Global Refugee Entrepreneurship Summit 2018

Summit Programme
2 November 2018

Westminster Conference Centre
Department for Business
Energy and Industrial Strategy
1 Victoria Street, London, UK

Supported by
About the Centre for Entrepreneurs

The Centre for Entrepreneurs (CFE) is the UK’s leading entrepreneurship think tank. It researches the economic and social value created by entrepreneurs.

The Centre was launched in 2013 by Sunday Times columnist and serial entrepreneur Luke Johnson, with the support of the Legatum Foundation. In 2017, CFE joined forces with the New Entrepreneurs Foundation – the UK’s leading young entrepreneur development programme – to form a unified charitable foundation to undertake research, campaigns and programmes to advance entrepreneurship across the UK.

Since launch, the Centre has advocated in-prison entrepreneurship programmes, uncovered how entrepreneurs are reviving seaside towns, championed angel investors as Britain’s unsung heroes and shattered negative stereotypes affecting women entrepreneurs.

In 2017, the Centre launched two best-practice networks – the Incubator and Accelerator Network, to increase the scale and impact of business incubation; and the Prison Entrepreneurship Network, to aid the adoption of in-prison entrepreneurship programmes.

Our research on refugee entrepreneurs

In January this year, the Centre began a research programme on refugee entrepreneurship. The aim was to challenge negative public opinion surrounding refugees and identify how best to support new arrivals in starting-up.

The resulting publication, ‘Starting afresh: How entrepreneurship is transforming the lives of resettled refugees’ makes a compelling case why refugees possess many entrepreneurial traits and how providing tailored business support can increase business survival, reduce public spending and strengthen social integration.

You can read it online here: https://centreforentrepreneurs.org/refugees

Launching the CFE Refugee Entrepreneurship Network

The Centre is using this summit to launch the CFE Refugee Entrepreneurship Network.

This digital community aims to connect practitioners around the world to improve the scale and impact of refugee entrepreneurship programmes. It is free to join. The Centre will maintain and oversee the network, leaving the community to determine its direction and activities.

The network will primarily connect through a Slack channel managed by the Centre. Members can ask questions, request support, and share news and resources. Members can also arrange online workshops and video conference meetings. And the Centre will host a digital repository where members can share resources, reports and other useful materials.

As with the summit, we would like the network to achieve four concrete outcomes:

1) To make the network’s Slack channel the go-to platform for rapid communication among practitioners;
2) To hold regular, impactful online workshops via Zoom or Skype;
3) To utilise a global monitoring and data-gathering tool that the network will help design;
4) To give the sector a stronger voice and work towards common digital presence and campaigning.

To join the network and get started on Slack, please email michael@centreforentrepreneurs.org
Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you to the Global Refugee Entrepreneurship Summit.

Everyone in this room shares a common idea: that supporting refugees is not just the right thing to do, but a way to create social and economic opportunity for host countries and newcomers alike. We are also united in our belief that entrepreneurship is uniquely placed to empower refugees: this is the central finding of the Centre's report 'Starting Afresh', and what has led to more than one hundred refugee entrepreneurship programmes taking shape globally in recent years.

Most of you here today are practitioners working on initiatives like these. I hope that this summit will be the first step towards an international community where you can share good practice, support each other, and, ultimately, support more refugees into entrepreneurship.

The summit is designed to connect you with the stakeholders that can help you achieve this. Attendees include practitioners working in 20 different countries across four continents; UK-based and international philanthropic foundations sharing your vision; social and commercial investors; some of the world’s leading researchers in the field; and of course, those at the centre of your work: refugees and former refugees who have found empowerment through entrepreneurship.

Today’s activities will touch on all key aspects of running a refugee entrepreneurship programme.

In the morning you will hear from one of the UK’s most celebrated former-refugee entrepreneurs, as well as three leading programmes operating in the UK, Germany and Rwanda. In the afternoon you will have the opportunity to explore funding models with a panel of experts.

Most importantly, you will be asked to design your own solutions. In groups of ten, you will spend much of the day in workshops, exchanging best practice and coming up with solutions for the sector’s challenges.

The aim of the summit is to catalyse action, and for that reason we have set four intended outcomes: 1) To allow each organisation to improve at least one aspect of their programme by learning from their international counterparts; 2) To help programmes improve their sustainability strategy; 3) To draw input for an international data-sharing and evaluation platform; 4) To launch a global Refugee Entrepreneurship Network enabling practitioners to stay connected beyond this summit.

