



THE LOUDSPEAKER

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This month's Loudspeaker focuses on **what brings us together!**

With the end of the year approaching, we are excited to celebrate the moments **we come together as a community to better the lives of newcomers and societies.** Take a look at the different ways this is happening...

Join us at Entrepreneurship Fest 2023



Let's come together for our **second-ever Entrepreneurship Fest**

Date: 6th December 2023

Time: 19:00

**Location: Volumes Lab
(78 Rue Compans,
75019 Paris)**

[Register here!](#)

This year, we've merged **Up Collective** into **Fast Forward** to create a powerhouse of entrepreneurship and employment. The 2023 cohort of Fast Forward will **showcase their entrepreneurial projects developed through the Up Collective Labs** and you can join them! Get ready to immerse yourself in a vibrant atmosphere filled with talented individuals from various sectors and walks of life.

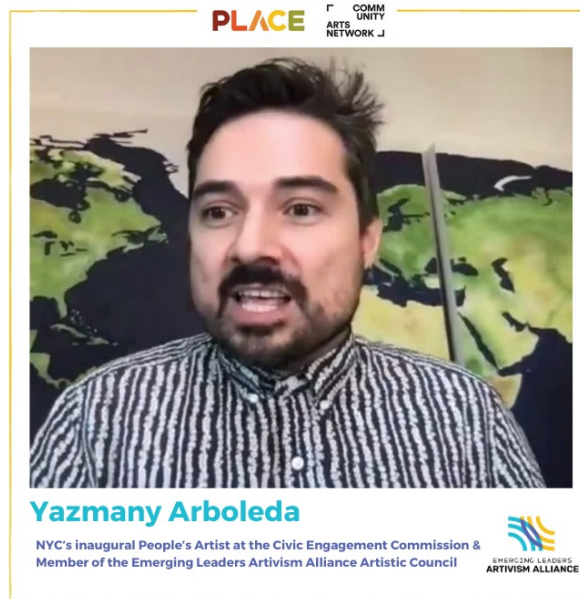
What's on the Agenda?

- Speed Networking
- Project Showcase
- Speciality Sri Lankan and Malaysian catering from Nithaa Traiteur - a previous PLACE Alumni!
- Free drinks & music

Here is a sneak peek of the projects being showcased...



Artivism to bring communities together



[Check the video here](#)

During our **Emerging Leaders Artivism Alliance** Kick-Off, **Yazmany Arboleda** (member of the Artistic Council) gave us key insights into the collaborative power newcomer artists have in transformational change, and how it **brings communities together**

- 1 - Newcomers are **'Transformation Experts'**
- 2 - Change starts with **individuals**, and spreads to **our families, neighbors, and cities**
- 3 - We can shift harmful narratives by bringing **joyfulness to intentional change**

As well as being a member of the ELAA Artistic Council, Yazmany also represents the **Civic Engagement Commission** in NYC as the inaugural People's Artist.

Co-creating Resilient Cities with Newcomers & Local Actors

On September 25th, we hosted a webinar in collaboration with **ANVITA (Association Nationale des Villes et Territoires Accueillants)** & **Robert Bosch Foundation** to highlight our upcoming public leadership program -

[Check out the website here](#)



The objective of this program is to **enhance the resiliency and social cohesion** of local democracies in France and Europe by creating collaborative spaces for **newcomers and local actors**. Through proactive citizen participation, we boost the voices of newcomers who often go unheard at the local level.

In the webinar, we delved into crucial conversations about how bringing together local actors and newcomers to co-create integration solutions fosters sustainable active citizen participation.

Based on our pilot project in **the Est Ensemble region of France** (delivered through **EMBRACE**, we are scaling to more regions of France, and eventually throughout Europe.

Discover more about how our pioneering project transformed the Est Ensemble community:

- [ENGLISH - Dive in here](#)
- [FRENCH - Explore the French version](#)

Want to be a part of this impactful movement? Contact our Operations Manager, [Ismail Alkhateeb](#), at ismail@place-network.org to join our upcoming Resilient Cities program.

What did we learn from the 6th Annual REN Summit in Izmir?

This October our Head of Design [Michele Caleffi](#) and Program Manager [Jocelyn Maskrey](#) attended the 6th Annual Summit of the Refugee Entrepreneurship Network in Izmir, Türkiye!

Coming together with committed individuals and organisations boosting Refugee Entrepreneurship worldwide was a privilege. Especially discussing Forward·Inc's innovative practices in the Netherlands, learning about NaTakallam's practical approach to utilising languages, and connecting with Startup Refugees in Finland. And of course it was great to see our Up Collective friends at Ben & Jerry's, TERN - The Entrepreneurial Refugee Network and DELITELABS as always! A special highlight was hearing from [Laila Majeed](#) about the co-creation of Ben & Jerry's (soon to be released in France!) new ice cream 'Sunny Honey Home' through Up Collective.

[Read about it here](#)

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Jocelyn Maskrey - PLACE program manager



Our 3 Key Takeaways from the summit are:

- 1 - Impact measurement is crucial but hard to measure quantitatively. New means of measuring success could be thought of qualitatively
- 2 - Collaboration and networking in host countries is essential to enhance opportunities for entrepreneurs when they are just starting out
- 3 - A common need for practitioners is to have a reliable system for monitoring and evaluation, and data gathering more widely.



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