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Begoña Arana Álvarez (La Línea de la Concepción, Cádiz, 1985) graduated in Social Work and has a degree in Criminology and Public Safety from the University of Cádiz. She has completed various postgraduate studies related with social services, public safety and conflict resolution. From the age of 17, Begoña has worked with the most disadvantaged people, dedicating much of her time to searching for alternatives to improve life for those most in need, in places such as Algeciras Penitentiary Centre and as a member of the Campo de Gibraltar child and youth protection team.

Begoña is the director of Nuevo Hogar Betania, a non-profit association set up in 2011 whose mission is to welcome anyone who finds themselves in a situation of social exclusion, such as homeless people, inmates and former inmates, immigrants, women who have been the victims of human trafficking, etc.



Arancha Martínez **Social**

Arancha Martínez Fernández (1984) graduated in business science and international relations from ICADE. She has also studied history at UNED and has a Master's in NGO management. At the age of 24 she was already convinced that it was possible to change the world. So, in 2008 she travelled to India as a voluntary worker with one objective: to play an active part in change. While in India she discovered her vocation: applying her knowledge and professional experience in strategic marketing and finance to the social sector in order to maximise the social impact of cooperation and humanitarian projects.

In 2009 she set up It Will Be, an organisation that seeks to bring efficiency and professionalism to the humanitarian sector to maximise aid and funds and ensure that they reach many more people. Her greatest achievement to date has been the creation of a system for identifying and tracking undocumented vulnerable groups of people to improve the interventions carried out by NGOs and humanitarian organisations. This novel system will be used shortly in India, Senegal, Tunisia, and the Western Sahara, among other places.

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Miriam Reyes Oliva Social

Miriam Reyes Oliva (Cádiz, 1986) studied architecture at the Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura de Sevilla and holds a Master's in communication from the Universidad Europea de Madrid. After working as an intern at the prestigious studio of Herzog & de Meuron in Basel (Switzerland), she returned to Spain to complete her degree final project, a school of music and dance in Burkina Faso. This project was built a year later in cooperation with a local association and involved developing specially adapted construction techniques. It was during this period that Miriam set up 'Aprendices Visuales', a small NGO with a big mission: to ensure that children with autism have the tools they need to develop their potential to the maximum. Aprendices Visuales works in three main areas: research, developing visual material and raising social awareness. This NGO has received recognition in various forms, such as the Nestlé Prize for Solidarity, the UNI-CEF Emprende award and the Ashoka ChangeMaker X Change award.

The use of technology has enabled her interactive applications to be used by more than a million children all over the world. Her latest initiative is the Escuelas Visuales programme, which helps education centres to introduce visual teaching tools.

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LUZ Rello Social

Luz Rello Sánchez graduated in Linguistics from the Complutense University in Madrid and obtained her PhD in Computational Science from the Pompeu Fabra University. She also has a Master's in Human Language Technology from the University of Wolverhampton (UK) and the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

Rello Sánchez, who has been dealing with dyslexia since she was a child, has combined her linguistic and computer science training to create tools designed to stop young people dropping out of school because of dyslexia, a disorder that affects approximately 10% of the population. She is the founder of Change Dyslexia, an online social project which has so far developed a dyslexia detector, Dytective, and intervention apps to improve reading and writing skills, as well as Piruletras, to improve spelling (32,000 downloads in 73 countries) and IDEAL eBook Reader for writing skills (35,000 downloads). The Dytective detector is being scientifically evaluated with the help of 10,000 children (58 schools/centres), and during 2016 the Education Council of Murcia will be integrating it into its schools (250,000 children).

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Héctor Colunga **Social**

Born in Gijón in 1981, **Héctor Colunga Cabaleiro** has always been linked to community initiatives in the neighbourhood where he lives, promoting all kinds of social projects with a focus on solidarity and transformation. For five years he led the youth and social promotion area of the Marianao Foundation in Sant Boi de Llobregat, during which time he promoted some emblematic projects that have won the organisation several awards, such as the alternative youth leisure programme "Project VPK" and the "ESFERA, Young social entrepreneurship promoter" project, in which more than sixty young people are currently participating by promoting actions to improve their surroundings.