We are privileged to have gathered some of the world’s most impactful and exciting entrepreneurship programmes, as well as leading philanthropists and investors. The CFE team and I look forward to working with all of you today and into the future to strengthen entrepreneurship support for refugees globally.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Smith
Director, Centre for Entrepreneurs
Agenda – morning

Westminster Conference Centre
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, 1 Victoria Street

08.30am Registration and networking
09.00am Introductions
09.10am Opening words from CFE
09.20am Keynote speech
  • Edin Bašić – founder of Firezza Pizza and former refugee
09.30am Best practice presentation
  • The Entrepreneurial Refugee Network (UK)
09.40am Best practice presentation
  • SINGA Business Lab (Germany)
09.50am Best practice presentation
  • African Entrepreneur Collective (Rwanda)
10.00am Deep-dive workshop: Good practice sharing
  Facilitated discussion in eight groups of ten attendees. Discussion focused on design, funding and evaluation of refugee entrepreneurship programmes.

11.30am Break
11.50am Panel: Funding refugee entrepreneurship: corporates, new investment models and finance for refugee-led businesses
  • Chair: Dr Michelle Richey - lecturer in technology and entrepreneurship, Loughborough University
  • Hanna Wieten - managing director, DELITELABS
  • Chris Gale - head of social mission, Europe, Ben & Jerry’s
  • Chris Clements - director, Social Finance
  • Davide Libralesso - head of programmes and international relations, Etimos Foundation

12.40pm Lunch
Agenda – afternoon

Westminster Conference Centre
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, 1 Victoria Street

13.40pm Welcome back
   Event host reflects on morning sessions and invites very brief introductions from some attendees.

13.50pm CFE presents the global refugee entrepreneurship survey

14.00pm Problem-solving session: Funding and scaling programmes
   5 minutes: problem presentation; 35 minutes: idea formation and shortlist; 30 minutes: presentation & discussion, pledges and action.

15.10pm Break

15.30pm Problem-solving session: Connecting the community, data sharing and evaluation
   5 minutes: problem presentation; 35 minutes: idea formation and shortlist; 30 minutes: presentation & discussion, pledges and action.

16.40pm Reflections and wrap-up

16.50pm Thanks and close

17.00pm Summit ends
Speakers

Dr Mike Bandar - summit host
Entrepreneur, co-founder of Turn Partners and Hopper HQ

Dr Mike Bandar is a UK based entrepreneur and founding partner of Turn Partners, the startup studio focused on the acquisition, turnaround or creation of digital businesses. He’s also co-founder of Hopper HQ, a planning and scheduling tool for Instagram.

Mike is a regular speaker and event host. He has recently been appointed teaching fellow in entrepreneurship at UCL and is an alumnus of the New Entrepreneurs Foundation.

Edin Bašić
Entrepreneur and former refugee

Edin Bašić is the co-founder of gourmet pizza company Firezza. He came to the UK as a refugee following the civil war in Yugoslavia.

Edin worked his way up through London’s restaurant scene, eventually becoming regional manager for some of London’s leading restaurant and café chains. In 2001 he set up Firezza alongside fellow Bosnian refugee Adnan Medjedovic. Edin exited the company in 2016 to Pizza Express and is currently involved in a number of startups.

Dr Michelle Richey
Lecturer in technology and entrepreneurship, Loughborough University

Dr Michelle Richey is a lecturer in technology and entrepreneurship at Loughborough University.

The main focus of her research relates to how entrepreneurs and those in small firm settings make sense of and communicate their experiences, particularly in the context of ‘the digital age’.

Michelle is also the recipient of the best paper award at the British Academy of Management (2017) for a study of entrepreneurial failure blogs.

Davide Libralesso
Head of programmes and international relations, Etimos Foundation

Davide Libralesso is the head of programmes and international relations at Etimos Foundation and has been with the company since 2011.

Based in Padova, the Etimos Foundation is a network of organisations promoting investments and projects aiming to improve people’s lives worldwide. The organisation supports social-minded and innovative companies and funds a range of micro-enterprises excluded from traditional banking channels.
Hanna Wieten
Social entrepreneur and managing director, DELITELABS

Hanna Wieten is a social entrepreneur & managing director at DELITELABS. DELITELABS is an inclusive startup school based in Amsterdam (Netherlands) that promotes entrepreneurship among refugees, locals, and recent migrants through intensive training, education, mentoring, and by incubating promising startups.

