

## **Mowgli Mentor raises over £1000 to support MENA's future entrepreneurs**

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On the 1st October 2013 UK-based Mowgli Mentor, Chris Markey and his brother, set out on a journey entitled "Two old men past the Old Man or Stoer".

Starting in Stratcarron and making their way along the East Scottish Highlands coastline via the Old Man of Stoer to the end of Dingwall, the brothers planned to cover over 230 miles... by bicycle!

During this 9-day adventure Chris tackled countless mountains and endured driving rain and windy conditions and all for the purpose of supporting the Mowgli Foundation!

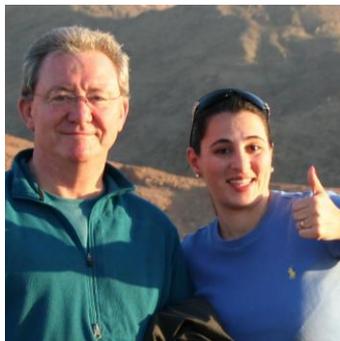
Chris admitted that at points, "despite knowing that there was spectacular scenery all around us, we could not see it through the rain!"



Chris, who left the RAF as a senior officer, has been giving his time, knowledge and support to the Mowgli Foundation for over 3 years as a mentor. The Mowgli Foundation is a UK-headquartered, award winning mentoring organisation, which supports the sustainable development of societies through the mentoring and evolution of entrepreneurs and leaders. Mowgli provides mentoring that inspires, connects and guides entrepreneurs and leaders to overcome life's personal and business challenges.

During his time as a mentor, he has mentored two young entrepreneurs based in Jordan and Lebanon and has witnessed just this; their personal development, as well as the steady growth of their enterprises.

For Alia, Chris's first entrepreneur based in Jordan, having Chris as a mentor has been a life changing experience, "Chris acts as a sounding board and provided a bird's eye view of the business, which is hard for me to see when I am consumed by the business."



Alia's business has gone from strength to strength, and she has become a specialist in her field, with up to 10 people working for the business at any one time. Three years after the mentoring program ended, Alia and Chris still connect regularly. As Alia puts it, "Chris has never left my side!" Chris has provided emotional support to Alia, who now has the confidence to be

more decisive and navigate the challenges that she is now faced with as a result of the changes within her society and the region over the last three years.

Having rallied friends, family and colleagues, Chris “humbled by their graciousness” has exceeded his fundraising goal of £1000. The funds raised will go towards supporting the next wave of entrepreneurs in the Middle East and North Africa; giving them the opportunity to be matched with a Mentor like Chris for a year-long Mowgli Mentoring Experience.



Chris has not been deterred by his arduous journey and commends the tenacity of Mowgli entrepreneurs: “I look forward to joining another Mowgli Mentoring Experience and taking on another mentee.”

The Mowgli Foundation is very grateful to Chris for his fantastic fundraising efforts and ongoing support to Mowgli entrepreneurs.

If you are interested in joining Chris and making a financial contribution to supporting the next wave of entrepreneurs

in the MENA region, please contact Kate Kilner @ [kate.kilner@mowgli.org.uk](mailto:kate.kilner@mowgli.org.uk). Thank you, we appreciate all support!

If you would like to read more about Chris Markey you can check out his Mentor Profile on our website: <http://mowgli.org.uk/mentors/chris-markey>

## Thank you for choosing to be part of MENA’s sustainable change!

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