Graph Advocates Spotlight
Issue #2

Welcome to the Graph Advocates Spotlight! This week we are showcasing Advocates David Dumitrescu and Matias Hernandez.

But first, lets take a quick look at this week's updates in The Graph ecosystem.

Community Roundup

- 14 Community Grant applications have already been submitted! Now's your chance to post your feedback & questions for applications in the Forum.
- Indexer Office Hours #69
- GRTiQ Episode #74 with Ahmet Ozcan,
- Cami Ramos, Dev Rel at Edge & Node, presents on Substreams at ETHCC
- Ahmad Mardani released a new Graph Intro Course on 101
- Arbitrum hosted a Twitter Spaces featuring The Graph
- The Graph featured on OurNetwork Issue #130
- Vitalik name drops The Graph (again) at ETHCC

Learning Series

The Graph AdvocatesDAO Learning Series are an excellent way to increase your knowledge and understanding of The Graph and Web3! Below is the schedule for the Learning Series in August 2022:

Time: 8/3/22 at 9:00am PST
Title: An Introduction to GraphOps
Hosted By: Ana and Petko from GraphOps

Time: 8/5/22 at 9:30am PST
Title: An Introduction to StreamingFast
Hosted By: Josh Kauffman from StreamingFast

Time: 8/24/22 at 10:00am PST
Title: An Introduction to Edge & Node
Hosted By: Kyle Rojas from Edge & Node

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Advocate Spotlight

- **Name:** David Dumitrescu
- **Advocate Role(s):** Community Care, Technical Teacher
- **Region:** New York, USA
- **Advocate Wave:** Wave 2
- **Social Media Handles:** @pellegrypto (Twitter),
- **Background:** Tech sales, degree in finance, self-taught programmer

1. What Inspired you to select the Community Care and Technical Teacher roles?

I enjoy educating people about The Graph, and I am a self-taught subgraph developer aspiring for a full time dev role.

2. What would you like to accomplish as a Graph Advocate?

Showing people how powerful decentralized protocols can be. It is not just a cool idea in theory, it is being used and it is faster and more reliable than centralized solutions.

3. What Advocate contribution that you've submitted are you most proud of?

I met a p2e (play-to-earn) game analytics builder at an IRL Avax event who said he was trying to get in-depth game data and would likely finish in 6 weeks. I finished a nice multi-contract subgraph for him shortly after getting home that will likely cut their time down to 2 weeks for visualizing data for a dozen more p2e games.

4. What Graph Day Announcement did you find most compelling, and why?

There were so many exciting announcements, but the one that really blew me away was that Subgraph Studio is now faster and has less down time than the hosted service. This feels huge. Excited for the sunsetting of the hosted service in the coming months.

5. What other web3 communities or projects are you interested or participating in?

The Graph's community feels like home. Other communities that I find compelling are on FTM, AVAX, MATIC, and ONE.

Did you know? Fantom (FTM), Avalanche (AVAX), and Polygon (MATIC) are three of the 35 networks supported by The Graph.

Advocate Spotlight

- **Name:** Matias Hernandez
- **Advocate Role(s):** Community Care, Technical Teacher, Web3 Welcomer
- **Region:** South America (Chile)
- **Advocate Wave:** Wave 1
- **Social Media Handles:** matias#2129 (Discord), @matiasfha (Twitter)
- **Background:** I'm a Chilean Software Engineer, father of two little kids, tech writer, podcaster and tech instructor. I've been around the keyboard for almost 22 years now from the early PHP days, through the boom of jQuery until now. My focus is on web development and learn and teach others.

1.
Why is Web3 important to you?
More than the technology used (now) to drive this trend is the philosophy behind it that drives my intent to be part of this boom. The idea of building the pillars for a decentralized internet is powerful.

2.
What is a current challenge you think Web3 will solve?
The main focus has been on the financial realm but I think that it could also create lot of power on the user through decentralized content creation/social networks like the Lens protocol.

3.
What other web3 communities or projects are you interested or participating in?
I'm currently helping Meadow and participating in Developer DAO.

4.
What Advocate contribution that you've submitted are you most proud of?
An introductory article on The Graph in Spanish.

5.
Which of your fellow Advocates would you like to shout out? Why or how did they help you?
Lorena Fabris (Lorena#8959) for driving the Spanish Telegram community.

Did you know? There are over 20 unique Telegram communities building awareness about The Graph and web3 in 20 different languages!