Since its launch in 2015 the organisation has conducted pre-acceleration programmes for youth in Valencia, Spain, as well as for newcomers in Amsterdam.

DELITELABS is also part of the European Commission’s MAGNET project to co-develop best practices for migrant entrepreneurship in Europe.

Chris Gale
Head of social mission (Europe), Ben & Jerry’s

Chris heads up Ben & Jerry’s social mission strategy in Europe and the development of the Ben & Jerry’s Foundation.

Ben & Jerry’s UK Foundation funds organisations that are working to improve the systems under which refugees and migrants are supported to settle in the UK and are able to take a full and active role within society.

Ben & Jerry’s has also teamed up with The Entrepreneurial Refugee Network (TERN) and other European organisations to create the ICE ACADEMY, a professional development programme.

Chris Clements
Director, Social Finance

Chris serves as a director of Social Finance, a non-profit organisation that partners with the government, the social sector and the financial community to find better ways of tackling social problems in the UK and beyond, where he leads thematic initiatives developed within the Impact Incubator.

The Impact Incubator is a collaboration between UK foundations and Social Finance with the ambition of transforming outcomes for some of the most entrenched issues. Since its launch in 2013, the Impact Incubator has developed four new initiatives to tackle domestic abuse, support people leaving the care system, eliminate mental health inequity for black communities and build a community response to support the successful integration of refugees.
The CFE team

Matt Smith
Director

Matt is co-founder & director of the Centre for Entrepreneurs. He was recruited in 2013 by the Centre’s founder Luke Johnson to design, launch and run the think tank. Since then, he has overseen ten research projects on topics as diverse as seaside town revival, ex-prisoner rehabilitation, serial entrepreneurship and graduate incubation.

Previously, Matt helped launch European Startup Network and co-founded NACUE – the National Association of College and University Entrepreneurs. Matt is a judge for the Telegraph Trade Awards, the Great British Entrepreneur Awards and the Heropreneurs Awards.

Michael Patrikalakis
Lead researcher

Michael has been part of the Centre since 2016. During that time, he has co-written CFE’s reports on university and refugee entrepreneurship, helped launch the CFE Incubator and Accelerator Network and led the Centre’s refugee projects. This includes launching the CFE Global Refugee Entrepreneurship Summit – one of the first international platforms for the economic empowerment of refugees.

An alumnus of King’s College London, Michael holds a degree in International Politics. Outside of entrepreneurship, he is passionate about international political economy and geopolitics, and has worked as an English language tutor in Athens.

Friederike Andres
Research assistant

Friederike joined the Centre in September 2018 after working for PRIME Research in Oxford. She holds a master’s degree in Politics and Contemporary History from the University of Nottingham and received her bachelor’s degree in history in Germany.

She previously interned at the Hudson Institute’s Centre for the Political-Military Analysis and was contributing analyst for Global Risk Insight.

Alex Holland
Communities developer

Alex has worked as an international journalist, entrepreneur, marketeer, and in community development. Amongst other things, he led the campaign to prevent Brixton Market being demolished.

He has also been a Labour Councillor, with a special interest in promoting entrepreneurship. As the founder of Brew, the tea pub, Alex partnered with organisations such as Switchback and Bounceback to provide work experience and job opportunities for ex-offenders. He is passionate about art, entrepreneurship, sustainability and loose-leaf tea.

#CFErefugees / @CFEntrepreneurs
Organisations attending

Ashley Community Housing
*Launched: 2008*
*Based: Bristol, UK*
ACH is a social enterprise specialising in the resettlement of refugees through the labour market and social integration. The organisation provides safe, secure and comfortable housing combined with culturally sensitive support and employability skills training.

African Entrepreneur Collective
*Launched: 2012*
*Based: Kigali, Rwanda*
African Entrepreneur Collective is a collection of business accelerators that support local entrepreneurs to drive job growth. AEC accelerators partner with young entrepreneurs to build their skills, expand their networks, and grow their businesses.

Anatolian Artisans
*Launched: 1999*
*Based: Bethesda, Maryland, USA*
Anatolian Artisans is a non-profit organisation dedicated to serving the needs of low-income artisans and raising awareness about the arts and culture of Turkey. The organisation provides sustainable economic benefits to low-income artisans and organises exhibitions, festivals, and seminars.

Annection
*Launched: 2014*
*Based: London, UK*
Annection is an investment and advisory company with a deep China knowledge and relationships. The company’s core sectors are education, healthcare and advanced manufacturing.

