



Dear world,

Representation, influence and change - there is an untapped potential that newcomer leadership brings to host societies.

Newcomers can be found at the **frontlines** of many transversal subjects in host societies – including climate change, access to education and gender. When newcomers can become **thought leaders** in strategic networks, their first hand experiences can create practical, applicable and **innovative solutions** that have a scope far beyond migrant communities.

It is with the desire to tap into the potential of **newcomer leadership** that the **Emerging Leaders** program was created. In this special edition of The Loudspeaker, we are exploring how this exciting program has taken us **one step closer** to the diverse **representation, influence and change** that our societies need.

Accelerating newcomer leadership with Emerging Leaders 2020



In the presence of cherished partners and champions for change, Emerging Leaders was [launched](#) on March 4th, 2020 at the Canadian Embassy of Paris.

The [launch of the Emerging Leaders program](#) has been an exciting chapter for PLACE. Created in collaboration with the [German Marshall Fund of the United States](#), this program has been a first of its kind in Europe - exploring the [potential of newcomer leadership](#) in strategic networks and on transversal issues that go far [beyond](#) the scope of migration.

Finally, after 9 months of immersive [online learning](#), [network creating](#) and [growth as leaders](#), on October 24th we celebrated the growth of the Catalysts during the Emerging Leaders Retreat. In a rare moment of physical togetherness, the Catalysts spent the day analysing and sharing how they grew as individuals and as a group through this multifaceted program that included immersive online Challenges, expert evaluation, individual coaching on leadership and a strong backbone of peer support.

- 41 hours of immersive online learning
- 12 experts mobilised to give industry relevant and real time feedback
- 11 Coaches mobilised for leadership coaching and monitoring growth

Through Emerging Leaders, we had the honour to work with 11 Catalysts from 5 countries, all bringing their individual drive to influence and change on a subject of public interest. It is with deep pride that we share the change making, barrier breaking and increasingly influential Catalysts of Emerging Leaders 2020.

- Mohamed Alborgi** (Egypt): #LCBTO, #healthequity, #SRHR
- Moulham Abou Kheir** (Syria): #interfaithdialogue, #humanrights, #artsandsociety
- Qadria Jaffary** (Afghanistan): #economicempowerment, #ruraldevelopment, #povertyalleviation
- Lul Mohamoud** (Somalia): #mentalhealth, #childrensrightseducation, #humancapital
- Mohammed Hussein Hashim** (Sudan): #healthcareforall, #humanrights, #regenerativeeconomy
- Jamil Ahmad Allaudin** (Afghanistan): #heritage, #ruraldevelopment, #transparentinformation
- Tamim Heikal** (Egypt): #humanrights, #directdemocracy, #freedomofspeech
- Yara Alnajjar** (Syria): #womeninscience, #fightgenderstereotypes, #equalopportunities
- Taha Nisari** (Afghanistan): #peacebuilding, #civiceducation, #communityrehabilitation
- Helay Rahim** (Afghanistan): #humanrights, #fightingdiscrimination, #endingreligiousstigmas

Looking back, 2020 was the right time to [launch](#) this bold program. Taking shape in a time of a [global pandemic](#) and growing discourse on social justice and representation, Emerging Leaders took root in a time that has proven its necessity.

We are looking forward to continuing to push the conversation around newcomer leadership in the public space in 2021. With ambitions to widen the scope of Emerging Leaders to new geographies and networks, we welcome other actors to join us from different horizons. An exciting consortium of partners is already co-conspiring to scale this unique impact. Interested in being a part of the adventure of Emerging Leaders 2021? [Drop us a line](#) - we'll be happy to tell you more about what we are preparing and how you might play a role in its success.



The Catalysts celebrated their achievements and committed to their continuous growth as leaders during the Emerging Leaders Retreat on October 24th, 2020 at [Les Halles Civiques](#).

Everyday is a reminder that we are living in unprecedented times. For the PLACE team, the presence of the community - be it online, or from a safe distance - has been a foundation that has allowed us to continue to experiment new ways to accelerate migrant-led innovation for a changing Europe. If you want to experiment with us, or simply want to connect with this community, drop us a line - we will be thrilled to hear from you.

Keep well,



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