2nd Global Refugee Entrepreneurship Summit

31st October –
1st November 2019
London, UK

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Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you to the second global refugee entrepreneurship summit.

One year ago, we convened 80 people from 20 countries for the inaugural summit. The day was filled with energy as practitioners, policy makers and funders convened for the very first time to share good practice and design solutions for the sector's challenges. We also used the day to launch the Refugee Entrepreneurship Network – a global community of organisations working to improve the scale and impact of refugee entrepreneurship programmes.

This year I am excited to not only welcome back our network members, but also welcome many new organisations and stakeholders. The level of interest from corporates, investors, governments and academics reflects the significant impact refugee entrepreneurship programmes are having across the world.

Today we will be celebrating the successes of our members over the past year and discussing how best to achieve sustainability and scale for refugee entrepreneurship programmes.

Since last year's summit, the network has grown substantially; it now connects 51 organisations across 21 countries. The network members have convened several times over the year to advocate for refugee entrepreneurship. The CFE team, joined by Diederick from Forward Incubator (Netherlands), Michelle from Loughborough University (UK) and Julienne from AEC (Rwanda) ran a workshop at this year's Global Entrepreneurship Congress in Bahrain, promoting the topic to the world's leading entrepreneurship policy makers. Several members also fed into discussions at a fascinating World Bank / European Investment Bank event in Paris on the topic of 'The role of the private sector in the economic integration of refugees. The CFE team also had the chance to learn more about refugee entrepreneurship in the MENA region at PROSPECTS in Istanbul – a conference hosted by Spark – where we visited the LIFE project, funded by CIPE.

In the UK, CFE is working with TERN and Loughborough University to build the evidence and resources to help roll out refugee entrepreneurship programmes nationwide. We have taken funding from the government (Home Office) and The National Lottery Community Fund to fund four existing business support organisations to design and run tailored startup programmes for refugees over a one-year period.

Your participation in today's global refugee entrepreneurship summit validates the success and impact of entrepreneurship on refugees' lives and their host countries. I hope you will leave today's summit with many new connections made and knowledge gained.

I look forward to working with you throughout the day and into the future to strengthen entrepreneurship support for refugees globally.

Matt Smith
Director of policy and research
Centre for Entrepreneurs

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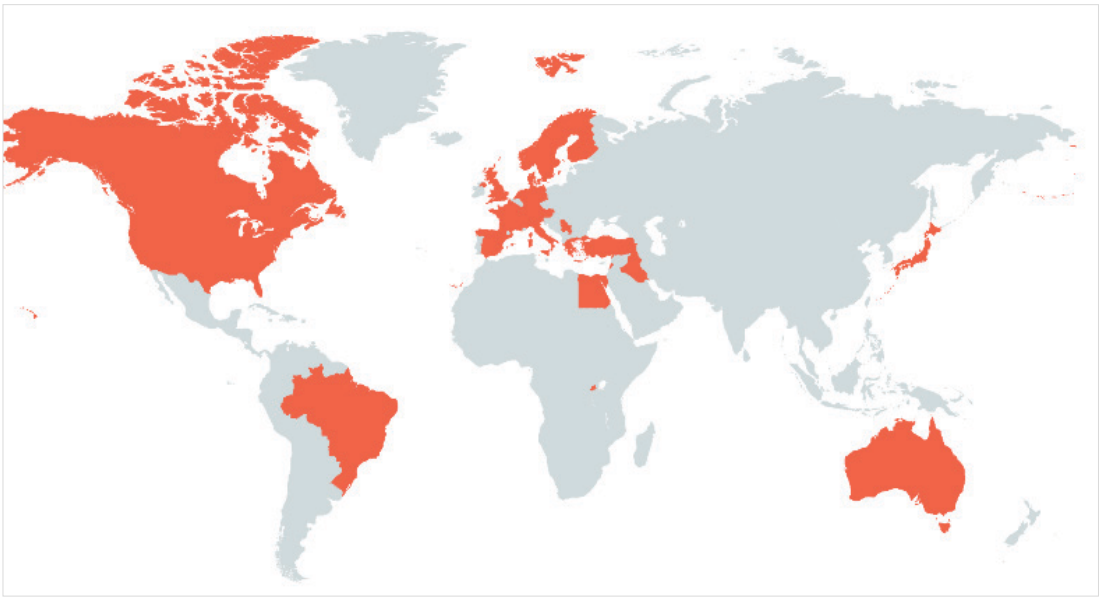
About the Refugee Entrepreneurship Network

The CFE Refugee Entrepreneurship Network (REN) is a global community working to improve the scale and impact of refugee entrepreneurship programmes. It brings together practitioners, philanthropic foundations, researchers, academics and investors that actively support refugee entrepreneurship. The network is free to join – applications can be completed through our website.