Asfari Foundation
*Launched: 2006*
*Based: London, UK*
The Asfari Foundation is a grant-making charity. The foundation’s mission is to ensure good education for young people from the Levant and the UK, supporting them to work together to create positive change, and to strengthen civil society in their communities and countries.

Ben & Jerry’s
*Launched: 1972*
*Based: Burlington, Vermont, USA*
Ben & Jerry’s has teamed up with The Entrepreneurial Refugee Network (TERN) and other European organisations to create the ICE ACADEMY, a professional development programme whereby potential entrepreneurs earn money as part-time ice cream vendors while getting basic business training.
**Capacity**  
*Launched: 2015  
Based: Zurich, Switzerland*  
Capacity is a startup incubator for refugee and migrant entrepreneurs. The organisation aims to facilitate economic and social inclusion into a sustainable Swiss economy and society. Its comprehensive 7-month start-up programme was the first incubator of its kind in Zurich.

**CHANGEMAKERS LAB**  
*Launched: 2015  
Based: Lesvos, Greece*  
CHANGEMAKERS LAB is a platform aiming to form a sustainable innovation and entrepreneurship environment on Lesvos Island, Greece, aiming to form an enabling environment through which locals and refugees can co-create self-sustainable solutions, stimulating integration and local economic development.

**DEILITELABS**  
*Launched: 2015  
Based: Amsterdam, Netherlands*  
DEILITELABS is an inclusive startup school that aims to support aspiring entrepreneurs in developing and realising professional projects and thus activating entrepreneurial spirit.

**Entrepreneurs du Monde**  
*Launched: 1998  
Based: Vaulx-en-Velin, France*  
Entrepreneurs du Monde is a French public interest association working in developing countries. The organisation helps women and men living in extremely difficult circumstances to improve their living conditions, by supporting their own entrepreneurial ventures.

**Etimos Foundation**  
*Launched: 1999  
Based: Padua, Italy*  
Etimos Foundation is a network of organisations that promotes investments and projects aiming to improve people’s lives. Operating worldwide, Etimos Foundation promotes and supports social and innovative companies and funds a range of micro-enterprises excluded from traditional banking channels.

**Faces of Change**  
*Launched: 2014  
Based: Utrecht, Netherlands*  
Faces of Change is a non-profit organisation that aims to contribute to the emancipation and empowerment of refugees and their participation in society.

**Farafina Institute**  
*Launched: 2012  
Based: Berlin, Germany*  
The Farafina Institute is a think tank and research institute founded by a group of African and European scholars. The institute conducts opinion polls, focus group discussions and research on issues of development and governance in Africa.
**Five One Labs**  
*Launched: 2017*  
*Based: Erbil, Iraq*  
Five One Labs is a startup incubator that helps refugees and conflict-affected entrepreneurs launch and grow their businesses in the Middle East.

**InnoCampus**  
*Launched: 2014*  
*Based: Istanbul, Turkey*  
InnoCampus is a collaborative non-profit project that provides an innovation and entrepreneurship experience for young entrepreneurs in Turkey.

**Innovest Advisory**  
*Launched: 2015*  
*Based: St Peter Port, UK*  
Innovest Advisory is a consultancy firm that collaborates with socially-minded funders and impact-focused enterprises to create innovative and sustainable solutions for challenging issues.

**Institute of Entrepreneurship Development**  
*Launched: 2005*  
*Based: Larisa, Greece*  
The Institute of Entrepreneurship Development (iED) is a research organisation committed to the promotion of innovation and the enhancement of the entrepreneurial spirit.

**Integr8 UK**  
*Launched: 2015*  
*Based: Totnes, UK*  
Integr8 UK is a non-profit social enterprise that aims to enable uprooted change-makers across cultures in the UK, including refugees and asylum seekers, to belong and lead an authentic and purposeful life.

**International Foundation for Population and Development**  
*Launched: 1999*  
*Based: Geneva, Switzerland*  
The International Foundation for Population and Development develops and supports poverty reduction projects in urban slums in South-East Asia primarily aimed at girls and young women.

**Japan Association for Refugees**  
*Launched: 1999*  
*Based: Tokyo, Japan*  
The Japan Association for Refugees is a non-profit organisation that aims to facilitate the needs of refugees and asylum-seekers. The organisation provides legal and social assistance and advocates for the rights of refugees and asylum-seekers through government bodies, local authorities and media relations.
**Jusoor**
*Launched: 2011  
*Based: San Francisco, USA*
Jusoor is a non-profit organisation of Syrian expatriates supporting the country’s development and helping Syrian youth realise their potential through programmes in the fields of education, career development, and global community engagement. Jusoor is also registered as a charity in Canada and the UK.

