



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT SERIES

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Please provide a short intro about your career path. What brought you to London?

I am a real estate professional and a life science enthusiast. I took my first role as an admin for a real estate developer in San Diego, California in 2007. Fifteen years, a few career steps and one big leap across the Atlantic later, I find myself continuing up the ladder in a small yet vital niche industry where I find great personal and professional fulfilment.

What has been a highlight of your career so far? Or what has been your biggest career challenge so far and how have you overcome it?

I am an ambitious and career-driven person, so when I took a chance and moved to the UK with no job in-hand, no industry connections and no real prospects, it was a scary time for me. With a little luck and a lot of time spent doing research and cold-messaging industry professionals, I managed to get myself in front of some decision makers who were open to buying what I was selling! Honestly not sure I could have made a case for myself if I weren't so passionate about the life science industry for so long.

What brought you to CREW UK?

As a new-to-the-UK professional, I knew that I needed to get involved somewhere. I had and still have a lot to learn about how business is done on this side of the pond, both technically (as I work in a technical field), but also culturally. I chose to celebrate women every chance I get, and if I can both give and take from an organization of like-minded people, it's no no-brainer for me.

Plan B - if you were not in real estate, what would you be involved in now?

Architecture/urban design, politics/policy making or some sort of philanthropy work (Red Cross or Peace Corps). There is a theme here, and it really all centres around making positive impact on the lives of humans.

What are your interests/passions outside of work?

I spend most of my time with my husband and two young children. Outside of that, I'm in a book club in my local community, have a road bike that I ride all around the Bath area and I do my best to keep up my sourdough game, a hobby I picked up during the pandemic.

Is there a book or a podcast that you have found insightful and would like to share with the community?

I often use my reading and podcast time to broaden my non-professional horizons, which in turn, helps ground me and give me topics to discuss at events that aren't just real estate! I frequent The Daily (a New York Times podcast that gives insight on key goings on in America), This American Life, and Freakonomics, always looking to keep up with current events and learn new perspectives that help me grow as a human.

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