



**Breaking
Barriers**

Meaningful employment
for refugees

Business Behind Refugees

Overview



What is it?

- Business Behind Refugees is a **movement** of businesses united and committed to improving the lives of refugees in the UK through meaningful employment.
- Businesses Behind Refugees commit to supporting refugees through partnering with Breaking Barriers and hiring refugees within their own businesses and networks.
- As one of our Business Behind Refugees businesses, you have access to a range of specialist workshops, networking events, guidance, and opportunities to share best practices and insights on how to unlock refugee talent.

Business Behind Refugees goals:

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Hire.

Create much-needed meaningful job opportunities for talented refugees who are looking for their first step into the UK workplace.

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Educate.

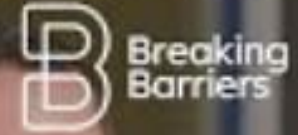
Generate insightful learnings and best practice to encourage more businesses to hire refugees and ultimately help change the public narrative.

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Support.

Support Breaking Barriers to enable refugees to become 'job-ready' through our employment and education programmes and meet our ambitious goal of supporting 4,000 refugees a year by 2030.

Business Behind Refugees



Wayne Howe

Social Impact Manager, LinkedIn

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Partnership Spotlight:

Microsoft, LinkedIn, & Barclays LifeSkills.

Digital literacy is a significant barrier for refugees trying to access employment. Many refugees do not have access to technology that enables them to practice much-needed digital skills for today's workplace.

Microsoft, LinkedIn, and Barclays LifeSkills have teamed up with **Breaking Barriers** to launch the **Unlocking Refugee Talent** programme. Together, they will tackle the dual challenge of finding employment for refugees and developing the core digital skills needed for today's economy.

Refugees taking part in the programme will have access to a range of courses and resources to develop their skills for in-demand tech roles and core transferable employability skills to support their journey to employment.

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I struggled with computer skills, but thanks to Jolie, a volunteer who mentored me in digital literacy, my confidence began to increase. I slowly learned how to search for things on the internet, create a CV, and save files on my laptop. All of this helped me become more independent.

My dream is to become a nurse because many people have shown me love and kindness during my difficult times. The best thing I can do is give back to society, helping people, just as others helped me.

[Read Joy's story.](#)

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Thank you to our Business Behind Refugees movement.

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