Since last November, REN has been involved with a number of events, conferences and research programmes.

- In April, the CFE team and REN members Diederick (Refugees Forward, Netherlands), Michelle (Loughborough University, UK) and Julienne (AEC, Rwanda) ran a panel discussion at the Global Entrepreneurship Congress in Bahrain to promote refugee entrepreneurship to the world's leading entrepreneurship policy makers.
- In June, the CFE team and REN members Isobel (TERN, UK), Kristina (FAIRE, France), Grace (Jusoor), and Camille (SINGA France), among others, contributed to discussions at a World Bank / EIB / Danish Confederation of Industry event on 'The role of the private sector in the economic integration of refugees'.
- Over the summer, the Centre conducted a survey into the state of refugee entrepreneurship programmes, many of whom are members of the network. The survey is funded by FAIRE (Fund for Action and Innovation by Refugee Entrepreneurs), a French endowment fund that supports refugee entrepreneurs.

In October, CFE secured support from the Said Foundation that has allowed us to appoint a community manager – Bryony Nicholson – to manage and grow the network. With Bryony's appointment, we are keen to work with members to increase the activities of the network over the coming year. We see a particular opportunity to use video conferencing to host more international workshops and events throughout the year.



Countries represented in the Refugee Entrepreneurship Network

Bryony Nicholson
Community Manager
Bryony has worked with a number of charities around the UK. She has recently been focussed on building communities for social change by developing networks of activists and social workers. Outside of work, Bryony is a keen reader and cyclist.
Contact Bryony at: *bryony@centreforentrepreneurs.org*

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Agenda

Day one – Thursday 31st October
NatWest conference centre, 250b Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4AA

08:15	Registration
09:00	Welcome *Mike Bandar, conference host*
09:10	Introductory remarks *Julie Baker, NatWest* *Dee Stirling and Matt Smith, Centre for Entrepreneurs (CFE)*

Session 1: The state of refugee entrepreneurship

Celebrate successes over the past year; reflect on challenges organisations are facing; and identify desired outcomes from the summit.

09:20	Key findings from the CFE / FAIRE survey
09:30	Panel debate *Chair – Mike Bandar* *Patricia Letayf, Five One Labs (Iraq)* *Usman Iftikhar, Catalysr (Australia)* *Marie Haller, Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship (USA)* *Charlie Fraser, The Entrepreneurial Refugee Network (UK)*
10:00	Group discussions
10:30	Break

Session 2: The role of government

How governments at all levels are currently supporting refugee entrepreneurship programmes and creating a favourable policy environment for refugee entrepreneurs; what wider role they can play; and what is needed – from practitioners and governments alike – to achieve this vision.

11:00	Panel debate *Chair – Mike Bandar* *Joanna Penrose Buckley, Home Office (UK)* *Fadi Barakat, Highway to Business (Sweden)* *Diederick van der Wijk, Forward Incubator (Netherlands)* *Jean Pierre Candiotti Bustamante, Folkuniversitetet (Norway, Sweden & Denmark)*
11:25	Group discussions
12:05	Actions & next steps
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Welcome back & group photo *Mike Bandar*

Session 3: The role of the private sector

How the private sector is currently supporting refugee entrepreneurship programmes and refugee entrepreneurs; what wider role they can play; and what is needed – from practitioners and companies alike – to achieve this vision.

13:40	Panel debate *Chair – Mike Bandar* *Mathieu Proust, WeWork (UK)* *Chris Gale, Ben & Jerry's (UK)* *Sasha Kapadia, Mastercard (France)* *Jonathan Berezovsky, Migraflix (Brazil)*
14:05	Group discussion
14:45	Actions & next steps
15:10	Break

Session 4: The role of investors & financiers

To identify how investors and other financiers are currently supporting refugee entrepreneurs, what wider role they can play, and what is needed to achieve this vision.

