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We're the world's leading cancer charity, dedicated to saving and improving lives with our research, influence and information.

In the last 50 years, we've helped double cancer survival in the UK and our pioneering work is continuing to save lives, here and around the world. We want to bring about a world where everybody lives longer, better lives, free from the fear of cancer.

Meyler Campbell's commitment to supporting our scientists has been even more important than ever in driving research forward, and powering discoveries leading to life-saving preventions, diagnostics and treatments. The support we receive from partnerships like these is vital to helping us achieve our goal of seeing 3 in 4 people survive their cancer by 2034.

BACKGROUND

Ann Orton is an Executive Coach and Faculty Member of Meyler Campbell, a renowned executive coach training and leadership development community, as well as a long-term supporter of Cancer Research UK (CRUK).

In 2019, Ann introduced CRUK to Meyler Campbell and facilitated the development of a bespoke pro-bono practice coaching programme, which was made available to our early to mid-career researchers.

As well as the huge benefit for the individuals being coached, the programme also presents an opportunity for Meyler Campbell's trained coaches; for many it will be the first time to coach an academic, offering them the chance to work with someone in an industry they are less familiar with and in a role that's not typical of their usual client base.

With a network of over 1,000 contacts, CRUK's relationship with Meyler Campbell also offers the chance to raise awareness about Cancer Research UK and the possibility to grow CRUK's supporter base. We are extremely grateful for the time, support and commitment of all of those involved in delivering this valuable partnership.



◀ Ann Orton



Having a coach was the best personal development opportunity I've had in my professional life – I highly recommend it. My coach treated me as a whole person, considering work/life balance and the challenges I face both personally and professionally.



Beth Payne
CRUK Advanced Clinician
Scientist Fellow
University College London
Coaching programme participant



At Cancer Research UK we fund the best scientists to help us drive progress in cancer research. We are committed to providing an exceptional training experience for our researchers to allow them to reach their full potential. Over the last four years, our scientists have benefitted from the expertise and support generously provided by the Meyler Campbell trained leadership coaches. This partnership has supported their performance as scientific leaders, to help them and their teams success in delivering life-changing cancer research.



Iain Foulkes
Executive Director of
Research & Innovation
Cancer Research UK



SINCE 2019:



40 scientists have been coached by Meyler Campbell – with further coaches awaiting matching with a Cancer Research UK scientist.



Meyler Campbell have hosted **3 events** to promote the coaching programme to the Meyler Campbell community, and raise the profile of Cancer Research UK's life saving research.



Meyler Campbell have contributed in the region of **£400,000** to Cancer Research UK by delivering the coaching free of charge.*



Most importantly, the coaching programme is supporting a community of scientists who will go on to make transformative, life-saving discoveries, helping more people to live longer, better lives, free from the fear of cancer.



It was such a privilege to coach a junior group leader at CRUK and it became clear very quickly that their management and priority setting challenges were exactly the same as any time-pressed business leader. Our sessions were challenging, fun and above all informative. A great experience.

I was also enormously touched by the fact that my coachee subsequently got in touch to confirm that their paper had been published and a grant submitted which the coaching had really helped with – brilliant.



Jeremy Metson
Meyler Campbell Coach

*Based on an approximate value of £10,000 for 6 sessions delivered by a senior business coach.

FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAMME

At Cancer Research UK we aim to attract, train and retain a diverse and inclusive community of the best scientists across our network of centres, institutes, and collaborative research teams. We've designed and refined a clear programme to identify and support the brightest science stars throughout their careers. To date, we have invested millions into the careers of young researchers. And it's paying off. Many researchers who we funded early in their careers have gone on to become prominent names in their fields.

The need for young researchers has never been greater. These rising stars bring fresh perspectives and open-minded attitudes to cancer research, helping us bring forward the day we beat cancer. But the skill set they need is changing faster than ever. And the pathway to a successful career as a cancer scientist is full of difficulties and potential dead ends. On paper, it looks simple enough: PhD to postdoctoral researcher, then faculty member, group leader and beyond. In reality, the journey is littered with funding rounds and grant battles. It's important we support them in the challenges they face in their career, such as navigating

complex academic clinical training pathways and questions about future job security.

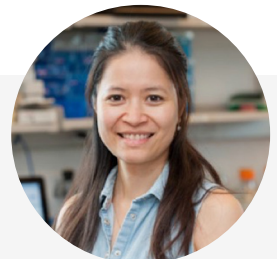
As well as financial support, these promising scientists are offered training to develop their expertise and independence, and the chance to grow their professional networks through meetings and dedicated events. The programme also addresses some of the barriers faced by early to mid-career researchers and aims to support a positive research culture by improvements in career development and positive action interventions at PhD, postdoc and junior group leader level.



It's a privilege to support someone to become a better version of themselves as they make the world a better place for everyone. The experience is continually enlightening, challenging and rewarding but most importantly, meaningful. I'd recommend it to anyone.



Claudia Danser
Meyler Campbell Coach



I very much enjoyed the whole coaching experience. I now feel empowered, able to stand on my feet and ready for new challenges yet to come.



Diu Nguyen
Group Leader
CRUK City of London Centre
Coaching programme participant

THANK YOU

CRUK is extremely grateful for the time, support and commitment of all of those involved in delivering this valuable partnership and look forward to seeing it continue to grow.

Many of the participants continue to work together, and we have a group of coaches waiting to be assigned a scientist and begin their coaching journey. CRUK will be promoting the coaching programme internally and externally, ensuring that more early-career researchers are aware of this valuable opportunity.

The support we receive from partnerships like this is vital in supporting CRUK scientists to continue their critical work and make an extraordinary impact on cancer research in the years to come. Thank you to everyone at Meyler Campbell.

If you feel inspired to support the career of a CRUK scientist, or are interested in discussing other ways in which you can support our Future Leaders Programme please do get in touch.

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