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Under the slogan **"I'm barceloní/barcelonina by choice"**, Barcelona International Community Day is this year celebrating its twelfth edition, reaffirming a shared commitment to make Barcelona a welcoming, rich and diverse city, thanks to the coexistence of Barcelonians from all over the world who have chosen to live and work here.

From the City Council, we will continue working to ensure that this diversity makes Barcelona

a more competitive and more innovative city, and that at the same time we are able to build a shared city project. We are all Barcelona and we need to build the city between us all.

This big international gathering is a space for connecting, sharing and growing together. I encourage you to participate in the activities, workshops, talks and recreational spaces that you'll find on the programme of this year's edition.

Thank you for being a part of this event, which reflects the best of Barcelona's spirit: the spirit of collaboration and coexistence.

**Welcome to Barcelona International Community Day 2025!**



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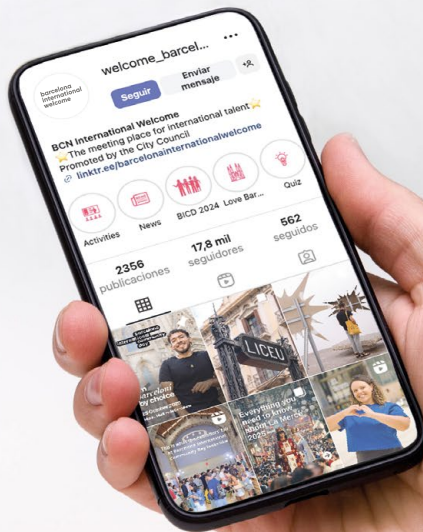
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## Programme *of activities*





# Programme

<b>9.45 - 10.15</b> Museum garden	<b>Welcome to the rhythm of HULA, Hawaii's traditional dance. Aloha!</b> <i>led by Associació Artística Butterfly</i>	<i>Catalan</i> Performance <b>Entertainment Activity</b>
<b>10.00 - 10.30</b> Welcome point	<b>Grab a Barcelona International Community Day 2025 T-shirt!</b>	<i>Catalan, Spanish &amp; English</i> <b>Entertainment Activity</b>
<b>10.15 - 11.00</b> Room 2	<b>Culture and creativity: Barcelona, a beacon of new trends</b> <i>moderated by Saviesa Think Tank</i>	<i>English</i> Round Table <b>Settling in and Getting Involved</b>
<b>10.15 - 10.45</b> Room 3	<b>Barcelona taxes for newcomers: practical tips and key information</b> <i>led by Entre Trámites</i>	<i>English</i> Capsule <b>Settling in and Getting Involved</b>
<b>10.15 - 10.45</b> Playroom	<b>Welcome to our Playroom</b> <i>courtesy of Milingui</i>	<i>Catalan, Spanish &amp; English</i> Workshop <b>Children's Activity</b>
<b>10.15 - 11.15</b> Room 4	<b>The C.O.R.E. of Networking</b> <i>led by Hola Magnolia Identityworks</i>	<i>English</i> Workshop <b>Networking and Workshops</b>
<b>10.30 - 11.15</b> Room 1 – Auditorium	<b>Employment trends in Barcelona and resources for job hunting</b> <i>led by Barcelona Activa</i>	<i>English</i> Capsule <b>Work and Business</b>
<b>10.30 - 11.30</b> Room 5 – Mezzanine	<b>Do you know how to prepare an esqueixada?</b> <i>courtesy of Ajuntament de Barcelona</i>	<i>Catalan &amp; Spanish</i> Workshop <b>Settling in and Getting Involved</b>
<b>11.00 - 11.45</b> Room 3	<b>Barcelona, the university city: when the urban environment and its surroundings become a complete campus</b> <i>moderated by Barcelona Centre Universitari</i>	<i>English</i> Round Table <b>Settling in and Getting Involved</b>