15:40	Panel debate *Chair – Mike Bandar* *Tim Docking, Refugee Investment Network (USA)* *Lev Plaves, Kiva (USA)* *Stephen Millard, Included VC (UK)* *Philippe Bernard-Treille, European Investment Fund (EU)*
16:05	Group discussions
16:45	Actions & next steps

Session 5: Collaboration and next steps

17:10	Winning hearts and minds: Shaping public opinion *Valentina Primo, Startups Without Borders (Egypt)*
17:30	Actions and next steps for the Refugee Entrepreneurship Network *Mike Bandar* *Bryony Nicholson, CFE*
17:50	Wrap-up and thanks *Matt Smith, CFE*
18:00	Close

Post-summit drinks reception

NatWest conference centre, 250b Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4AA

18:00	Drinks & canapes
18:30	Brief remarks
18:45	Drinks & canapes
20:00	Close

Day two – Friday 1st November
WeWork, 1 Waterhouse Square, London, EC1N 2ST

Attendees are invited to make use of co-working and (free) café facilities to work, network, take meetings, and organise ad-hoc discussion groups. This is optional and drop-in.

You will have access to the space from 10am to 5pm. A handful of workshops will run between 10am and 3pm. Lunch will be provided by The Syrian Sunflower, a Syrian refugee entrepreneur based in London.

Morning: Workshops

10:30 – 12:00	Advancing understanding of refugee entrepreneurship: Insights from academic research collaborations *Dr Michelle Richey, Loughborough University (UK)*
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch

Afternoon: Best-practice presentations

14:00 – 14:30	Odyssea (Greece)
14:30 – 15:00	Ygap (Australia)

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Speakers

Welcome comments

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, as well as a teaching fellow in entrepreneurship at UCL. He is an alumnus of the Centre for Entrepreneurs' NEF Fast Track programme.

Julie Baker

Head of enterprise, NatWest

Julie Baker is head of enterprise, Business Banking and has had a successful career in business, corporate and retail banking at both NatWest and RBS. She is responsible for leading the enterprise strategy, developing and delivering programmes of support that stimulate enterprise activity in local communities, generate value and equip people with the right skills, support and advice to succeed.

Dee Stirling

Trustee, Centre for Entrepreneurs

Dee is senior advisor to Amitis Partners – an international family office – and to the founders of a number of world-leading tech companies. She previously founded two businesses after an early career in executive search.

Matt Smith

Director of policy & research, Centre for Entrepreneurs

Matt oversees the research, policy and network activities of the Centre for Entrepreneurs. He was recruited by CFE's founder in 2013 to design, launch and run CFE as a think tank, before merging it with the New Entrepreneurs Foundation to create a unified entrepreneurship foundation. Previously, Matt co-founded student enterprise charity NACUE. He also helped launch the European Startup Network and served as board member from 2016 to 2019. Matt is a judge for the Great British Entrepreneur Awards.

Session 1: The state of refugee entrepreneurship

Patricia Letayf

Director of operations, Five One Labs (Iraq)

Patricia Letayf is the co-founder and director of operations at Five One Labs. Patricia's main interest is Middle East politics and she has travelled extensively throughout the region for both work and academic research. Prior to Five One Labs, Patricia worked as a Middle East political risk analyst with a focus on Iraq and North Africa for the Dubai office of consultancy Control Risks. She is also a volunteer facilitator for the Soliya Connect Program.

Usman Iftikhar

CEO, Catalysr (Australia)

Usman Iftikhar is the co-founder of Space Without Borders and CEO of Catalysr, a startup accelerator for migrants and refugees with innovative ideas. In under two years, Catalysr has helped 66 'migrapreneurs' start 15 new businesses, including startups with products ranging from 3D-printed ethical diamonds, to AI tools for students struggling with procrastination, and water filtration for developing countries. He received the Commonwealth Young Person of the Year Award in 2018 for his work.

Marie Haller

Associate program director, Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship (USA)

Marie Haller is an associate program director at the Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship. She has extensive senior program management experience within the social impact ecosystem. As a program manager, Marie built and managed the Center's largest partnership to-date with multi-national corporation General Electric – a custom accelerator to support maternal and child health innovation in sub-Saharan Africa.