**MarketShare**
*Launched: 2014  
*Based: Seattle, USA*
MarketShare is a non-profit organisation that helps make a career in food accessible to under-resourced entrepreneurs by securing affordable startup space including key resources and guidance.

**Migration Hub**
*Launched: 2016  
*Based: Berlin, Germany*
Migration Hub is a network of support for social projects working with migrants, asylum seekers and refugees. The organisation provides mentoring and training programmes to migrant entrepreneurs.

**Norwegian Centre for Multicultural Value Creation**
*Launched: 2006  
*Based: Drammen, Norway*
The Norwegian Centre for Multicultural Value Creation is the Norwegian competence centre focusing on migrant entrepreneurship. The centre aims to strengthen and develop the mainstream public business establishment service offerings, adjusted to the needs of migrant entrepreneurs leading to job creation and business growth.

**Odyssea**
*Launched: 2016  
*Based: Athens, Greece*
Odyssea is a social enterprise that aims to contribute to a social reformation by designing resilient solutions for environmental and humanitarian challenges in Greece. Odyssea’s first initiative was the up-cycled of 50 tonnes of discarded life vests into useful products.

**Open Political Economy Network (OPEN)**
*Launched: 2016  
*Based: London, UK*
Open Political Economy Network (OPEN) is a platform for analysis, advocacy and debate on openness issues.

**PLACE**
*Launched: 2017  
*Based: Paris, France*
PLACE is a European project aiming to turn the ‘migrant crisis’ into an opportunity for growth by favouring migrant-led innovation. The network provides newcomers to European cities and people from the host civil societies with opportunities to create sustainable business services and products in response to market needs and to the challenges they face.
Project Phoenix
Launched: 2017
Based: Barcelona, Spain
Project Phoenix is an organisation that empowers refugees in European cities by providing crowdfunded loans for entrepreneurial, small business and self-sustaining initiatives.

Proud Kitchen
Launched: 2018
Based: London, UK
Proud Kitchen is a social enterprise that promotes and sells authentic homemade food cooked by refugee women.

Refugee Entrepreneurs Denmark
Launched: 2016
Based: Copenhagen, Denmark
Refugee Entrepreneurs Denmark is a business incubator specifically designed for the support of refugees. The organisation uses the process of entrepreneurship to foster meaningful cultural knowledge for its participants as well as helping them to become self-sustainable.

Refugees Forward
Launched: 2017
Based: Amsterdam, Netherlands
Refugees Forward is a non-profit organisation that strives for the economic empowerment of newcomers and their integration into local communities. The organisation’s 4-month incubator programmes in Amsterdam and Rotterdam include high quality training and individualised coaching to support entrepreneurs to launch, fund and grow their businesses.

Restart Refugee Support (Barry Family Foundation)
Launched: 2015
Based: London, UK
The Restart Refugee Support initiative was started in response to the ongoing refugee crisis and the growing need for rapid integration and is aimed at those with refugee status UK-wide. The initiative is funded and implemented by the Barry Family Foundation and supports individuals’ own efforts towards self-sufficiency by providing cost and interest-free loans.

Said Foundation
Launched: 1982
Based: London, UK
The Said Foundation provides educational opportunities to children and young people. The Foundation focuses on the countries of Syria, Palestine, Lebanon, Jordan and the United Kingdom.

Save a Future
Based: Houston, Texas, USA
Save a Future is a domestic non-profit corporation in Texas.
Shifra
Launched: 2015
Based: Melbourne, Australia
Shifra helps non-English speakers find sexual and reproductive health information and services in Australia. The organisation is committed to improving this access for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

SINGA Deutschland, France, Italy, Spain and UK
Launched: 2012
Based: International
SINGA is a non-profit organisation which creates opportunities for engagement and collaboration between refugees and their host society. SINGA is located in 4 French regions and six countries, including Germany, Italy, the UK and Spain. FINKELA, the SINGA France Incubator, supports refugee and non-refugee projects with the common goal of fostering coexistence and unlocking the potential of the asylum economy.

