical imaging of brain conditions like Alzheimer. Her company developed the most advanced, affordable and accurate medical imaging software for the processing of MRI exams with the help of cloud technology.



ANNA CHLIOURA

Greece

Electronio Wheels

She comes from Trikala, a small city where the use of bicycles is very popular. Moving to the cosmopolitan city of Thessaloniki she became passionate about developing environmentally friendly means of transport. Her company produces handmade electrical energy motored bicycles.



STELLA TAKA

Greece

Startbio

During her PhD studies on Molecular Biology in collaboration with the lab of Allergology and Clinical Nosology she witnessed the lack of tools of screening allergies in Balkan countries. Her company developed innovative methods and tools to provide doctors with accurate diagnosis.



GEORGIA RAFAN

Greece

Myrtillo

Having a child with autism spectrum disorder, she has witnessed all the difficulties of the inclusion of a disabled person in life and workplace. She founded the cafeteria Myrtillo which mainly offers jobs to people with intellectual disabilities and autism in the centre of Athens.



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EWA FURGAL

Poland

Przestrzeń Kobiet Foundation

She is a passionate anti-discrimination and equality educator and cofounded a relevant foundation in Poland. Author of the social innovation for non-working girls with Asperger's syndrome "Water Friendship", a disorder that she faced herself from an early age.



ANNA LEWANDOWSKA

Poland

Healthy Plan by Ann

Ann proved she is able to overcome adversity to become a fitness star although she faced asthma. She is a passionate blogger and health advisor. She is also a graduate of the Academy of Physical Education in Warsaw, a specialist on nutrition and a world class karate athlete.



URSZULA CIOLESZYŃSKA

Poland

Embassy for women entrepreneurship foundation

She is passionate about empowering women in entrepreneurship and she has founded associations in Poland and worldwide with this aim. Her company offers women support in founding their own enterprises.



AGNIESZKA KRAMM

Poland

Miejsce Kobiet

As a passionate psychologist, trainer, psychotherapist and coach she decided to build a community of women who see life on their own terms, reach for happiness and fulfilment. Her space includes workshops, open meetings, circles, coaching for women.



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GENEVIÈVE MOREAU

Belgium

SiiN Scientific Institute for Intelligent Nutritio

Her son suffered from anaphylactic shock, a situation she witnessed for a long time. She invested time and resources to become an expert on nutrition and its link to health and sustainability. She founded an institute that offers healthy diets with care for the planet.



ISABELLA LENARDUZZI

Belgium-Italy-France

Jump

She has been a key opinion leader and social entrepreneur in Europe for more than 30 years. Being passionate about gender equality her company is working with organisations for more diversity, gender balance and inclusion to achieve an equal and sustainable society.



GEERTRUI SERNEELS

Belgium

Solentra

With her experience as a psychologist and lawyer she has witnessed the lack of specialized psychological support to children with migrant background. Her company offers transcultural psychological care and support to young refugees and migrant children and their families.



DANAE DELBECKE

Belgium

Indigo

She holds a PhD in Applied Sciences and is passionate in researching innovative tools using photonics. Her company developed the world's first invisible sensor for people living with diabetes to address their need for accurate glucose monitoring with an improved user experience.



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SARAH NÖCKEL

United Kingdom

Femstreet

She has witnessed the lack of news about women in entrepreneurship and publishes a weekly newsletter with curated editorial featuring must-read content by female founders and investors. She is passionate about bringing visibility to female initiatives.



MARÍA LUISA HERNÁNDEZ LATORRE

Spain

Ingelia

She studied Industrial Engineering and is passionate about sustainable products, based on using local resources. Her company produces hydrothermal carbonization of biomass via an innovative process obtaining a solid biofuel with high calorific power and low humidity.



MARINA SIAKOLA

Cyprus

Sophia foundation for children

She is passionate and strongly involved in helping people in poverty in Africa and particularly in Kenya. She is chairwoman of a foundation battling poverty in Kenya, and as a photographer she offers insight to poverty picturing the problem through children way of living.



