

## WHO WE ARE

Established in 2003, ReConnect is a Charity that works with unemployed and underemployed professional refugees by creating opportunities to return to their professions by organising training courses, work experience and one-to-one guidance; also creating opportunities for refugees to contribute with their skills to development in developing countries; drawing attention to the causes and consequences of displacement from developing countries and transforming its negative impact.

## OUR VISION

Enabling unemployed and underemployed refugees through the provision of appropriate guidance, training, work experience and development of innovative projects, to realise their potential as teachers and journalists and to become active participants in the economies of the UK, of their countries of origin or of developing countries.

## OUR CORE VALUES

- Commitment to inclusion, diversity, equal opportunities and human dignity
- Commitment to transparency and accountability
- Promotion of an enabling and refugee centered environment that generates relevant ideas and targeted and coordinated projects
- Belief in partnership and cooperation – through shared ideas, resources and experience, with our networks of communities, organisations and individuals
- Commitment to building enduring and sustainable frameworks that link the skills of refugees in UK with the needs of developing countries in video production.

The term “Refugee” is used in its wider developmental context to include those Asylum Seekers who have been recognised as Refugees under

the Geneva Convention; have been granted Humanitarian Protection and Discretionary Leave to Remain (formerly known as Exceptional Leave to Remain); have obtained Indefinite Leave to Remain; have been refugees but who now have full UK citizenship.



## ONE OF OUR PROGRAMMES

*Current: The Pathways to Teaching for Refugees programme.*

ReConnect - Preparation for Higher Key Education Programme is carried out in partnership with University College London (UCL) Institute of Education. A video prepared by the UCL Institute of Education about this programme: <https://youtu.be/6DNZWezOXUU>

Key profiles of the 52 Students who Completed the programme:

**Gender:** 24 Female (46.2%), 27 Male (53.8%)

**Country of Origin:** 22 countries: Albania, Algeria Eritrea, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sierra Leone, Syria, Sudan, Turkey, Yemen

**Academic background:** 2 PhD (3.8%), 26 Masters (50%) 16 Bachelors (31.4%, includes 2 Dentists, 1 General Medicine), 2 Diploma (3.8%), 4 Baccalaureate/ A level/ Access/ Foundation (7.7%) and 2 Certificate of Higher Education (3.8%).

### Age groups:

20 – 30 (7) 13.5%  
31 - 40 (16 ) 30.7 %  
41 – 50 (17) 32.7%  
51 – 60 (10) 19.2 %  
61 – 65 (2) 3.8%

## RECONNECT'S KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Passport to Teaching Plus Programme

In partnership with Birkbeck/ University of London, (2005-07) enabled 14 refugees to gain a Postgraduate Level Certificate in Teaching in Lifelong Learning (Further, Adult & Community Education); The programme was funded by the Home Office Refugee Integration Challenge Fund.

### Pathways into Teaching for Refugees Programme

In partnership with Institute of Education (Renamed UCL Institute of Education), the Programme (2007-11) enabled 40 refugees to gain PGCE in Post Compulsory Education (Further Education, Adult and Community Colleges). This work was part of the London Hub for Refugee Teachers, funded by Department of Education.

## LATEST EVENT



## RECONNECT AT UCL: A REFUGEE WEEK EVENT.

**WHEN? WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2019, 5.00 – 8.00 PM**

**LOCATION: JEFFREY HALL, UCL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, 20 BEDFORD WAY, LONDON WC1H 0AL.**

**to recognise...** the achievements of refugee students who completed the Preparation for Higher Education Programme.

**to raise awareness...** about the barriers faced by refugees in accessing Higher Education & the work of ReConnect to address some of these barriers.

**Speakers include...** students & alumni from the programme, teachers with refugee background, the programme leader at UCL IOE, the Director of ReConnect.

**PLUS Poetry & songs** by refugees.

**And a live performance** by the Ethiopian band **Krar Collective**.

**APPEAL BY SARAH BUXTON**

Chair of Trustees of ReConnect

**APPEAL FOR FUNDS: REFUGEES INTO TEACHING IN UK**

I'm writing as Chair of Trustees of ReConnect, a small energetic London charity which works to help people with a refugee background to gain a mainstream UK qualification in teaching. We are seeking donations so we can fund more of our promising applicants. For our programme, Pathways to Teaching for Refugees, we work in partnership with the Institute of Education at University College London (UCL), which has made a video about this work: <https://youtu.be/6DNZWezOXUU>

Most of those supported by ReConnect have a teaching or other professional background in their home countries, but face barriers when wanting to re-qualify in UK. Our work enables them to re-enter professional employment in UK, and contribute to the economy and to the quality of our education system. Funds raised in 2018 supported 51 students on a short preparatory course, as well as 2 students on the course leading to Qualified Teacher Status. We need funds now to support students starting in September 2019, on both the preparatory course costing £1000 per student, and the 2 year course leading to a qualification, which costs £15,000 per student. Could you support one student? Or a proportion of the costs for one student? We will be very grateful for any contribution you can make towards these costs.

A Donation and Gift Aid form is on our website <https://reconnectonline.org.uk/> donate and a link to Just Giving

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way to increase the value of your gift to ReConnect – at no extra cost to you. If you pay tax in the UK, ReConnect can reclaim the basic rate tax (25%) on your gift. So, if you donate £50, it is worth £75 to us. (Please donate using the attached Gift Aid Form) 3. Write to Us: Send a cheque (payable to ReConnect) to: ReConnect. Resource for London 356

**HOW TO SUPPORT US**

There are a number of ways to donate to ReConnect. Simply choose from the following options:

**1. Donate via Just Giving** though the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/reconnect/refugeeteacherpathways>

**2. Donate using Gift Aid** (Gift Aid is a simple way to increase the value of your gift to ReConnect – at no extra cost to you. If you pay tax in the UK, ReConnect can reclaim the basic rate tax (25%) on your gift. So, if you donate £50, it is worth £75 to us. (Please donate using the attached Gift Aid Form)

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ReConnect's work has been supported by a variety of sources: Equator Fund, Network for Social Change Charitable Trust, Sarah Hayward Memorial Fund, Department for International Development (DFID), Home Office Refugee Integration Challenge Fund, Department for Children, Schools and Families (Dept. of Education), European Union, Lloyds TSB Foundation, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Salesforce.com, and Private individual donors.

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