<b>11.00 - 11.45</b> Playroom	<b>Word Safari: Discover Animals in every Language!</b> <i>courtesy of Milingui</i>	<i>Catalan, Spanish, English &amp; French</i> Workshop <b>Children's Activity</b>
<b>11.15 - 12.00</b> Room 2	<b>Barcelona in solidarity. Get involved and make lifelong friends!</b> <i>moderated by Federació Catalana de Voluntariat Social</i>	<i>English</i> Round Table <b>Settling in and Getting Involved</b>
<b>11.30 - 12.15</b> Room 1 – Auditorium	<b>We want and support entrepreneurial talent! Financing and wealth creation through start-ups in Barcelona</b> <i>moderated by the Barcelona Investment Office, Ajuntament de Barcelona</i>	<i>English</i> Round table <b>Work and Business</b>
<b>11.30 - 12.30</b> Room 4	<b>How powerful is your personal brand?</b> <i>led by LVA Coaching and TravelPerk</i>	<i>English</i> Workshop <b>Work and Business</b>
<b>11.45 - 12.30</b> Museum garden	<b>Connect with a purpose: networking for women driving change</b> <i>led by Barcelona Women's Network and Female ChangeMakers</i>	<i>English</i> Workshop <b>Networking and Workshops</b>
<b>12.00 - 12.30</b> Room 3	<b>Manage the cultural shock of moving abroad</b> <i>led by Eres Relocation Spain</i>	<i>English</i> Capsule <b>Settling in and Getting Involved</b>
<b>12.00 - 12.45</b> Playroom	<b>Multilingual Bingo: A numbers game for every Language</b> <i>courtesy of Milingui</i>	<i>Catalan, Spanish, English &amp; Italian</i> Workshop <b>Children's Activity</b>
<b>12.00 - 13.00</b> Room 5 – Mezzanine	<b>Linguistic vermouth</b> <i>led by Centre de Normalització Lingüística de Barcelona</i>	<i>Catalan &amp; English</i> Workshop <b>Settling in and Getting Involved</b>
<b>12.15 - 12.45</b> Room 2	<b>Where is Barcelona's economy heading? The projects that will transform the city</b> <i>led by Ajuntament de Barcelona</i>	<i>English</i> Capsule <b>Settling in and Getting Involved</b>



<b>12.30 - 13.15</b> Room 1 – Auditorium	<b>Practical guide for settling in, getting involved and thriving in Barcelona</b> <i>courtesy of Eres Relocation Spain</i>	<i>English</i> Inspirational Talk <b>Settling in and Getting Involved</b>
<b>12.45 - 13.15</b> Room 3	<b>How to buy and finance a home in Barcelona</b> <i>led by Banc Sabadell</i>	<i>English</i> Capsule <b>Settling in and Getting Involved</b>
<b>12.45 - 13.30</b> Room 4	<b>Creating a professional LinkedIn profile</b> <i>led by Barcelona Activa</i>	<i>English</i> Workshop <b>Work and Business</b>
<b>13.00 - 13.45</b> Playroom	<b>Language Rainbow: Coloring the world!</b> <i>courtesy of Milingui</i>	<i>Catalan, Spanish, English &amp; Ukrainian</i> Workshop <b>Children's Activity</b>
<b>13.00 - 13.45</b> Room 2	<b>Female talents, from Asia to Barcelona: crossing paths and sharing experiences</b> <i>moderated by Casa Asia</i>	<i>English</i> Round Table <b>Work and Business</b>
<b>13.00 - 13.45</b> Museum garden	<b>Electronic Jazz Fusion Concert by Brotar Afterwork</b> <i>courtesy of Maremagnum Shopping Center</i>	<i>English and Spanish</i> Performance <b>Entertainment activity</b>
<b>13.30 - 14.00</b> Room 3	<b>Helping you choose a school for your children</b> <i>led by Barcelona Family Life and Consorci d'Educació de Barcelona</i>	<i>English</i> Capsule <b>Settling in and Getting Involved</b>
<b>13.30 - 14.15</b> Room 1 – Auditorium	<b>Tech hubs and opportunities for digital talent in Barcelona</b> <i>moderated by Mobile World Capital Barcelona</i>	<i>English</i> Round Table <b>Work and Business</b>
<b>13.45 - 14.30</b> Room 4	<b>Put your knowledge to the test with a current affairs trivia quiz</b> <i>led by Catalan News</i>	<i>English</i> Workshop <b>Settling in and Getting Involved</b>

