

Summary of RIB project

This summary has been translated into a number of languages. The rest of the website has not been translated because if you want to grow a successful business in the UK then a good knowledge of the English language is almost essential.

Why 'refugees into business'?

Refugees are up to six times more likely to be unemployed than non-refugees. This is a huge waste of their skills and talents. One way forward is to think about setting up a business or social enterprise.

If only it was that easy!

Like many disadvantaged groups, refugees starting a business face a number of barriers. These barriers include non-recognition of qualifications, accessing finance, language, accessing information, discrimination, suspicion of authority and a lack of knowledge of British business culture.

Refugee Community Organisations do not have the necessary skills to provide even basic business advice and mainstream advisers are not sufficiently aware of the barriers and how to offer appropriate support.

Refugees into business was set up to address some of these problems. Its key aim is:

To provide a long term improvement in the support available for refugees wishing to set up in business

The refugees into business website

This web site brings together information about the project including advice, case studies, guides, and toolkits and training materials.

Self help guides to starting up in business

These will enable you to decide whether running a business is for you and help you start your business.

Toolkit for mainstream business advisers

This covers the background to refugee issues and what a business adviser will need to know when helping a refugee set up in business.

Toolkit for refugee organisations

This covers basic business advice and help with finding and working with mainstream business advisers

Training courses

The project has been piloting training courses on basic business advice, refugee awareness and business start-up for refugee entrepreneurs.

We hope you find this web site useful. Please contact us with any feedback.