

Graph Advocates Spotlight

Issue #1

Welcome to the first issue of the Graph Advocates Spotlight! This week we will be showcasing Advocates Paul Barba and Chidubem Okeke.

But before we jump in to our Spotlights, lets take a quick look at this week's updates in The Graph ecosystem.

Community Roundup:

- The Graph AdvocatesDAO Community Grants program is live! All are welcome to [apply for a Community Grant](#) and/or provide feedback on other Community Grant applications in the [Graph AdvocatesDAO Forum](#).
- [Graph AdvocatesDAO Community Calendar](#) is also live. Subscribe today to keep up with all Graph AdvocatesDAO events.
- 21 new Graph Advocates joined the community during Wave 3. Congratulations and welcome to all the new Advocates!
- [The Graph distributed \\$10,000 to hackers at ETHNewYork](#)
- [Community Talk #13](#)
- [Indexer Office Hours #68](#)
- [GRTiQ Episode #73 with Ahmad Mardeni](#)
- [The Graph Council Meeting #32](#)
- The Graph mainnet reaches 400 subgraphs!
- [Edge & Node is hiring!](#)



Contribution Showcase:

This week's Contribution Showcase goes to the [Fireside Chat: Episode 1 on "Blockchain, Web3, and The Graph Protocol"](#) hosted by OlaBillionaire#7614 via Twitter Spaces. Fellow Graph Advocates Estie#3232 and Apostle of Finance#7117 joined Olabillionaire on the presentation. Great work all around!

Miss out on Graph Day? Every speaker's presentation is now available on [The Graph Day | 2022 YouTube Playlist](#).



Advocate Spotlight

- **Name:** Paul Barba
- **Advocate Role(s):** Community Care
- **Region:** USA
- **Advocate Wave:** Wave 1
- **Social Media Handles:** PaulieB#0047 (Discord), @Crypto_Paulie_Walnuts (Telegram), PaulBarba12 (Twitter)
- **Background:** Mortgage Underwriting, Due Diligence, and Investigation



What is a current challenge you think Web3 will solve?

1. Return content rights to authors, provide more secure online tools, decentralize monopolies and thus build a new, more transparent digital economy.

What would you like to accomplish as a Graph Advocate?

2. I hope to share information I learned about The Graph with others and help grow The Graph by teaching others by answering questions. I would guide people to articles that cover educational information and tools to help delegate or curate or general information about The Graph to make them feel comfortable with the protocol. I would also like to build relationships by being involved and learning from other members.

What would you like to learn more about in The Graph ecosystem?

3. I would love to learn more about subgraph development because its outside the norm for me and seems interesting and challenging.

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

4. Sunset of the hosted service and L2 adoption. I feel ETH gas has prohibited growth for new delegators/curators/indexers and existing members especially indexers and this will help smaller indexers and bring new ones helping decentralization. The sunset has helped many projects migrate to the mainnet which is really bringing curation alive and helping the ecosystem earn query fee rewards and getting The Graph ecosystem closer to where it was intended to be.

Which of your fellow Advocates would you like to shout out? Why or how did they help you?

5. DataNexus because I always ask him questions on Graph topics and he is extremely helpful and knowledgeable.

Did You Know? You can learn how to build Subgraphs through the Graph Academy Subgraph Developer Course.

Advocate Spotlight

- **Name:** Chidubem Okeke
- **Advocate Role(s):** Community Care, Technical Teacher
- **Region:** Lagos, Nigeria
- **Advocate Wave:** Wave 1
- **Social Media Handles:** Chidubem #2408 (Discord), i_am_dubemokeke (Twitter), Chidubem (Reddit)
- **Background:** I have a BSc in Business Administration and ran an e-commerce platform that provided menswear/clothing for 5 years. I later started providing digital marketing services for individuals and companies while swim coaching during weekends. I stumbled on Web3 and The Graph and took a leap of faith.



Why is Web3 important to you?

1. Web3 is permissionless, immutable, and puts the power in the hands of the community as opposed to a single entity

What are you most excited to learn more about in The Graph ecosystem, and why?

2. I'm most excited to learn about substreams technology, honestly because I can learn it much better compared to subgraphs. In the long run, I would love to provide support to the substreams channel.

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

3. Right now, just The Graph. But I'm interested in joining the Developer DAO community.

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

4. Substreams, largely because it improves or rather turbo-boosts indexing performance which means Subgraphs sync much faster and are 10x more reliable, which in turn makes The Graph more valuable to the Web3 ecosystem. Sunsetting the hosted service: This is only natural and is the next step in the right direction because The Graph has been using this centralized service for a long time and sunsetting this service is a move to make it decentralized. I'm really excited about what the future holds for the Graph community.

Which of your fellow Advocates would you like to shout out? Why or how did they help you?

5. I would like to shout out jimxjim.eth#0836, we've been collaborating on a delegation tutorial website and he's been super helpful in providing resources and the flow of our project. I would also like to shout out itsjerryokolo#4957, he's been providing regular mentoring technical sessions on different tools in the Graph ecosystem.

Tip: You can learn more about Substreams in this YouTube Video and Indexer Office Hours #65