

FOR SHARING KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS GENEROUSLY  
WITH OTHER WOMEN

## A MENTORING AWARD

Rebecca Ordish founded the Mitrataa Foundation, a Nepalese NGO and, after spending 12 years as an intellectual property lawyer, she left the corporate world in 2011 to run the Foundation full time.

Mitrataa runs a diverse range of projects, including WOMEN IN JOURNALISM workshops, the DREAM CATCHER scholarship which enables girls to attend schools, and its largest and most ambitious programme, the DAISY CHAIN, which provides women with basic numeracy and business skills training, a savings plan and seed money to start a small business.

This project's PAY IT FORWARD concept directs that the loan money paid back is returned to the programme to help start the businesses of the next group of women.

Rebecca does not see it as her job to empower women – but rather to provide them with the skills and knowledge to empower themselves. She enables the women and girls of Mitrataa to elevate themselves from poverty, while retaining a sense of pride and agency.



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