Meet the 2020 Emerging Leaders Fellows

Carlos Garrido

Currently Monitoring & Evaluation Coordinator at Itaú Social Foundation in Brazil – an organization that conducts private social investment in one of the largest banks in Latin America.

Carlos graduated in International Relations and Public Management. He previously worked in civil society organizations on projects for people with disabilities.

“In this program, I want to deepen my knowledge, exchange experiences with other colleagues to explore ways that monitoring and evaluation can contribute to the relationship between foundations and other actors in the field of community philanthropy.”

Habib Haruna

Chief Executive Officer and Board member of Pure Trust Social Investors Foundation in Ghana. A nonprofit organization with a mission to promote the economic security and social inclusion of the disadvantaged in Ghana through cooperation. Habib has 12 years of experience in inclusive development work with a specialty in Economic Empowerment, livelihood security, co-operative development and Inclusive Financial sector development. He was the immediate past General Manager of SENDFiNGO, a financial NGO established by SEND West Africa. He is a known consultant and has managed projects funded by international development organizations such as CORDAID of Netherlands and Canadian Cooperative Association (CCA) through SEND Ghana.

Habib holds a Bachelor of Education Degree in Social Science with a major in Accounting and Minor in Economics from University of Cape Coast, Ghana. He also holds a Commonwealth Executive MBA from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Ghana. He is also a trained educator who has 9 years experience in teaching at both Junior and Senior High School levels in Ghana.

“My passion is to see nonprofit organizations in Ghana operate with a model that makes them achieve financial and operational sustainability. I like to build long lasting relationship with people who come my way, for what has brought me far is the contribution of friends and networks. So, I am looking forward to have more friends from this cohort and beyond.”
Kostandina Këruti

Program Manager at Partners Albania for Change and Development, a local organization located in Tirana, Albania.

With over 14 years in both public and non-profit sector, Kostandina has a rich experience in project design, training design and delivery, research and program/project evaluations. Eight years’ experience in grants program design and management. Excellent interpersonal skills and proven supervisory, organizational and leadership skills.

Kostandina holds an MBA from Canadian Institute of Technology and Bachelor degree in social worker from Faculty of Social Science, University of Tirana.

“Has long been fascinated by the innovative approaches and work of scale that civil society organizations play in community development issues, community organization, and the broad participation of different actors. Getting to know and understand models in this regard is a main focus of her exploration. A travel lover, wandering the beautifulness of the earth and exploring diversity of cultures. A devoted wife and a proud mama of two children.”

Amanda Lima

A political scientist passionate about understanding the politics of inequality and tackling climate change. Amanda holds a master's degree in sustainable development and have worked within a variety of organizations promoting human and social-environmental rights.

After more than 4 years advocating for the 2030 Agenda as an Analyst at UNDP, Amanda decided to discover the real-life economics of sustainable community existence. Nowadays Amanda acts as a social entrepreneur in her home town of Brasília (Brazil's capital). She is a co-founder of MeViro, a social enterprise that creates opportunities for collaborative project building and collective learning inspired by Brazilian maker culture.

“In 2019, we built our maker space, were accelerated by Yunus Corporate Social Innovation, and granted the 1st Volkswagen Foundation Award. As the Project Director, one of my main duties is to co-design strategies to connect with different local third-sector institutions to strengthen a broad community of agents able to use science and technology to build local change towards a more sustainable and inclusive future. That is the reason I became a Social Good Brazil Fellow, an Unleash Talent, and now one of the 2020 Emerging Leaders International Fellows.”
Carles Massot

Information specialist at Open Society Initiative for Europe (OSIFE), in Spain, where he is in charge of data management, internal communications, administration and research. Prior to joining OSIFE in 2019, Carles coordinated an entrepreneurship Spanish NGO Network and worked as a consultant in business creation, with previous additional experience in the audit field.

Carles holds a double bachelor’s degree in business administration and law and has a strong training in budgeting, fundraising, marketing, communications, management and reporting.

“I believe in continuous learning, teamwork, planning and organization. And I love connecting people.”

Passionate about learning languages, Carles speaks Catalan, Spanish, English, French and Italian, and is currently also studying German and Portuguese.

Alessio Sala Tenna

Fundraiser and Project Coordinator at Fondazione Provinciale della Comunità Comasca onlus in Como, Italy.

After receiving an M.A. in International and Diplomatic Sciences at the University of Bologna (Forli Campus) with a final dissertation about grants and endowments aimed at sustaining the civic society, Alessio been working for almost five years as fundraiser and project coordinator at Fondazione Provinciale della Comunità Comasca, a Community Foundation in Como (Italy). He has a keen interest in how to sustain a vibrant and participatory democracy, strengthening NGOs at local level and encouraging subsidiarity.

“The main focus of my work and research is aimed at involving young people in community philanthropy as fundraisers and decision makers. I firmly believe that community development means, first of all, investing in youngsters.”

Alessio has been involved as volunteer in cultural and environmental associations both in Italy and abroad. Alessio loves travelling, meeting new people, and has been lucky to live in different countries to pursue his studies. Lastly, he is a long-time guitar player and amateur climber.
Hugo Martinez de Seabra

Senior Project Manager at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation’s Sustainable Development Programme (Portugal). Currently responsible for two main areas of work: migrations and “artistic practices for social inclusion”. With an MA in Sociology, Hugo joined the Foundation in 2005 to help set up projects/initiatives in the migration/integration field. For the last 8 years, he also managed a capacity-building, networking and grant giving initiative in the field of participatory artistic projects targeting social impact.

Since 2005 Hugo has been assigned the spokesperson role at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in some international networks, among them the European Programme for Integration and Migration of the Network of European Foundations, where he is currently a member of the executive committee.

“I deeply believe in participatory and co-creation processes, promoting ownership, accountability and transparency. In my view and based on the knowledge gathered in the Portuguese Philanthropic sector for the last 15 years, ‘Localism’ is absolutely key for the development of the Portuguese society and tackling specific endemic social issues that need national policies but can only be properly approached at the “community” level. My target with this professional development opportunity is to design a strategy to pilot the community foundations model in Portugal.”