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Social entrepreneurs wanted to help refugees build new lives in UK

London, England 16.09.2015 – UnLtd, the foundation for social entrepreneurs, today announced a new £100,000 fund to tackle the emerging challenges faced by local authorities, churches, mosques and charities as the UK agrees to take in 20,000 displaced people fleeing conflict.

UnLtd CEO Cliff Prior explains,

“Britain has a proud history of welcoming displaced people who have escaped from conflict. With the ongoing flight of people from war-torn Syria, Eritrea, Iraq and Afghanistan, British residents have already mobilised on an impressive scale, urging practical support for refugees.

Beyond the understandable immediate reaction to the terrible plight of refugees we are seeing in Europe and the Middle East, the challenge of responding to increasing numbers of refugees is one that will characterise this decade. The solutions will need to be long-term and enduring. We believe there are people in the UK who have the creativity, energy and passion to tackle these problems and we want to help them step forward to build new, sustainable approaches.

So today we are offering support and funding to those who have practical and sustainable solutions, building on the fantastic way that British people have rallied to welcome refugees. We’re looking for people with ideas to organise & manage accommodation in private homes or unused spaces; sustainable projects to collect, restore and distribute clothing and furniture; interpretation and English language learning opportunities for those new to the UK; and any other creative ideas to help refugees integrate and build new lives on British soil.

We want this Award to give people the ability to work alongside and add value to existing efforts, and develop long-term, entrepreneurial solutions to creating cohesive communities. We believe that with the support of social entrepreneurs, refugees can and will become valued members of our society.”

UnLtd is offering one to one support and up to £5,000 cash to UK residents who wish to establish a social venture, or develop a new service at their existing social venture, to meet the long-term needs of refugees and asylum seekers in the UK. A refugee who has asylum status or humanitarian protection status can stay in the UK for 5 years so may also take up an award and progress their social venture.

You can find out more about the award, and eligibility, here [\[add link to award page\]](#).

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About UnLtd

UnLtd is the leading provider of support to social entrepreneurs in the UK and offers the largest such network in the world. It supports more than 1,000 individuals each year through its core Awards programme.

UnLtd puts people at the heart of what it does and reaches out to find passionate, talented, resourceful people who are determined to tackle the key issues facing society. Its focus is on helping greater numbers of people to start up as social entrepreneurs, enabling those who want - and can - to scale up their impact.

UnLtd aims to develop collaboration and networks that will create an ecosystem of support, through delivering support to social entrepreneurs in partnership with social investors and delivery partners. It operates a unique model by investing directly in individuals and offering a complete package of resources; from awards of funding between £500 and £100,000 to ongoing advice, networking and practical support.

For more information about the support offered by UnLtd go to www.UnLtd.org.uk

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