Charlie Fraser

Director, The Entrepreneurial Refugee Network (TERN) (UK)

Charlie Fraser is the co-founder and director of TERN and an Oxford University alumnus, having graduated with a BA(Hons) in Geography. As director, Charlie builds TERN's partnerships, referral models, raises capital and assists participants in seeking investment.

Session 2: The role of government

Joanna Penrose Buckley

Head of refugee integration strategy & projects, Home Office (UK)

Joanna Penrose Buckley is head of refugee integration at the UK Home Office, having previously worked across Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America, helping governments, companies, non-profits, social enterprises and entrepreneurs achieve their goals. She is passionate about bringing together stakeholders and currently leads the UK government's work on refugee integration, working across Whitehall and with external stakeholders.

Fadi Barakat

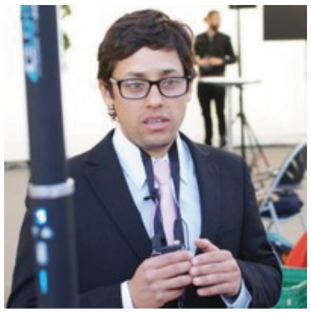
External and business relations, Malmö Stad - Highway to Business (Sweden)

Fadi Barakat is a project manager at Highway to Business, a programme run by the Malmö government to help newly arrived people in Sweden with their business ideas. Fadi has previous work experience as a consultant for CellaVision in Sweden, as well as being a course instructor at Malmö University. He has a master's degree in Biomedical Laboratory Sciences from the same university.

Diederick van der Wijk

Managing director, Forward Incubator (Netherlands)

Diederick van der Wijk is the co-founder and managing director of Forward Incubator, an incubator programme that specifically helps entrepreneurs with a refugee background to set up their business in the Netherlands. Within a year, the programme has supported 15 refugees in Amsterdam, and is planning to help 60 more entrepreneurs next year. The initiative, which will expand to Rotterdam soon, aims to create a more inclusive society in which people have equal opportunities to thrive on their own talents.



Jean Pierre Candiotti Bustamante

Project manager, Folkuniversitetet (Norway, Sweden, and Denmark)

Jean Pierre Candiotti Bustamante is a systems entrepreneur, citizen scientist, business innovation associate, and sustainability strategist. He is currently working as a project manager for the Nordic Digital Inclusive Entrepreneurship Program for Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. The program is an open educational resource, granted by the Nordic Ministers Council, that empowers the future working-force of the Nordics with entrepreneurial, digital and cultural competences.

Session 3: The role of the private sector

Mathieu Proust
General manager, WeWork (UK)

Mathieu Proust is the general manager of WeWork for UK & Ireland. He was previously vice-president of business operations for Europe, Israel and Australia. He has previously worked at Uber and Microsoft, as well as being the founder of VivaPics – a communications app that allows advertisers to give free photos to new and existing customers directly from their mobile.

Chris Gale
Head of social mission, Ben & Jerry's (UK)

Chris heads up Ben & Jerry's social mission strategy in Europe and the development of the Ben & Jerry's Foundation, which funds projects that put refugee and migrant groups at the heart of their organisation. Prior to working with Ben & Jerry's, Chris has worked on issues surrounding education and skills development in Ghana, India and South Africa.

Sasha Kapadia
Director, humanitarian & development, Mastercard (France)

Sasha Kapadia is a Director, Humanitarian & Development, at Mastercard. The Humanitarian & Development team endeavors to build digital infrastructure that better meets the needs of the underserved. In her role, Sasha leads the Smart Communities Coalition, a public private effort co-chaired by USAID and comprised of nearly 50 organisations seeking to transform the delivery of essential services to the forcibly displaced and the communities that host them.

Jonathan Berezovsky
CEO, Migraflix (Brazil)

Jonathan Berezovsky is the founder and CEO of Migraflix, a non-governmental organisation created to integrate refugees and immigrants socially and economically in Brazil. Jonathan has always identified with immigrants, as he has been an immigrant in three countries and came from a family of immigrants from Italy, Poland and Russia. Jonathan understands that people seek to integrate into society and bring what they know from their countries, but sometimes there is no opportunity for this to happen – Migraflix is trying to create these opportunities.