<b>13.45 - 14.45</b> Room 5 – Mezzanine	<b>We're all creative, even if we aren't aware! Game workshop for all ages</b> <i>led by Bauplay</i>	<i>Spanish &amp; English</i> Workshop <b>Entertainment Activity</b>
<b>14.00 - 14.45</b> Playroom	<b>Food Market and Language Learning : Fruits, Vegetables, and much more...</b> <i>courtesy of Milingui</i>	<i>Catalan, Spanish, English &amp; Arabic</i> Workshop <b>Children's Activity</b>
<b>14.00 - 14.45</b> Room 2	<b>Beyond Borders: BIPOC Entrepreneurs in Barcelona</b> <i>moderated by Christy White, host ambassador of the Barcelona International Community Day 2025</i>	<i>English</i> Round table <b>Work and Business</b>
<b>14.15 - 15.00</b> Museum garden	<b>Ball de Bastons</b> <i>led by Bastoners de Sabadell</i>	<i>Catalan</i> Performance <b>Entertainment Activity</b>
<b>14.15 - 15.00</b> Room 3	<b>Barcelona: a gateway to research, innovation, and scientific talent</b> <i>moderated by Ajuntament de Barcelona</i>	<i>English</i> Round Table <b>Settling in and Getting Involved</b>
<b>14.30 - 15.15</b> Room 1 – Auditorium	<b>How to lead inclusively? Diversity competencies and new management styles</b> <i>moderated by Pedro Patrón, host ambassador of the Barcelona International Community Day 2025</i>	<i>English</i> Round table <b>Work and Business</b>
<b>14.45 - 15.30</b> Room 4	<b>Adapting to Barcelona: new city, new routines</b> <i>led by SIETAR</i>	<i>English</i> Workshop <b>Settling in and Getting Involved</b>
<b>15.00 - 15.45</b> Playroom	<b>Days that talk: learning the Calendar in several Languages!</b> <i>courtesy of Milingui</i>	<i>Catalan, Spanish, English &amp; German</i> Workshop <b>Children's Activity</b>
<b>15.00 - 15.45</b> Room 2	<b>Discover Barcelona and its surroundings by walking, running or cycling</b> <i>moderated by La Vanguardia</i>	<i>English</i> Round table <b>Settling in and Getting Involved</b>



<b>15.15 - 16.00</b> Room 3	<b>Preparing for work interviews with AI</b> <i>led by Barcelona Activa</i>	<i>English</i> Workshop <b>Work and Business</b>
<b>15.30 - 16.15</b> Room 1 – Auditorium	<b>Empowering women through Networking</b> <i>moderated by <b>Fernanda Grace Lins</b>, host ambassador of the Barcelona International Community Day 2025</i>	<i>English</i> Round Table <b>Work and Business</b>
<b>15.30 - 16.30</b> Room 5 – Mezzanine	<b>Collaborative painting workshop</b> <i>led by <b>Yoshi Sislay</b>, host ambassador of the Barcelona International Community Day 2025</i>	<i>Spanish</i> Workshop <b>Networking and Workshops</b>
<b>15.30 - 16.15</b> Museum garden	<b>The magic of Peru</b> <i>led by <b>Compañía de Danza Perú Ritmos y Costumbres</b></i>	<i>Spanish</i> Performance <b>Entertainment Activity</b>
<b>16.00 - 16.45</b> Playroom	<b>Multilingual Barcelona: building our Language Album</b> <i>courtesy of Milingui</i>	<i>Catalan, Spanish, English, German, French, Italian, Arabic &amp; Ukrainian</i> Workshop <b>Children's Activity</b>
<b>16.00 - 16.45</b> Room 4	<b>Maximise your professional potential: essential practices and tools</b> <i>led by <b>G&amp;L Shift</b></i>	<i>English</i> Workshop <b>Work and Business</b>
<b>16.00 - 16.30</b> Room 2	<b>Highly qualified professionals in Barcelona: tips for a successful application!</b> <i>led by <b>Tálenom</b></i>	<i>English</i> Capsule <b>Settling in and Getting Involved</b>
<b>16.00 - 17.00</b> Meeting point: next to the submarine in the Museum garden	<b>Guided tour through Museu Marítim</b> <i>Led by <b>Museu Marítim de Barcelona</b></i>	<i>Catalan, Spanish &amp; English</i> Guided tour <b>Settling in and Getting Involved</b>
<b>16.15 - 16.45</b> Room 3	<b>Essential guide to the Barcelona real estate market</b> <i>led by <b>INSPIRE Property Experts</b></i>	<i>English</i> Capsule <b>Settling in and Getting Involved</b>

