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Truly being in a place is having a platform. That's why changing the view a society has on migration comes from making sure those who've fled, who've come to start anew get to tell their own story and live fully the way they choose: **building the projects they want to lead, working in the fulfilling roles they are trained to work in... In short, letting their talents bloom.** That's what we worked on this year and in the past 6 years since the **PLACE's** launch. And that's what we'll keep on doing for the year to come, with you, always keeping innovation at heart.

Thank you for being at Entrepreneurship Fest



What a joy to welcome you all into our new office space to celebrate newcomer innovation!

Thank you to all the Catalysts who took part in **Up Collective** this year and who boldly pitched their projects: congratulations! A big thank you goes to our partners in this project for their invaluable support: **TERN**, **Ben&Jerry's** and **BMW France**.

We are also looking forward to sharing more with you about Mig.En.Cube's upcoming MOOC! The ecosystem for migrant entrepreneurs is about to get much stronger so watch this space!

Discover the projects

Local actors stepping up

Through the EMBRACE program, local actors have been training to better integrate newcomer needs to **migration, further anchoring their discourse of better welcome and political participation in concrete action and knowledge.** Through immersive learning sessions with a restricted group of participants for focus, local actors were able to steer away from concepts and **theoretical knowledge to approach real life situations and gain practical know-how to apply.**

Confronting what you think with the reality of the newcomers you work with is very touching. It's the confrontation with reality that we often miss when we think about these subjects.



It's not very theoretical, you ask concrete questions. Asking questions about these subjects is an important first step, it helps a lot.

Read more about
EMBRACE

Professional downgrading following migration can be avoided

Some interesting reading that may spark some resolutions for the New Year... When studying the pathways refugees' careers take post-migration, one common trend is **professional downgrading, or the fact that many of them end up with jobs with less responsibility or qualifications.** The researchers at [Ifri](#) have published recommendations for companies, **NGOs and governments to bring solutions to this issue and the many others refugees face when trying to access meaningful employment.**

This study was born out of cooperation between the Observatory on Immigration and Asylum and the **"Work with Refugees"** collective, which brings together several French NGOs supporting refugees and asylum seekers into employment.

Read the study



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The highest activity a human being can attain is learning for understanding, because to understand is to be free.

Baruch Spinoza

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To finish off this last newsletter of 2022, some wise words, especially as **December is a chance for us to celebrate International Human rights Day and International Migrants' Day.**

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