Session 4: The role of investors & financiers

Tim Docking

Managing director, Refugee Investment Network (USA)

Tim Docking is Managing Director for the Refugee Investment Network (RIN). Tim has twenty years of private and public sector experience. As an intrapreneur, he worked at the intersection of business, technology and international development building a $100M revenue stream at IBM; as a public sector executive, he helped start-up the Millennium Challenge Corporation (U.S. government agency); and as a scholar, he directed Africa research at a D.C. think tank.

Lev Plaves

Senior investment manager, Kiva (USA)

Lev Plaves is a senior investment manager for refugees and displaced populations at Kiva. Lev focuses on supporting partners to ensure that they get the most out of their relationships with Kiva, while also identifying new partner organisations to be part of the Kiva platform. He believes strongly that access to opportunities can empower people to improve their lives. Prior to joining Kiva, Lev lived in Palestine for three years, where he worked for a youth empowerment organisation.

Stephen Millard

Partner, Notion Capital & founder, Included VC (UK)

Stephen Millard is a partner at Notion Capital, working in post-investment to help Notion's portfolio of 50+ enterprise technology companies. Through Notion, his extensive knowledge of technology start-ups and experiences in the industry, Stephen founded Included - a VC fellowship for people across Europe from overlooked, excluded or minority groups. Included aim to increase the number of underrepresented communities within the industry and increase the diversity of Notion's portfolios. Included is supported by 10 leading European venture capital firms.

Philippe Bernard-Treille

Investment manager, European Investment Fund (Luxembourg)

Philippe Bernard-Treille is an investment manager at the European Investment Fund (EIF) with 15 years of experience in venture capital, private equity and impact investing. Prior joining EIF, Philippe worked in investment banking in London, focusing on M&A transactions. During his entire career, Philippe has worked on various projects related to social inclusion in particular with mentally handicapped and autistic children and young people facing social exclusion.

Organisations attending

Accenture
Accenture is a multinational professional services company that provides services in strategy, consulting, digital, technology and operations.

ACH
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.

Alfanar
Launched: 2004
Based: London, UK
Alfanar assists organisations in the Arab region that are improving the lives and opportunities of the communities they serve. Alfanar's partners take enduring and entrepreneurial approaches and are committed to finding diverse ways to generate income. Alfanar provides them with a combination of financial support, advice and expertise.

Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation
Launched: 2007
Based: Belgrade, Serbia
The Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation is an independent and non-profit organisation which aims to help citizens, particularly refugees and internally displaced persons, by addressing the issues they face, with special emphasis on addressing their housing problems and to assist them in being self- sustainable.

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.

Australian High Commission, London
The High Commission of Australia in London is the diplomatic mission of Australia in the United Kingdom. It is both Australia's first diplomatic mission and the longest continuously occupied diplomatic mission in the United Kingdom.

Ben & Jerry's
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.

Business Center for New Americans
Launched: 1997
Based: New York City, USA
Founded in 1997BCNA was originally part of the New York Association for New Americans (NYANA), which was founded in 1949 to resettle World War II refugees. NYANA started BCNA with a grant from the American Express Foundation to provide advice to refugees who were interested in starting a business.

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.

Catalysr
Launched: 2016
Based: Sydney, Australia
Catalysr is an award-winning pre-accelerator for early stage startups. It runs intensive entrepreneurship programs for high-performing migrant and refugee entrepreneurs - aka Migrapreneurs - who want to find success in Australia by building their own tech startup.

CIPE (Centre for International Private Enterprise)
Launched: 1983
Based: Washington, D.C., USA
CIPE is one of the four core institutes of the National Endow
Democracy, and an affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commer
Founded by President Reagan in 1983, CIPE works with loca
leaders to expand the opportunity for inclusive growth throu
market-led solutions.

Citibank
Citibank was founded in 1812 as the City Bank of New York, and later became First National City Bank of New York. The bank has 2,649 branches in 19 countries, including 723 branches in the United States and 1,494 branches in Mexico operated by its subsidiary Banamex.

Comic Relief
Launched: 1985
Based: London, UK
Comic Relief is an operating British charity, founded in 1985 by the comedy scriptwriter Richard Curtis and comedian Lenny Henry in response to the famine in Ethiopia. Since 1988, it has hosted "Red Nose Day", a bi-annual fundraising day for everyone to get involved with at home, school and work.