SINGA Business Lab
Launched: 2017
Based: Berlin, Germany
SINGA Business Lab is an inclusive incubator operating in Berlin and Stuttgart, co-created with newcomer entrepreneurs to support them to bring their business ideas into reality. The incubator runs over an intensive four months and enables participants to complete all operational requirements of their business.

Social Finance
Launched: 2007
Based: London, UK
Social Finance is a non-profit organisation that partners with the government, the social sector and the financial community to find better ways of tackling social problems in the UK as well as globally. The organisation has helped to pioneer a series of programmes, including the Social Impact Bond model.
Internationally, Social Finance is working with, among others, the Global Fund, World Bank, Grand Challenges Canada, the Inter-American Development Bank, USAID, DfID to address challenges in low and middle-income countries.

Social Integration of Refugees through Education and Self-Employment
Launched: 2018
Based: Chatham, UK
The project Social Integration of Refugees through Education and Self-Employment is part of the Interreg 2 Seas Mers Zeeën 2014 – 2020 Programme, a cross-border cooperation programme part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) which supports joint cross-border cooperation projects between organisations from England, France, Belgium-Flanders and the Netherlands. The project Social Integration of Refugees through Education and Self-Employment aims to improve the social and economic integration of refugees in the partner regions and wider 2 Sea area. The lead partner of the programme is the University of Greenwich in London.
The Soros Economic Development Fund
Launched: 1997
Based: New York, USA
The Soros Economic Development Fund (SEDF) is a non-profit private foundation that is part of Open Society Foundations, a network of charitable foundations created by investor and philanthropist George Soros. SEDF supports economic development in post-conflict countries and in nations transitioning to democracy and promotes economic opportunities and access to information, products and services for underserved populations. SEDF invests in sustainable businesses or initiatives that strive to alleviate poverty by creating jobs and revitalizing deteriorating communities.

Startup Refugees
Launched: 2015
Based: Helsinki, Finland
Startup Refugees is a non-profit voluntary network which consists of 500 parties, including companies, government officials, NGOs, universities, congregations, research institutes, communities and individuals. It aims to support refugees with employment and entrepreneurship and has created a low-cost model for fast-track employment and entrepreneurship for refugees.

Startup Stockholm
Launched: 2011
Based: Stockholm, Sweden
Startup Stockholm is a non-profit organisation and the country’s largest free business and innovation consultancy for start-ups and enterprises at an early growth stage.

Startups Without Borders
Launched: 2017
Based: Cairo, Egypt
Startups Without Borders is creating the entrepreneurial ecosystem for migrant and refugee entrepreneurs in Europe and the Middle East. The organisation connects aspiring entrepreneurs to incubators and accelerators, creates networking events such as ‘Mentor Mingle’ and the SWB annual summit.

TERN
Launched: 2016
Based: London, UK
The Entrepreneurial Refugee Network (TERN) is the UK’s first incubation programme exclusively for refugees. In addition to their flagship programme, an intensive three-month incubator, the organisation has also partnered up with Ben & Jerry’s for its ICE Academy. This pre-incubator offers part-time employment with the company.

Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation
Launched: 2014
Based: Istanbul, Turkey
The Turkish Entrepreneurship foundation works with young people to advance entrepreneurship culture and to make entrepreneurship an alternative career path for them.
UNHCR
Launched: 1950
Based: London, UK
UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is a global organisation dedicated to saving lives, protecting rights and building a better future for refugees, forcibly displaced communities and stateless people.

Vivarta
Launched: 2014
Based: London, UK
Vivarta is a digital media news lab advocate for free expression rights. The lab supports its work with new digital media, security and situational analysis tools.

WeWork
Launched: 2010
Based: New York City, New York, USA
WeWork is an American company that provides shared workspaces for technology startup subculture communities, and services for entrepreneurs, freelancers, startups, as well as small and large businesses.

X23
Launched: 1999
Based: Rome, Italy
X23 is an independent multidisciplinary, self-sustaining research centre which provides independent analysis, supports R&D and assists entities and enterprises’ innovation capacity.

Ygap
Launched: 2008
Based: Melbourne, Australia
Ygap is an international development non-profit organisation with an innovative approach to poverty alleviation. It supports impact entrepreneurs with solutions to local problems in some of the world’s toughest communities.

ZSI - Centre for Social Innovation
Launched: 1988
Based: Vienna, Austria
ZSI is a private non-profit institute for applied social sciences. ZSI investigates the social embedding and impact of innovation and contributes to the design and dissemination of socially acceptable and sustainable innovations to meet global challenges.