His professional and personal experience took on a new dimension especially from 2010, when he assumed leadership of the organisation Mar de Niebla in Gijón, where he is running a global community project to fight against inequality and poverty. In just under three years, this initiative has become a reference project in the La Calzada neighbourhood of the city of Gijón, assisting more than 1000 people per year.

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Mohamed El Amrani Social

Mohamed El Amrani (Morocco, 1992) is the creator of the Associació Xarxa de Convivència de Roses (Roses Coexistence Association Network), thanks to which this year the European University of Madrid and the International Youth Foundation presented him with the National Young Social Entrepreneur Award.

The Xarxa de Convivència is aimed at young people at risk of social exclusion or who come from dysfunctional families, above all immigrants with integration problems and, in general, anyone who supports the idea of a cohesive society. Mohamed also collaborates with different media. He has written articles for the weekly newspaper Empordà, been a presenter-reporter for Empordà Television (creating informative youth programmes to encourage active participation) and written for the magazines Secundèria and L'Hiperbòlic. Currently, Mohamed is a presenter on Spanish National Radio 4, on a programme that aims specifically to discover young people leading social initiatives in Catalonia.

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Felipe Campos **Social**

Felipe Campos Rubio (L'Hospitalet de Llobregat, Barcelona, 1984) has spent more than 10 years working in the social sphere and from the age of 22 has been Director General of the Ítaca Educational Association, which has been declared a public-interest organisation by the Autonomous Government of Catalonia. He studied Business Science and has taken several business courses at institutions such as ESADE and the Ramon Llull University. Over recent years the Ítaca Educational Association has led a series of social projects designed to improve the lives of children, young people and families in the Collblanc-La Torrassa area of Barcelona (L'Hospitalet de Llobregat). Felipe Campos Rubio also teaches at several education centres such as the Pere Tarrés Foundation and the Catalan Association of Librarians.

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Edgar Vinyals **Social**

Edgar Vinyals (1985, Barcelona) founded the Inclusive Leisure Association Saräu in 2009 to defend the rights of people with disabilities and mental health problems, and in particular to fight prejudice and social stereotypes. Saräu offers activities throughout Catalonia with particular emphasis on the city of Barcelona. The association provides leisure services for more than 50 organisations in Catalonia, most of them members of DINCAT, ECOM and FECAFAMM, the three second-level reference organisations in the sectors of intellectual disability, physical disability and mental health, respectively. Edgar Vinyals has participated as a speaker in various conferences and congresses dedicated to mental health and social inclusion, including events organised by the ALLEM Federation, the Sant Joan de Déu Hospital, and the Barcelona Municipal Institute for Disability.

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Pere Barri Soldevila **Social**

Dr. Pere N. Barri Soldevila ((1976, Barcelona) is the head of the Gynecology Service's Surgery Department at the Dexeus University Institute. In 2007, coordinating his hospital's Gynecology and Psychiatry services, Dr. Barri started up the "Post-Ablation genital reconstruction" program through the Dexeus Foundation – Women's Health. This is a project of exceptional social value that pursues a threefold objective: to favor the free-of-charge access to this type of surgery for patients who request it, to raise awareness of the expectations that these operations offer and train experts, as well as to disseminate the surgical technique that allows the physical and psychological recovery of the greatest possible number of victims.

He propels in this way a genital mutilation repair surgery program, which by the end of the year 2011 will have operated in Spain free of charge on 50 female victims of ablation. It is estimated that over 500,000 women have been victims of ablation in the European Union as a whole and that there are millions of victims around the world. Amnesty International warns that, every day, 8,000 girls worldwide run the risk of undergoing the amputation of their genitals.

Pere N. Barri graduated in Medicine and Surgery at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) in the year 2000. He began his humanitarian surgery programs during his specialization in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Dexeus University Institute, joining the team of Dr. Manuel Devesa and taking part almost yearly in expeditions to Cameroon and Madagascar. He performed over 50 surgical operations on each trip, especially in connection with the repair of obstetric fistulas, "Africa's silent illness".

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