



THE LOUDSPEAKER

Dear {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }}

Summer is finally here! And with the warm sun around us, we have the perfect setting for new beginnings and exciting possibilities. This is the theme for our July newsletter as we have several innovative opportunities ready to be seized by you, our newcomer community! The scope of our work at PLACE is expanding, bringing promising ventures to career-driven women, artists of social change, and politically active individuals. Read more to find out how!

EXTENDED DEADLINE for Activism Alliance applications!

EMERGING LEADERS
ARTIVISM ALLIANCE
New voices shaping new realities through the arts

**APPLY FOR THE FELLOWSHIP
TODAY**

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We have extended our **application deadline for the Emerging Leaders Artivism Alliance to the 25th of July**. Don't miss out, apply now!

- Are you an artist engaged in activism (artist) who wants to influence and guide others, capture wider audiences, and amplify your voice?
- Do you want access to innovative leadership training, exclusive networking opportunities, an individual mentor, and a global community of like-minded people?

- Have you had a recent lived experience of migration and are now based in a European or African country?

Then you are perfect for this program!

Apply today

If you are an individual or organisation who knows people that **could benefit from the Emerging Leaders Activism Alliance** then please feel free to contact program manager **Christie Bitar (christie@place-network.org)** or share the call with potential participants directly.

Fast Forward applications now open!

Join the highly anticipated **pre-incubation fellowship, Fast Forward**, supported by industry leaders **L'Oréal, BMW, and Ben & Jerry's**. This is your chance to fast-track your career and open up new doors! Whether you're aspiring to become an **entrepreneur**, land your dream job, or a combination of both, this program is designed to **empower women newcomers based in Ile-de-France**.



The graphic features the text "Apply for FAST FORWARD" on the left, with "FAST" in red and "FORWARD" in blue. To the right is a photograph of two smiling women. Below the photo, an orange box contains the text: "Do you want to enhance your entrepreneurial leadership skills? Do you want to access networking events?". At the bottom, logos for PLACE, L'ORÉAL FONDS POUR LES FEMMES, BMW GROUP, UP COLLECTIVE, and BEN & JERRY'S are displayed.

We're looking for women who:

- Are actively committed to accelerating their careers in entrepreneurial ways or forward thinking companies
- Can effectively showcase their work and communicate their personal and professional goals (minimum English level B1).
- Can dedicate approximately 6 hours per month from September 2023 to March 2024 and actively engage in all modules and learning events.
- Have recent lived experience of migration (such as refugees, asylum seekers, international students, or economic migrants) and are currently based in Ile-de-France.

For 7 months you will receive access to **online and in-person learning events, individual support from a dedicated coach, tailored advice from industry experts**, and exclusive access to **networking opportunities**.

Don't miss out! **Deadline is 20/07**

Apply Now!

We are also looking for **volunteer coaches** and industry experts to support our ambitious women in their career development.

If you are interested, or know people who may be, then please contact program manager **Jocelyn Maskrey** at jocelyn@place-network.org.

A unique opportunity for constructive conversations

Last month, PLACE hosted a week-long study visit for our partners from **EMBRACE**. As part of the two-year **AMIF** funded project, we welcomed **8 partners, representing 6 European countries**, to share the **best practices** from their territories on promoting newcomer voices in the design and **implementation of local integration policies**. Read more about EMBRACE here [Goals and activities - EMBRACE](#)



A key highlight of the week was the PLACE Q&A session, hosted by our very own **Shawgi Ahmed**, Director of Public Leadership, with **Jean-Baptiste Pointel** and **Venus Anwari**, a local actor and a newcomer who have both been involved in the France-based project.

Selma Rassoul, the Program Manager for this project, described the experience as **'inspirational'**. Creating a space that fosters open and frank dialogue between decision makers and newcomers is the key to creating change, and it was powerful to see this happening in front of our eyes. Not only was this Q&A essential for understanding **the experience of the participants**, this platform also enabled our **partners to reflect on the work in their own territories** and gain crucial motivation and inspiration.



Baden-Württemberg is a pioneer for newcomer public leadership



“When one gets involved in the politics of a country, one also learns a lot about the country itself.”

Ryyan Alshebl

Ryyan Alshebl, a **Syrian man who arrived in Germany as a refugee in 2015**, was elected as **mayor of a small town in Baden-Württemberg**. In April this year, Ryyan was inundated with congratulations and interview requests by media outlets worldwide after his election win, **with 55% of votes**.

Read the full article here [Syrian refugee elected mayor of German town, years after fleeing war | CNN](#)

This major accomplishment is a big win for **newcomer voices in public spaces**. It clearly shows us the strong desire and urgent need for newcomers to actively and collaboratively participate in **making decisions at the local level**. Undoubtedly the town of Baden-Württemberg will become known for its **social cohesion, inclusion, and empathy** in the coming years!

We're proud to be implementing programs in and around Paris to support this cause, and we have some exciting news about expanding our efforts coming soon. Keep an eye out for our updates!



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