

## Valentina Guido - Visionary Leader, Community Advocate, and Strategic Thinker



Valentina Guido is an inspiring leader within the Toastmasters community, known for her passion for growth, connection, and community engagement. As a current Area Director for District 46, Valentina is dedicated to fostering a collaborative environment where members feel empowered to achieve excellence and build lasting relationships.

### Educational Background:

- Bachelor of Science in Economics and Business Administration, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy
- Master of Arts in Development Studies and International Affairs, Graduate Institute of Geneva, Switzerland
- Exchange Student at EDC Ecole de Commerce de Paris, University of Zurich, and ETH Zurich

### Leadership Experience:

- Division D, Area 41 Director (2024-2025): Leading with empathy and strategic vision to support club growth and member engagement.
- VP Membership, NY Toastmasters (2023-2024): Fostered member retention and community connection through innovative initiatives.
- VP Mentorship, NY Toastmasters (2024-2025): Dedicated to guiding and inspiring new members while cultivating a culture of continuous learning.

Professional Experience: As a Senior Associate at RMI, Valentina leads projects focused on equity, environmental justice, and community engagement. Her role involves facilitating stakeholder collaboration to develop clean energy solutions and designing innovative frameworks to achieve project goals. With over three years of experience in fundraising and project design, she ensures that initiatives align with organizational outcomes and goals.

### Core Competencies:

- **Strategic Planning:** Proven experience in designing and executing impactful projects and district initiatives.
- **Community Engagement:** Skilled in bringing diverse stakeholders together to create consensus and drive positive change.
- **Financial Expertise:** Background in sustainable finance, leveraging economic insights to optimize project outcomes.
- **Mentorship and Team Building:** Valentina's empathetic approach encourages growth and empowers team members to thrive.

**Leadership Philosophy:** Valentina believes that leadership is about building connections and fostering an environment where members feel supported and valued. She emphasizes the importance of giving actionable guidance and connecting one-on-one to build trust and inspire motivation. Her commitment to continuous learning and personal growth drives her desire to give back to Toastmasters and support fellow members in achieving their goals.

**Why Valentina Makes a Difference:** Valentina's dedication to Toastmasters stems from her own transformative journey within the organization. She believes that building stronger clubs requires not only strategic thinking but also a human touch—one that values empathy, inclusivity, and collaboration. As Division Director, she is committed to supporting clubs in achieving excellence and helping members realize their full potential.

Valentina Guido's warmth, strategic mindset, and passion for community building make her an impactful leader and an inspiration to those around her.