

Testimonials

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Gareth Strangemore-Jones

Co-Founder / Marketing & PR, Creative forum (colleague)
worked directly with you

“Josef always does far more than it says on the tin. He is very well connected and liked by all. He knows the issues facing the change community and who can help... He is dedicated and serves tirelessly. He was instrumental in the forming and continuation of The (European) Creative Forum. I would recommend him to anyone as a colleague and friend.” August 1, 2007

Chris Macrae

(business partner)
was with another company when working with you

“Josef is one of London's best connected cultural creatives; having graduated from the London School of Economics his deep networking capabilities aimed at making the world a better place include virtual modes like wikis and real ones like open spaces and parties convened around celebrating a humanitarian issue” January 21, 2004

Jeremy Green

(client)
Jeremy hired you as a IT Consultant in 2011 and hired you more than once

Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Expert

“Josef has worked for me on three projects, all for slightly complex community organisations with requirements that evolved in the task. Each time he has executed the project for us with consummate technical and people skills. He has built three great web sites for us using Wordpress (and various associated add-ons), and he has handed them over to people with less technical skill than himself so that they feel like owners. Perhaps most important, when things have gone wrong he's been very responsive, speedy in finding a resolution, and not blinded us with explanations that we don't follow. I would have no hesitation in recommending him to any client, corporate or community.” March 16, 2012

Peter Challen

Convenor, GJM (business partner)
was with another company when working with you

“Josef is a valued friend and source of advice, information, skills and connections in the work of several networks of the Global Justice movement and the Christian Council for Monetary Justice. Peter Challen” March 15, 2012

Gary Alexander

Senior Lecturer (retired), The Open University (colleague)
worked directly with you

“Josef and I were two of the founders of the Open Co-op, and worked together on that. Josef is a consummate networker, hugely well-informed on all aspects of sustainability, with all sorts of resources at his fingertips, and excellent personal skills.” March 15, 2012

Peter Ramsden

Associate Director, think tank New Economics Foundation (colleague)
managed you indirectly

“Josef is a creative and generous colleague who has enormous energy and contributes across a wide range of projects.”
March 15, 2012

Bridget McKenzie

Director, Flow Associates (business partner)
was with another company when working with you

“Josef is a methodical researcher, diligent event organiser, highly principled and generous in his sharing of knowledge.”
March 15, 2012

Edmund Colville

Director, West Lexham (client)
Edmund hired you as a Facilitator in 2010 and hired you more than once

Top qualities: Expert, Good Value, High Integrity

“Josef is simply the best informed and most connected person in the field of sustainability. He is a walking library, since he manages to retain the wealth of information that he reads. He is therefore invaluable as part of the team, since he has strict values and is extremely discerning.” March 15, 2012

James Arthur

Digital Media Director, Large Blue (business partner)
was with another company when working with you

“Josef is a remarkable, tireless and hugely constructive connector, particularly in the sphere of social and financial innovation. Josef spends his life identifying synergies and connecting people. He's active in a wide range of networks and at a wide range of events. He has a wide, generalist understanding of business and social context and is a shrewd judge of an opportunity as well as a person. I've worked with and known Josef through his involvement with United Diversity, Open Coop and the Espians. I'd suggest you'd be hard pressed to find a more knowledgeable and constructive collaborator or one with as much passion and enthusiasm for tackling problems that matter.” March 15, 2012

Nick Jankel

Chief Exec, wecreate (business partner)
was with another company when working with you

“Josef is literally one of the broadest thinkers I know. He is also extremely contributive and generous with his ideas and energies.” March 15, 2012

Kevin Carson

Blog Contributor, Foundation for P2P Alternatives (colleague)
worked directly with you

“I have known Josef for several years through the Foundation for Peer-to-Peer Alternatives (P2P Foundation), and other associated ventures like Appropedia, the Transition Town movement, and the Hub. He has a well-deserved reputation as the go-to guy for building websites and otherwise integrating communications and networking technology into the needs of progressive organizations.” March 16, 2012

Phil Jones

Software Developer, The Hub (Worldwide) (business partner)
was with another company when working with you

“As far as I can tell, Josef knows just about everyone in the country who is either saving the world from itself or helping to make it a better place to live. If you want to find out who is doing what and who can help you with your project Josef is one of the first people you should call.” March 15, 2012

Ruth Schamroth

Partner, Schamroth + Harriss Architects (business partner)
was a consultant or contractor to you

“Josef has helped create our presence on the Web. We are a Cohousing Group and he has given his time pro bono to set up our website. He is excellent at explaining what he's done in simple terms and no task is too difficult for him to undertake.” March 16, 2012

Jo Evershed

(client)

Jo hired you as a IT Consultant in 2009

Top qualities: Personable, Good Value, High Integrity

“Josef help me set up a blog for the Amazing School and link it to relevant social media channels. At every stage Josef was helpful and personable and I completely trusted him to advise me as best he could. The site is still up and running and working fine, so overall, he has done a very good job!” March 15, 2012

Stefan Geyer

Chairman, Permaculture Association (business partner)
was with another company when working with you