COSLA (Convention of Scottish Local Authorities)
The Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) is the national association of Scottish councils and acts as an employers' association for its 32 member authorities.

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

Ester
Launched: 2012
Based: Malmö, Sweden
Ester offers marginalised, unemployed women with an immigrant background a way to becoming self-sufficient by starting-up small businesses and gaining employment.

European Investment Fund
The European Investment Fund is a European Union agency for the provision of finance to SMEs. It does not lend money to SMEs directly; rather it provides finance through private banks and funds.

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.

Faire
Launched: 2018
FAIRE (Fund for Action and Innovation by Refugee Entrepreneurs) is an endowment fund with the mission to support and empower refugees to become successful entrepreneurs in France, and to promote a new vision and approach of refugees' role, inclusion and contribution to French society through entrepreneurship.

Forward Incubator
Launched: 2017
Based: Amsterdam, Netherlands
Forward Incubator 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.

Home Office
The Home Office is a ministerial department of Her Majesty's Government of the United Kingdom, responsible for immigration, security and law and order. In October 2019, a refugee entrepreneurship pilot programme was officially launched, which is being part-funded by the Home Office and overseen by the Centre for Entrepreneurs.

IDEMA
Launched: 2001
Based: Istanbul, Turkey
IDEMA develops its solutions with a wide team of consultants who are experts in their fields and managed important projects at national and international level in addition to the partners.

Included.VC
Launched: 2019
Based: London, UK
Included runs a 12-month venture capital program for a diversified group of Fellows. During this program, Fellows gain education and insider access to Europe's top venture capital firms and their portfolio companies. In return, venture capital partners form deep connections with incredibly diverse communities, building new networks, and nurturing staff and investments.

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.

International Rescue Committee
Launched: 1933
Based: New York City, USA
The International Rescue Committee is a global humanitarian aid, relief, and development nongovernmental organisation. The International Rescue Committee responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises, helping to restore health, safety, education, economic wellbeing and power to people devastated by conflict and disaster.

International Trade Centre
The International Trade Centre is a multilateral agency which has a joint mandate with the World Trade Organization and the United Nations through the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. Through its work, the ITC contributes directly to 10 of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Kiva
Launched: 2005
Based: San Francisco, USA
Kiva is a non-profit organisation that allows people to lend money via the Internet to low-income entrepreneurs and students in over 80 countries. Kiva's mission is "to expand financial access to help underserved communities thrive."

LinkedIn
LinkedIn is a business and employment-oriented service that operates via websites and mobile apps. It is mainly used for professional networking, including employers posting jobs and job seekers posting their CVs.

makesense
Launched: 2010
Based: Paris, France
makesense inspires and empowers citizens, entrepreneurs and organisations to build an inclusive and sustainable society together.

Malmö Stad - Highway to Business
Launched: 2017
Based: Malmö, Sweden
Highway to Business's main mission is to challenge Sweden's biggest government organisations to better understand and find new methods regarding entrepreneurship connected to refugees. This is done by offering entrepreneurship courses in different languages so that it doesn't become a barrier for newly arrived refugees in Sweden.

Mastercard
Mastercard is an American multinational financial services corporation. Through its *Smart Communities* work, Mastercard has advocated using digital technology to create sustainable refugee economies.

MENTA
Launched: 1984
Based: Bury St Edmunds, UK
MENTA is a multi-award-winning, not-for-profit company that provides business advice, skills training, bespoke courses and networking opportunities. MENTA has helped more than 35,000 entrepreneurs launch and run thriving and profitable businesses.

Migraflix
Launched: 2015
Based: São Paulo, Brazil
Migraflix is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation created to socially and economically integrate refugees and immigrants. Migraflix helps them to carry out income-generating projects to enable them to live a more dignified and autonomous life in Brazil. At the same time, it enriches the local culture with the experiences that refugees and immigrants bring from their home countries.

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

Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship

Launched: 1997
Based: Santa Clara, California, USA
Miller Center is the largest and most successful university-based social enterprise accelerator in the world. Miller Center is one of three Centers of Distinction at Santa Clara University, located in the heart of Silicon Valley. Here, Miller Center leverages entrepreneurial spirit with the University's Jesuit heritage of service to the poor and protection of the planet.

