

# Member spotlight - Julie Abbott

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*Meet Premium member Julie Abbott - we spoke to her about what she loves, who she'd invite for dinner and what gets her out of bed each morning*



**A bit about what you do:** Blue Sky Solutions is a Jet Charter Business. We organise the hire of all sorts of aircraft on behalf of our clients; propeller planes, jets, helicopters, even airliners. We can carry any amount of passengers – from one to 500 and offer our services worldwide. We are able to organise charters 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, as corporate jets are often exempt from airport curfews - so you can travel anywhere, anytime.

**What do you love most about your work?** I love running my own company and being able to do things my way. I like to spoil my clients and over-deliver with my service. I love the fast and ever-changing environment of the Corporate Jet Industry too – seeing how the other half lives!

**What's been the highlight of your career so far?** Starting my own business (three years ago) and proving to myself that I could actually survive! I've had some amazing clients – both rich and famous and it's been a real thrill meeting such diverse personalities.

**Everyone started somewhere – what's the worst job you've had?** It wasn't the worst job – just the lowest entry-point. I started with a travel internship. I had spells working in the mail-room, on the switchboard, and in various departments. I was the junior junior! Looking back, it was probably where I learned my most valuable business lessons. My advice to my sons is be happy to start at the bottom and learn all the way up. At the bottom you get to see how everything works and you know where people and their departments fit into a large company. Don't rush and enjoy each step. Knowledge is power.

**If you could invite any two people, dead or alive to a dinner party who would you invite and why?** Richard Branson and Ita Butrose. Both are very inspirational and classy – they each have lived amazing lives and have a unique story to tell. I've heard them both speak (at Business Chicks events) It would be amazing to have them to dinner and be able to chat informally and learn from them.

**What does success look like to you?** Success is a happy well-rounded life. No point having lots of money – no friends and no fun! Success is the whole package – job satisfaction, income, balanced time work/play, family and friends, food and wine.

**What gets you out of bed in the morning?** Coffee! And a good challenge! I love to constantly push myself to get this or that done - both at work and in my home life, renovating! I am a list freak – so each day is about ticking off the list!

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