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NEF+

Welcome to our Summer Update!

CFE has been extremely busy since we last updated you on NEF, research and community activities. However you know us, we hope you will enjoy this selection of highlights showcasing the full breadth of what we do as the leading charity supporting the development of entrepreneurship in the UK.

Our research has produced some powerful insights into the **state of the UK startup ecosystem**.

We have hosted our **inaugural NEF+ Demo Day**, bringing together members of our alumni community with early-stage investors and VCs. As well as seeing another cohort graduate and kicking off the next!

The practitioner communities we support have continued to grow, with a study trip for our Incubator and Accelerator Network to the Netherlands and conference in Sheffield with **booking for the Global Refugee Entrepreneurship Network Summit 2024 in Turkey** is now open!

We wrap up this update with a **thank you to some of our supporters**, without whom none of our work would be possible.

Read on for more ↓

RESEARCH

Launch of the CFE annual Business Startup Index

In the Spring, we launched our annual Business Startup Index for 2023. This analysis of Companies House data has provided a detailed snapshot of business formations across the UK, receiving strong media coverage including in The Times. [Read more](#)

Latest NEF cohort graduates

At NEF+ Pitch Finale, 25 outstanding founders from our graduating cohort pitched to a panel of judges.

We have also kicked off our latest NEF+ cohort, bringing together another diverse group of founders and startup businesses across Community, Health, Climate Tech, FMCG, Marketing and more.. [Read More](#)

NEF+ Alumni Updates – Demo Day

We're delighted to share news of The Centre for Entrepreneurs' inaugural Investor Demo Day. Kindly hosted by Rathbones in May, the evening featured a select line up of NEF+ programme alumni actively raising a pre-seed or seed round of funding.

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Incubator & Accelerator Network

Reverting back to our pre-covid timing, our community gathered for the 6th Annual IAN conference. Hosted by Sheffield Hallam University at The Hallam i-lab! in June, over 80 incubator and accelerator managers from across the UK gathered to share insights and best practise.

In February, as part of an expanding offer for our members, delegates from the IAN network travelled to the Netherlands for a highly successful study trip. Learn more

NETWORKS

Book Now! Refugee Entrepreneurship Network Summit

The REN community continues to grow, with new members recently joining from Australia, Lithuania, the UK and Africa. We will bring many of our members, new and old, together for our annual Summit this October.

Join us in Turkey by registering here!

RESEARCH

Please Complete: Spinout Survey

Do you lead to a university spinout or know anyone who does? CFE has been working with the new Department for Science, Innovation and Technology and HM Treasury on the Government's review of university spinouts and the role of early-stage investors and technology transfer offices.

Find out more

FUNDRAISING

A big thank you – Ed Haddon

Ed, the CEO and Founder of Haddon Coaching, decided to run the South West coastal footpath as a challenge to celebrate his 50th birthday and raise money for charities, including CFE. The challenge was completed with a 31-day run, covering 1,000km with a cumulative ascent of over 35,000m raising over £13,000 for CFE so far and more still coming in! Read more

Founders Forum

Founders Forum London Tech Week 2023 - over 30,000 attendees and more than 300 speakers. More here

Thank you, as always to all of our donors and supporters who we rely on for the work we do.

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