

Trends and Future Developments in Entrepreneurship Mentoring
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Hosts

Dr Harveen Chugh, Co-founder of the Network for Coaching and Mentoring Entrepreneurs and Associate Professor of Entrepreneurship at Warwick Business School

Harveen is Associate Professor of Entrepreneurship at Warwick Business School. She specialises in teaching entrepreneurship and developing the practice of coaching and mentoring for entrepreneurs. She has previously set up her own company designing entrepreneurship programmes for universities and accelerators. She has been a Growth Manager on a UK government programme managing a portfolio of 25 startups and leading them to sales and investment. She has prior teaching experience from Imperial College London, Royal Holloway and LSE on MBA, Masters and UG programmes. Harveen has received a number of teaching awards and nominations in recent years: She was nominated for the Warwick Award for Teaching Excellence (WATE) in 2023 and 2022. She received the WBS Award for Outstanding Contribution to Teaching in both 2022 and 2021. She won two National Enterprise Educator Awards for Enterprise Catalyst and People's Choice in 2020. She was also named as one of the Best 40 Under 40 Business School Professors by Poets&Quants in 2019.

Victoria Nicholl, Co-founder of the Network for Coaching and Mentoring Entrepreneurs and Head of Incubation Services, Imperial College London

Victoria is Head of Incubation Services at Imperial College London. She has worked in Higher Education Administration for almost 15 years, with a brief hiatus working at Entrepreneur First which made her realise that working with entrepreneurs was what she really wanted to do. She leads four coaching and mentoring services (the Imperial Venture Mentoring Service, Experts-in-Residence, Idea Surgeries and Pitch Surgeries) and a range of collaborations that provide support for entrepreneurs, such as the Greentech Legal Collaborative. She is in the process of creating a new suite of services to build out Imperial's support offering to its founders. She is an EEUK Fellow.

Ben Mumby-Croft, Director of Entrepreneurship at Imperial College London

Ben is an award-winning Enterprise Educator with 15+ years' experience supporting university entrepreneurs and with a previous background in creative marketing, communications, and branding. Currently Director of Entrepreneurship at Imperial College London, Ben is responsible for the Imperial Enterprise Lab, delivering a range of extra-curricular support programmes and services for entrepreneurial students, graduates, and postdocs across College, as well as the Incubation Services team and the team responsible for running the UK's leading medtech accelerator programme, MedTech SuperConnector. Prior to this, Ben setup and ran his own marketing businesses as well as working in enterprise education teams in Oxford, Cambridge and then City, University of London.

Speakers

Becky Nelson, Be the Business

Be the Business (BtB) is an independent, not-for-profit organisation, with a single goal: to help business owners and leaders improve the performance of their business. Becky has been with Be the Business for just over a year as part of the Leadership & Management team, where she oversees the delivery of all their programmes. Her focus is always on the customer experience and making sure that people get the most from their time with Be the Business. Prior to being at BtB she worked for Mayday trust as the Head of a UK wide coaching network.

Leah Thompson, University of Oxford – IDEA Peer Mentoring Programme and plans for a University-wide entrepreneurship mentoring programme

Leah Thompson is the Entrepreneurship Hub Lead at the University of Oxford, based in the Innovation & Engagement team. She is an entrepreneurship concierge – enabling students, staff and local entrepreneurs to find the entrepreneurship resources they need, when they need them. She leads two key initiatives: Enterprising Oxford (a web portal and entrepreneurship coordination programme) and IDEA (Increasing Diversity in Enterprising Activities – an institutional initiative to increase diversity in entrepreneurship), and is also heavily involved in other aspects of knowledge exchange (including the implementation of Oxford's Knowledge Exchange Strategy). She has many years' experience working with entrepreneurs, as well as a portfolio career including consulting, small business management, IT management, and agriculture.

Alex Feyler, Formerly Head of Ventures, Oxford Foundry and Entrepreneur in Residence at Techstars – now co-founder at a Stealth Venture

Alex has worked closely with more than 60+ pre-seed to seed stage ventures in accelerator programmes across the UK including the University of Oxford and Techstars London. He has actively supported more than 100+ investment/funding rounds over the last 7+ years and was responsible for designing, building and launching the Oxford Foundry, OXFO Elevate pre-seed accelerator programme at the University of Oxford – of which start-ups have raised more than £210m+ since joining their programmes. His more recent experience at Oxford saw him build the OXFO Elevate accelerator ecosystem from 0, to a network of 800+ active investors, 400 curated mentors, 30 startup partners, 20 resident experts and a portfolio of 42 ventures. Prior to his time at Oxford, Alex was responsible for raising investment for early-stage UK tech companies at one of Europe's largest investment networks and dabbled as a co-founder focused on VR and real estate. He is now a co-founder of a new venture and a consultant with selected UK based accelerators and early-stage startups.