ANASTASIA PAPADOPOULOU

Cyprus

Foni

As a member of the campaign "1 in 5" to stop sexual violence against children, she became passionate in finding ways to combat this phenomenon. Her company offers services that enable prevention, enhance awareness and support the children.



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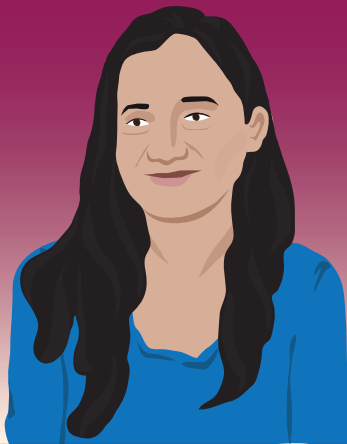
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MEHA NELSON

United Kingdom

Predina

Traffic accidents are affecting millions of people every year either leading to deaths or to serious disabilities. Being a passionate IT expert, she developed machine learning models to dynamically predict accident risk and warn the drivers when entering a high risk area on specific time.

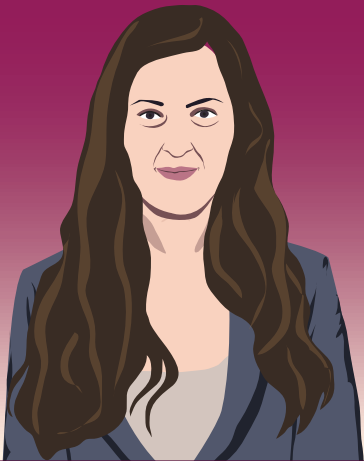


KATHARINA UNGER

Austria

LIVIN Farms Hive

She is a passionate designer focused on sustainability. She believes that impact is created through the observation of the world on a systems level. Her company produces a 'beehive' that allows users to raise insects from their homes to create their own sources of protein and fertilizer.

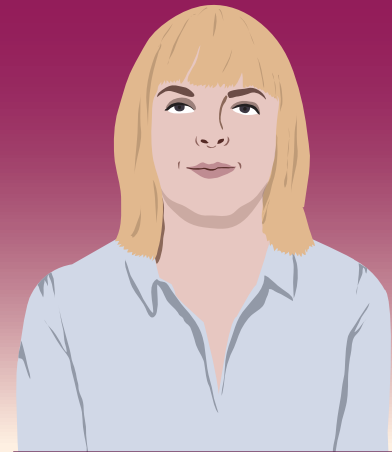


REBECCA SAIVE

Germany

ETC Solar

She is a Professor of Applied Physics and has developed in Caltech a new system for manufacturing solar cells with components. Her spin-off company produces solar cells that could make the global adoption of photovoltaics cheaper and faster.



CHLOE MEINECK

United Kingdom

Studio Meineck

She witnessed the effect music had on her great grandmother suffering from dementia. Her design studio produces tools combining physical and digital technology for good, such as a multisensory music box composed of personal items for people with dementia.



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KATHRIN BRENKER

Germany

pxOne

She spent days and nights in front of the microscope being passionate about improving optogenetic technology. She developed a cell illuminating device which could revolutionize light treatments for multiple diseases, including cancer.

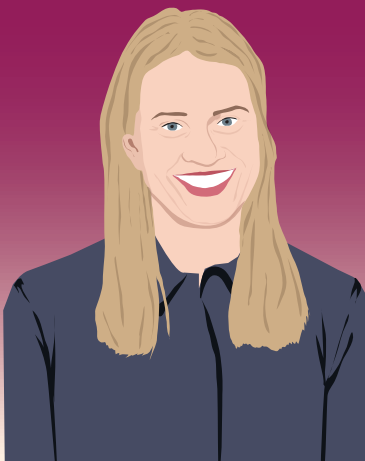


IDA TIN

Denmark

Clue

She has faced problems to track her own menstrual and fertility cycle. She has developed the world's fastest growing female health app helps women understand their cycle so they can discover how to live a full and healthy life. She is also credited for coining the term "femtech".

