



RISE fact sheet

RISE (Refugees into sustainable employment) is an employment service designed specifically for refugees. It is funded by the Big Lottery Fund and the European Social Fund through the Building Better Opportunities programme. RISE is led by social enterprise Renaisi, and has been developed in collaboration with a number of partners, including refugee community organisations.

RISE provides one-to-one support to refugees to assist them to identify and overcome barriers to employment; builds necessary skills and confidence; and gives them access to suitable vacancies and long-term in-work support.

Who?

RISE is designed specifically for those who fit into the following categories:

- **Refugees** (people who have had a positive decision on their claim for asylum under the 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees)
- **Individuals granted Humanitarian Protection** (that is, not a refugee but has a well-founded fear of persecution on or at real risk of serious harm)
- **Individuals granted Discretionary Leave to Remain** (on the basis of requiring medical, social or another form of assistance in the UK, other cases where return would breach the European Convention on Human Rights and other exceptional circumstances)
- **Individuals who have had a Family Reunion application approved** because they are partner or child/dependent of a person granted asylum, Humanitarian Protection or Discretionary Leave to Remain
- **Asylum seekers possessing an Application Registration Card with “employment permitted” or “work allowed”**

In addition, in order to participate in the service, participants will have to demonstrate that they:

1. Have the right to work in the UK

- 2. Are unemployed** – not working and in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)
OR

- Economically Inactive – not working and not in receipt of work related benefits. This could include but is not limited to:
- Employment Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Universal Credit (UC)
 - Carers allowance
 - Not claiming benefit





Where?

RISE is being delivered in ten boroughs in North and East London. Participants must live in one of the following boroughs:

- Hackney
- Tower Hamlets
- Newham
- Redbridge
- Enfield
- Havering
- Haringey
- Barking and Dagenham
- Waltham Forest
- Greenwich

How?

Participants that enrol onto RISE will be allocated a dedicated caseworker that will conduct an initial assessment, create a SMART action plan to overcome barriers to employment and support them on their journey to work. In order to achieve this, participants will have access to the following activities:

- **Work- focused English for Speakers of Language (ESOL) classes** for those that need support with the English language
 - **Wellbeing activities** e.g. arts and crafts, nutrition and confidence building workshops
 - **Work experience** and volunteering opportunities
 - **Accredited training** e.g. Customer Service, Health and Social Care or Construction
 - **Employability support** including CV writing, interview techniques, better off in work calculations, self-employment advice, assisted job search
 - **Specialist support** with housing, debt, mental health and substance misuse
 - **Access to vacancies** from our employer engagement team who will source vacancies according to participants' needs
 - **In-work support** for up to six months after entering employment to provide mentoring if required to ease the transition into work
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Find out more

If you or your organisation would like to find out more about RISE, contact **Emma Smail** at **e.smail@renaisi.com** or on **07739364445**

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