<b>16.30 - 17.15</b> Room 1 – Auditorium	<b>The power of languages in the search for employment in Barcelona</b> <i>moderated by the European Chambers of Commerce in Spain</i>	<i>Spanish</i> Round Table <b>Work and Business</b>
<b>16.30 - 17.15</b> Museum garden	<b>Networking en français</b> <i>led by <b>Le Petit Journal</b></i>	<i>French</i> Workshop <b>Networking and workshops</b>
<b>16.45 - 17.15</b> Room 2	<b>Health and medical care in Barcelona: everything you need to know</b> <i>led by <b>Turó Park Clinics</b></i>	<i>English</i> Capsule <b>Settling in and Getting Involved</b>
<b>17.00 - 17.45</b> Playroom	<b>Multilingual Barcelona: building our Language Album</b> <i>courtesy of Milingui</i>	<i>Catalan, Spanish, English, German, French, Italian, Arabic &amp; Ukrainian</i> Workshop <b>Children's Activity</b>
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<b>17.00 - 18.00</b> Room 4	<b>Speaking Catalan: not just a language, but a connection</b> <i>led by <b>Centre de Normalització Lingüística de Barcelona</b></i>	<i>Catalan &amp; English</i> Workshop <b>Settling in and Getting Involved</b>
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<b>17.30 - 18.00</b> Room 1 – Auditorium	<b>Do you want to start a business?</b> <i>led by <b>Barcelona Activa</b></i>	<i>English</i> Capsule <b>Work and Business</b>
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18.00 - 18.45

Typical *Cercavila* of Terres de l'Ebre with Xaranga Sarabastall

Catalan

Performance

Entertainment Activity

Exhibitor's fair

## All-day activities

10.00 - 18.00

**Interview podcast with Barcelonins/ es by choice**

*courtesy of Entre Trámites*

Location: Podcast

*Catalan, Spanish, English & French*

Workshop

Settling in and Getting Involved

**Looking for work in Barcelona?**

*led by Barcelona Activa*

Barcelona Activa booth

*Catalan, Spanish & English*

Workshop

Work and Business

**Immersive VR Job Interview**

*led by Barcelona Activa*

Location:  
Virtual Reality

*Catalan, Spanish & English*

Workshop

Work and Business

**Take a professional photo for your personal brand!**

*led by Barcelona Activa*

Location:  
Professional photo

*Catalan, Spanish & English*

Workshop

Work and Business

**Artistic makeup**

Agora

Workshop

Children's Activity

**Children's exhibition: "SOS Oceans! The PATAPUM gang to the rescue"**

*led by Museu Marítim de Barcelona*

Viewing point  
(Museum lobby)

*Catalan, Spanish & English*

Exhibition

Children's Activity

**Video booth 360°  
'I'm Barceloni/na by choice'**

Agora

*Catalan, Spanish & English*

Entertainment Activity

**Playroom**

*courtesy of Milingui*

Playroom

*Catalan, Spanish, English & more*

Workshop

Children's Activity

**Café**

Agora

Networking

## Detailed programme

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*Floor plan*





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A close-up portrait of a woman with light brown hair, looking slightly off-camera with a gentle smile. She is wearing a rust-colored top and a gold chain necklace. The background is dark and out of focus.

