Piers Linney

With passions for business and innovation coursing through his veins from a young age, Piers Linney, Co-CEO of world leading Cloud Service Provider Outsourcery plc, is a pioneering serial entrepreneur with a blue chip background in venture capital law, corporate finance and fund management.

Since the day he cut out his local newsagent by going direct to the wholesaler to start his own paper round at just thirteen years old, which was his first business sale at sixteen, Linney has had a stunning career working across a wide breadth of businesses in the technology, media and communications sectors.

He has always been inspired by the disruptive power of technology and the Internet, social business and the need for alternative financing options for growth businesses and he firmly believes that business can be a force for good.

Linney has a potent presence in the media having featured on Channel 4's The Secret Millionaire in 2011 and until February 2015, was one of the well-known acting Dragons on the BBC's Dragon's Den, where he exercised his keen eye for innovation to invest in a wide variety of early stage ventures. In fact he only invested in nine out of around 200 pitches.

When he's not seeking out the next revolutionary technology, Piers is a keen cycling and mountain biking enthusiast and works extensively with charities in his roles as trustees of the both the Powerlist Foundation and the innovation charity, NESTA.

Piers is now focused on applying his experience, resources and networks to establish workinsight.org as a national digital platform to create opportunity and inspire young people irrespective of their socio-economic background, academic record, gender, ethnicity, sexuality.