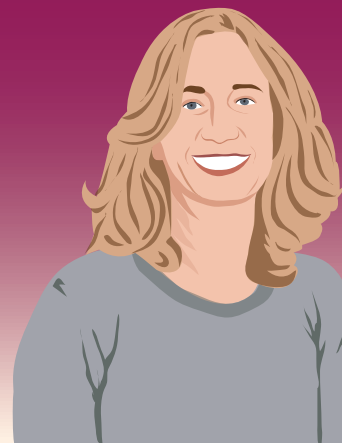


EVELINA VÅGESJÖ

Sweden

Ilya Pharma

As a high impact and passionate scientist, she was not afraid to propose the crazy idea of putting millions of bacteria in contact with open wounds. Her company produces "living" drugs based on harmless bacteria to accelerate tissue regeneration and healing



JUSTINE ROBERTS

United Kingdom

Mumsnet

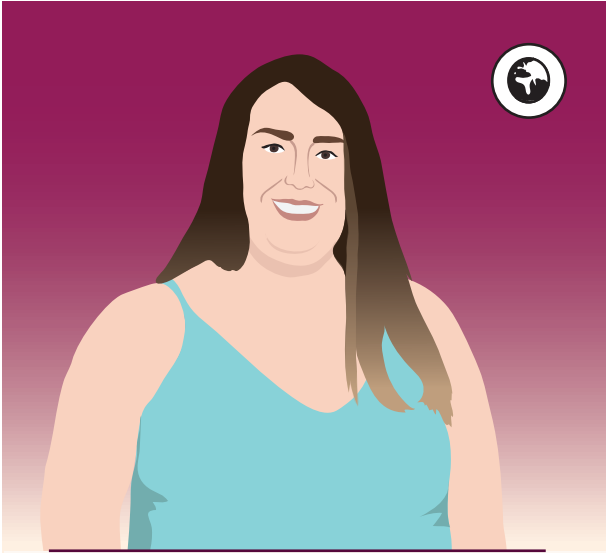
A mother of 4 children she is passionate about their upbringing. She has developed a website which hosts discussion forums where users share advice and information on parenting and other topics with a network with over 10,000 bloggers, vloggers and influencers.



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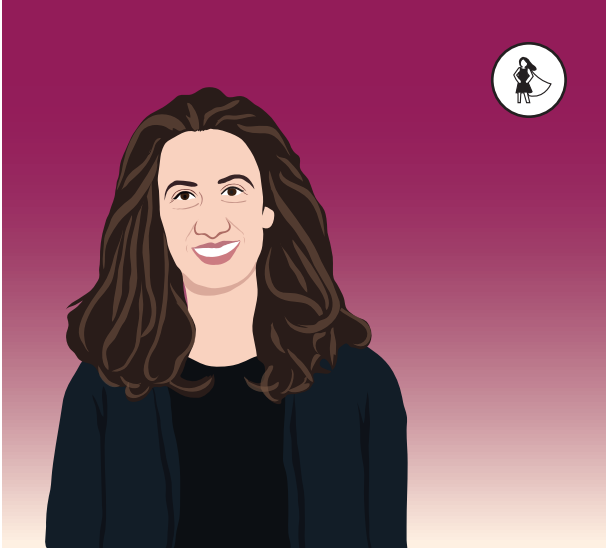


ELISABETH ARGYROU

Cyprus

Nashico Enterprises Ltd

As a passionate woman in a men-dominated field of agriculture she overcome any obstacles and lead the family-owned company to innovative paths. The company produces healthy products by cultivating and using Nashi which is a asian pear.



ANNA FISCALE

Poland

Miejsce Kobiet

After an abusive relationship, she decided to see her fragility as a starting point. She has witnessed that fashion houses and textile makers throw away thousands of metres of extra fabric. Her company use fabric waste and created job possitions to women victims of trafficking.