“Josef is a enthusiastic, deeply creative thinker and a master at keeping tabs on what's going on, with his finger on the pulse. You'd do well to have him on your team. Stefan Geyer” March 15, 2012

Lucy Wills FRSA

(client)

Lucy hired you as a Consultant in 2002

Top qualities: Great Results, Expert, Creative

“Josef is a passionate and knowledgeable proponent of social enterprise, change and transformation, and I have found his insights and perspective invaluable.” March 15, 2012

Alastair MacKenzie

(client)

Alastair hired you as a Consultant in 2009 and hired you more than once

Top qualities: Expert, High Integrity, Creative

“Josef is a human Google of useful people contacts and detailed knowledge of a wide range of areas, I find his council invaluable in anything related to social enterprise, sustainable design and software coding.” March 16, 2012

Dana Gornitzki

(client)

Dana hired you as a IT Consultant in 2011

Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, High Integrity

“Josef's work was recommended to me via the Hub network. The session we spent together focused on the basics of setting up a Wordpress website; Josef's approach was straightforward, effective and friendly - all really valuable qualities when teaching someone about new technology. Highly recommended.” March 15, 2012

Paula Graham

Researcher, Technology & Social Action (business partner)
was with another company when working with you

“I worked with Josef on the Technology and Social Action research project where he made a valuable contribution to research on climate change and technology.” March 15, 2012

Tomas Remiarz

Principal, Permaculture Design, Teaching and Practice (business partner)
was with another company when working with you

“Josef has been an excellent networker of ideas for permaculture projects I have been involved with.” March 15, 2012

Julie Futcher

Architect - Urban Energy Management, University College Dublin (colleague)
worked directly with you

“I’ve found Josef enthusiastic and knowledgeable in all areas with regard to environmental efficiency in the regeneration of urban areas” March 15, 2012

Chris Watkins

Director, Appropedia Foundation (business partner)
was with another company when working with you

“Josef is a great connector, reaching out and putting us in touch with people, and helping to spark collaborations.”
March 15, 2012

Liz McDowell

Founder and Project Director, Otesha Project UK (business partner)
was with another company when working with you

“Simply put, Josef is an amazing source of knowledge on all things sustainability-related. When someone's looking for specific knowledge on anything from permaculture to alternative banking systems, I send them straight to Josef. He's incredibly principled, he lives his values and he's always open to new learning. On top of this, he's incredibly well networked & somehow seems to know everyone doing innovative grassroots projects in the UK and even further afield!” April 9, 2012

Deasy Bamford

Founder and Community Leader, Radford Mill Farm CIC (business partner)
was with another company when working with you

“Josef is a mine of information and joins up the dots between different forms of knowledge, from open source technological solutions, people centred economics, permaculture and community building. He is passionate about change for the future survival of planet and people.” March 18, 2012

Shekhar Tiwatne

Consultant, The Hub (business partner)
was with another company when working with you

“Josef is great networker. I haven't seen many matching his abilities. He is open to ideas and always willing contribute. While working with The Hub I often found him doing meaningful contributions to conversions and helping The Hub's tech and other projects. He helped me generating momentum for my new venture and got me in touch with people who are interested in my product. I have no hesitation recommending him.” March 19, 2012

Jamie Andrews

Director, Loco2 (business partner)
was with another company when working with you

“Josef is an absolute font of knowledge about an astonishing range of subjects. He has a deep understanding of how technology can be used to build a more stable, sustainable future within a more robust and collaborative economic system. When I was commissioned to write an article about "Open source approaches to tackling climate change" for the Ecologist, Josef was first on my list of people to call, and he did not disappoint in providing fascinating insights into current worldwide initiatives to build a brighter future.” March 17, 2012

Ed Mayo

Secretary General, Co-operatives UK (business partner)
was a consultant or contractor to you

“Josef has been a practical and open pioneer. From his time at the New Economics Foundation through to more recent work together where he has been working to bring together the co-operative and open source models, he is creative and highly adaptive.” March 19, 2012

Michel Bauwens

Owner, Foundation for P2P Alternatives (business partner)
was with another company when working with you

“Josef is a consummate digital curator and networker with a deep knowledge of the emergence of an ethical economy in the UK and abroad. He has created a set of resources that are useful for anyone seeking to enter that space or want to gain an understanding of its richness. He is also a hands-on constructor of cooperative models and has played a crucial role in successful crowdfunding campaigns for social enterprises and other non-profit venues.” May 17, 2012

Lucy Gilliam

Science Advisor, Defra (business partner)
was with another company when working with you

“I’ve known Josef for several years now. We regularly share information on sustainable development, urban regeneration, transition movement, permaculture, climate change, green economics. Josef is a mine of useful information and he is superbly connected to all the eco doers in London. It is always a delight for me to catch up with Josef as I know I will also go away with fresh nuggets of information. He walks the walk which is refreshing in the age of excuses.” July 1, 2012

Julia Groves

Managing Director, Trillion Fund (client)
Julia hired you as a Writer/Editor in 2012

Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, On Time

“Josef did an amazing job for us in a very short space of time and with a very average brief. Totally hit the deadline and delivered above our expectations. Thanks Josef, we will be back for more..” July 3, 2012