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Rise mentor directory



About the directory

The following Rise mentors continue to give their time generously to support the FinTech Friday programme.

About the programme

FinTech Friday is a monthly mentoring series for FinTech startups and scaleups. We match make founders with industry experts from across the sector. Our mentors come from a range of backgrounds and have a wealth of skills and experiences.

- One-on-one meetings
- Insights and problem solving
- Large span of subject matter experts

Meet the mentors



Michael Ling

Industry Advisor

Michael has extensive leadership and management experience in Financial Services and Banking.

#Consulting #IT&T #FinTech

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Keith Bear

CCAF | Fellow

Keith focuses on research and development of AI, Blockchain and Financial Tech in Banking.

#AI #Blockchain
#FinancialTechnology

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Mick Pearce

Managing Director
| Pearce Hillman

Mick is a financial leader who develops training courses on data and digital solutions.

#CFO #Data #DigitalSolutions

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Meet the mentors



Patrick Gilday
Investor

Patrick helps with fundraising, both funds and angels and advises pre-seed to Series B companies.

#Investor #B2B #Fundraising



Pavel Skalin
Founder | Investor

Pavel mentors early stage companies and is Product Director at the largest investment platform in the UK.

#Investor #AngelsDen
#ProductDirector



Rohit Mathur
VC Coverage |
Barclays HGE

Rohit leads the Venture Capital team at Barclays UK and is responsible for originating deal flow, venture debt investments into startups, and managing relationships with leading VCs.

#VC #HGE #VentureCapital



Meet the mentors



Afzal Amijee

CFO/COO |
Enthuse

10 years product management experience with a deep understanding of B2B2C FinTech and product softwares

#CPO #B2B2C #Product



Lily Shaw

Associate Investor |
OMERS Ventures

Recently left the Digital and FinTech Innovation team at JP Morgan. Works closely with partners across the Investment bank.

#InvestmentBanking #Digital
#FinTech



Jonty Levin

Debt & Equity
Expert

Investment professional with experience and expertise in equity, mezzanine, leveraged finance and debt.

#Equity #Debt
#leveragedfinance



Meet the mentors



Rajen Madan

Founder | CEO |
Leading Point

Specialises in data management & analytics, ESG investments, risk & regulatory change and digital platforms

#Mortgages #RetailProducts
#Accountant

 [Rajen Madan](#)



Adah Parris

Futurist

Transforming cultures to nurture decentralised humanity-centered innovation environments.

#Culture #Innovation

 [Adah Parris](#)



Allister Manson

Partner, Head of
Tech | Opus Business
Advisory Group

Can help support with fundraising, growth and dealing with financial problems.

#Fundraising #Growth

 [Allister Manson](#)



Meet the mentors



Ani Petrova

Founder | FinTech
Marketing Hub

Experienced FinTech marketer and
Founder.

#Marketing #Consultancy
#RegTech



**Cinzia
Rascazzo**

Business Coach

Business strategy coach, specialises
in helping founders find their brand
identity.

#Branding #Coach #Marketing



Donna Parisi

Partner |
Shearman &
Sterling

Head of finance, Fintech and Financial
Services.

#Finance #CapitalMarkets #Crypto



Meet the mentors



Gillian Kerr
CMO

Specialises in strategy, marketing and branding. A C-level international business executive.

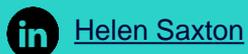
#Marketing #Strategy #Branding



Helen Saxton
CMO

Helen is a head of marketing and member operations for a seed-funded property FinTech startup. Expertise in brand strategy & customer experience.

#Marketing #CustomerExperience



Maria Parpou
SVP Product |
Paysafe

Oversees all product development for Ecommerce gateway and acquiring payment products. Prior was MD at Barclays Payments

#Ecommerce #Payments #Product



Meet the mentors



Eva Lawrence

COO | Arcane
Crypto AS

Eva has a diverse career across law, trading, business development and strategy.

#law #trading
#businessdevelopment



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**Elizabeth
Kleinveld**

Tech Partner

Investor, Fintech expert and ecosystem builder, who links various parties in the Financial Services value chain from startups and scale-ups to regulators, investors and large corporates.

#Investor #Corporates



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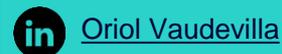


**Oriol
Caudevilla**

Advisor

Advisor to numerous companies all over the world.

#FinTechAdvisor #Mentor



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Meet the mentors



Chirin Dikou
Founder & CEO |
AIN

15 years of wealth experience across private banking, wealth management & relationship management.

#Privatebanking #Wealth
#Relationshipmanagement



Henry O'Brien
Partner | Clewbay

Works with investors in financial services and payment companies.

#Investing #Payments



Jon Dawson
Partner |
Haysmacintyre

Heads up the creative, media and tech team. Expertise with teams in rapid growth, fundraising or exit stage.

#Creative #Media #Tech #Fundraising



Meet the mentors



Nic Lenz

FinTech Consultant

Strategic advisor who can help with raising funds from seed to Series A.

#SeriesA #fundraising #Advisor



Valentina Ferronato

Vice President | Barclays

Principal Investments with responsibility for origination, execution and management of equity investments in FinTechs

#origination
#principalinvestments



Richard Leslie

CEO & Co-Founder at The Sourcing Hub

With 20 years experience and can advice on the best way to address scaling challenges, around software development: whether that's looking at the key rules for making internal hires; working with the contractor market; or engaging with an external partner.

#scaling #softwaredevelopment



Meet the mentors



Luke Medlock
Co-Founder |
The Bang

Works with Fintech startups based across all major cities in the UK. They are typically disruptive digital products that have reimaged a non-traditional route to traditional financial services such as savings, mortgages, insurance etc.

#Branding #UX



Nidhi Rathore
Business
Development Director
| Barclays

Works towards understanding, designing, owning and implementing relevant suite of services from across Barclays that reflect customer/client needs in B2B space.

#B2B #DataAnalytics



Veroniki Zerva
Business Strategy |
Impact Investing

Social resilience and environmental sustainability accompanied with tech innovation. Strategy building & thought leadership in public affairs, business growth and global expansion initiatives are my main areas of expertise.

#ESGintergration #EmergingMarkets



Meet the mentors



Nick Miller

Business Innovation
Partner | Barclays

Nick supports Barclays' innovation initiatives and programmes, in addition to general FinTech collaboration across the business units.

#Connectivity #collaboration
#FinTech



**Paramjit Kaur
Wadhwa**

CSO Business Analyst
| Barclays

s, in 6 years of professional experience in MNCs as Business Analyst for multiple projects - Agile & Waterfall methodology. Providing guidance/solutions on International Payments, Blockchain & more.

#IntlPayments #Blockchain #Agile



Meet the mentors



Charles Lucas

Partner
Clewbay

Connect with Charles to discuss what is required for a smooth capital raise and what it takes to successfully reach your goals in the financial services space.

#FIG #Equity #CapitalMarkets



Harrison Emmett-Lee

Investment Director
True Altitude

A well-connected member of the FinTech ecosystem. Constructing, selling, and negotiating multi-year strategic relationships with tier 1 banks, FTSE 100 Insurance providers and leading global financial institutions.



Satish Gaekwad

Advisor
FinTechs & Deep
Techs

As a transformation partner in the Financial Services industry, Satish helps drive profitable customer journeys for clients through their strategic business initiatives, leveraging the power of emerging Digital Technologies (AI: RPA-ML-NLP) to unlock hidden

#DigitalTechnologies



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