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- C11** Catalan News
- B12** Centre de Normalització Lingüística de Barcelona
- B48** Consorci d'Educació de Barcelona
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- B42** Turisme Baix Llobregat

## Companies

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- B39** Balcells Lawyers Group
- A3** Banc Sabadell
- B20** Barcelona Students
- B30** CIEE Barcelona
- B16** Clínica Corachan - Departamento Internacional
- C28** Concillar
- B44** Dreamlife Spain
- B1** Edgar Mas Family Chiropractic

- C6** Educational Adventures
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- B27** Grit Förster – Professional Organizer
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- B7** Mudanzas Diagonal
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- B2** NIE Barcelona
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## Educational services

- B37** AESA Prep Academy of Barcelona
- C1** Benjamin Franklin International School
- B8** EADA Business School
- B3** ESEI International Business School
- B11** Fundació Blanquerna
- C2** Globeducate Agora International Schools
- B36** Hamelin - Laie International School



- B46** La Miranda - The Global Quality School
- B29** La Salle Campus Barcelona
- C3** St Peter's School
- C5** St. Patrick's International School
- B34** TBS Education
- B47** The British School of Barcelona

## Associations

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- C18** Open your Spain Association
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- C14** Club Natació Barcelona
- C17** Fundació Institut Confuci de Barcelona
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information  
*on exhibitors*



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## Host *ambassadors*





# Christy White

Lawyer and artist



United States

## Who is Christy White?

Hello, I'm Christy Michelle White. I was born in Mississippi. After working for many years as a lawyer, I experienced burnout. I decided to travel the world, and that brought me to Barcelona. I am a self-taught artist. I had just left a job at a company, so I went back home and thought, "Okay, I can't just be a lawyer. I have to have something else besides law". So I picked up a pencil and initially thought I would write, but I ended up drawing. Then I said to myself, "How interesting. Why don't I do this more?" I felt a connection. Everything inspires me to paint. My emotions or conversations with my family across the water. What happens in the political arena also inspires me.

## How would you describe your experience within the Black community in Barcelona?

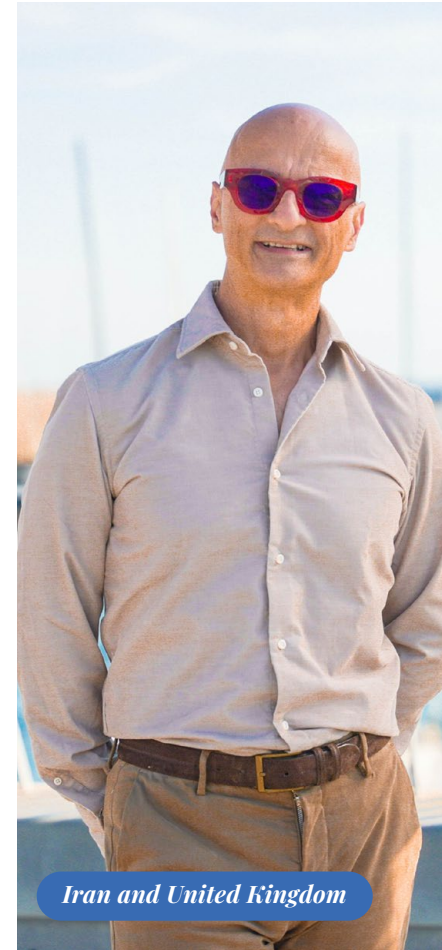
The Black community in Barcelona is diverse. It encourages and attracts people from many different places. It's wonderful because it also makes me feel at home, because we share different cultures that have common roots, while at the same time living within a different culture.

## What does Christy enjoy doing in her free time?

I love to write. It's a good way to express emotions. For a long time, I wrote a lot about suffering and anger, which reflected my childhood. But now it's different. My writing has changed a lot because I have had many more experiences. Now I write about healing, transformation and love.

# Ali Parsa

Entrepreneur



Iran and United Kingdom

## Who is Ali Parsa?

I'm Ali Parsa. I was born in Tehran. I moved to Barcelona from London (United Kingdom) and I am the CEO of Quadriviva AI. I am a serial entrepreneur in the healthcare sector. I previously worked as a financial agent for Goldman Sachs in London and New York, and later became a tech entrepreneur in Silicon Valley and London. I moved to Barcelona to secure funding for my new company.

## What was your first impression of Barcelona?

My first impression of the city was: "This is a city close to the sea and the mountains, with great food and culture, and beautiful, friendly people". I loved it from the moment I arrived. It has been very easy to come and settle here. Barcelona is a very easy city to move to, settle in, live in and start working immediately.