Norwegian Centre for Multicultural Value Creation

Launched: 2006
Based: Drammen, Norway
The Norwegian Centre for Multicultural Value Creation focuses 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.

Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Refugee Forum

Launched: 2000
Based: Nottingham, UK
The Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Refugee Forum is an independent registered charity set up to work with and for refugees and asylum seekers in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. They offer practical advice, information, and support, and campaign on issues affecting them.

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 upcycling 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. OPEN believes in being open to the world, open to everyone in society, and open to the future and all its possibilities for progress.

Open Society Foundations
Launched: 1993
Based: New York, USA
Open Society Foundations is an organisation that works to build vibrant and inclusive democracies whose governments are accountable to their citizens.

Prince's Trust International
Launched: 2015
Based: UK & International
Prince's Trust International is an independent charity, with HRH The Prince of Wales as its Founder and President. The organisation supports young people across the Commonwealth and additionally some other international countries. It has supported over 10,000 young people across the world with 66% successfully entering work, education or training.

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.

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.

Refugee Investment Network (RIN)
Launched: 2019
Based: Washington, D.C., USA
RIN connects investors with refugee ventures, builds the field of refugee investment, changes the narrative around the contribution of refugees, and advocates for more inclusive refugee policies. The ultimate goal is to create jobs, economic growth, and measurable improvements to the livelihoods of millions of refugees and host community members.

Reliance Housing

Launched: 2018
Based: Birmingham, UK
Reliance Housing is a social housing provider that supports vulnerable homeless clients in Birmingham. The organisation works mainly with refugees and elderly people from the BME communities, and currently employs 11 people.

Saïd Foundation

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

Settlement Services International (SSI)

Launched: 2011
Based: Sydney, Australia
SSI is a community organisation and social business that supports newcomers and other Australians to achieve their full potential. SSI works with all people who have experienced vulnerability, including refugees, people seeking asylum and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities, to build capacity and enable them to overcome inequality.

SINGA France and Spain

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.

Sis Ventures

Launched: 2019
Based: Finland
Sis Ventures is a social impact enterprise with a mission to drive sustainable social change through empowering entrepreneurship. Its focus is on immigrant women whom they help to replace the label of an immigrant with that of a female entrepreneur. Sis Ventures uses a holistic incubator concept to release the potential and strength of these women for inspiring new beginnings.

Social Integration of Refugees through Education and Self-Employment
Launched: 2018
Based: Chatham, UK
The Social Integration of Refugees through Education and Self-Employment project 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.

SPARK
Launched: 1994
Based: Amsterdam, Netherlands
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Based: London, UK
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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.

The National Lottery Community Fund
Launched: 2004
Based: London, UK
The National Lottery Community Fund supports ideas and projects that matter to people and communities. The organisation uses its funding and relationships to help create stronger, more connected communities.

Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation
Launched: 2014
Based: Istanbul, Turkey
Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation works with young people to advance entrepreneurship culture and to make entrepreneurship an alternative career path for them.

UNHCR
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.

Urban Refugees
Launched: 2012
Based: Paris, France
Urban Refugees supports refugee-led community organisations by working directly with refugee leaders to enhance their capacity to serve their communities and achieve long-term sustainability.

Village Capital
Launched: 2009
Based: Washington, D.C., USA
Village Capital is a venture capital firm that finds, trains, and invests in early-stage ventures solving major global problems in agriculture, education, energy, financial inclusion, and health.

WeWork
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.

Youth Business International (YBI)
Launched: 2000
Based: London
YBI supports underserved young entrepreneurs (18–35 years) to start, grow and sustain their businesses - enabling them to create jobs, build communities and transform lives.

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.

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Centre for Entrepreneurs

About the Centre for Entrepreneurs

The Centre for Entrepreneurs (CFE) is the UK's leading entrepreneurship foundation. We work to make the country more entrepreneurial.

Our activities focus on advancing the entrepreneurship agenda for the UK, and are grouped under four key pillars:

- Delivering entrepreneurial development programmes;
- Researching the state of entrepreneurship and how to unlock potential in neglected groups, communities and locations;
- Building thriving entrepreneurial communities;
- Engaging and informing policy makers and the public.

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