## Do you have any hobbies or passions?

I like sports and cooking. I can walk along the seafront, swim, go hiking, cycle in the mountains, and visit markets to buy the best ingredients for cooking. I love being here. I would describe Barcelona as a place with great cultural diversity. You also find it in the food and the sea. And the same goes for the diversity of people who have made Barcelona their home.



# Shilpa Arora

Data scientist



## Who is Shilpa?

I'm Shilpa Arora, I'm 33 years old, I'm from India and I moved to Barcelona about two years ago. I started working with Giga, a UNICEF and ITU initiative to connect schools to the internet. At first, I worked remotely from India, and then I came here when the office was established, which has become Giga's tech hub in Barcelona. So, when the timing was right, I moved here, and I loved how easy it is to walk around the city and how friendly everyone is.

## Tell us something you particularly enjoy about living in Barcelona.

I like eating lots of lentils and grains, rather than focusing entirely on meat products. I enjoy living in Barcelona because there are many shops where you can buy high-quality organic vegetables. I usually go and buy local fruits and vegetables, as well as visit speciality stores for legumes and cereals, where I can buy different types of lentils and beans, and grains like quinoa, bulgur, and basmati rice. I buy these and try to cook at home, which allows me to maintain a healthy and balanced diet.

# Yoshi Sislay

Visual artist



## Who is Yoshi?

My name is Yoshi Sislay and I was born in Osaka, Japan. I'm an illustrator and have travelled to various places like Chicago, USA, London, and New Zealand. I've been living in Barcelona for 20 years.

## What is Yoshi's passion?

My passion is drawing. When I talk about my work, all my friends say, "Don't talk about work, we just want to enjoy ourselves, but I enjoy my work, so I like talking about it".

## What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

What I like most, apart from work, is going to the beach or the mountains and enjoying nature. There are a lot of parks in Barcelona, such as Ciutadella, Parc de l'Estació del Nord and Jardins de les Tres Xemeneies. Since I have two children, I enjoy spending time with them walking, drawing, watching TV together, playing video games, or playing football. Oh, and I also really enjoy going out for a glass of cava and Catalan cuisine in general.



# Fernanda Grace

Founder of City Girls Barcelona



Brazil and the United States

## Who is Fernanda?

My name is Fernanda. I was born in Brazil and later lived in the United States. I've been living in Barcelona for four years. I used to travel a lot, and one of the places I visited in 2018 was Barcelona. I fell in love with the city, especially because I could explore it on foot. Everything was so beautiful: the art, the city... Barcelona is where I've worked with the most creative people. Inspiration is everywhere.

## What inspired you to create City Girls?

Not having any friends at first was very difficult. That's why I created City Girls. The goal was to make friends. City Girls is a community for women, both local and foreign, where we connect through activities. The activities we do in the city can vary from coworking to beach walks, dinners and, basically, exploring the city.

## What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I started underwater photography in 2018. Photography has always been a passion of mine since I was little. It started with my grandfather, who always brought a camera to family gatherings. I've always had a camera in my hand. I also volunteer for several charities here, especially one called SUPorando.

# Pedro Patrón

Communications expert



Peru

## Who is Pedro Patrón?

I'm Pedro Patrón, I was born and raised in Peru, specifically in the city of Lima. I studied Communication Sciences, worked as a journalist and then, after graduating, I went to study a master's degree in the United States and that's where I met my wife, who is from Barcelona. We came to live here 25 years ago and I currently lead the communications and events team at Roche Diagnostics Spain.

## What has it been like integrating into Catalan culture coming from Peru?

They are two different cultures and two different countries with different languages. My wife speaks Catalan at home, it's her mother tongue, and I myself learned Catalan. My integration was very easy because her family and friends have always welcomed me with open arms. Another way I integrated at the beginning was by learning to cook paella!

## What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

One of my passions is music. I've been collecting vinyl records for a few years now. I like to wander around Carrer dels Tallers and visit record shops. I can spend the whole afternoon browsing and selecting to see what gems I can add to my mini-collection. I also like to go running, putting on my headphones, thinking about myself and my stuff, and racking up the kilometres. I've been participating in races and marathons for around 15 years, and I love running down any of the city's streets and around La Barceloneta.



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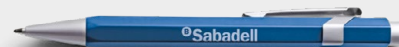
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