

Dear Friend,

This year, Upwardly Global turns 25, and we couldn't be more excited to celebrate with you.

Since our founding in 2000, Upwardly Global has been a powerful force for change, helping nearly 13,000 newcomer professionals from 179 countries rebuild their careers and thrive in the U.S. workforce. Their contributions have added over \$689 million to the American economy through starting salaries alone. And we've achieved this in partnership with mission-aligned organizations across the country that share our belief in the promise and potential of immigrants and refugees.

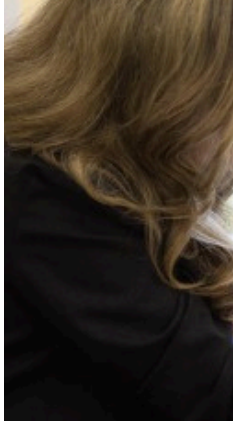
As we reflect on all we've accomplished together, we're also looking forward. Our mission has never been more urgent, and our commitment has never been stronger. In 2025, we're charting an ambitious new course: to begin supporting 25,000 job seekers annually.

This vision is bold, but it's entirely possible. With your continued partnership, support, and belief in the newcomers we serve, we know we can rise to meet this moment.

[Visit our 25th anniversary page](#) to journey through our history, watch inspiring alumni stories, and discover ways to join our celebration.

Here's to 25 years of impact — and the many milestones to come.

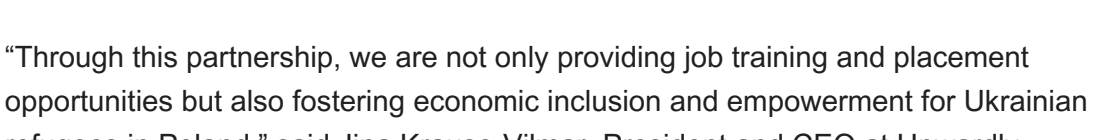
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Upwardly Global Expands Workforce Inclusion With FRSI and Accenture To Boost Ukrainian Employment in Poland

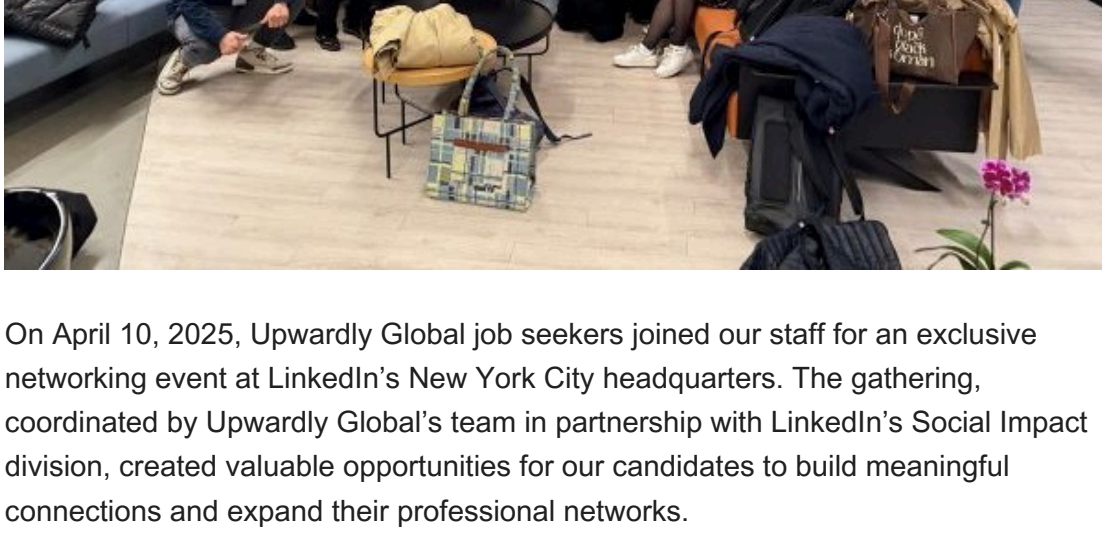


Upwardly Global announced the official extension of its partnership with Information Society Development Foundation (FRSI) and Accenture. The partnership will train 1,000 job seekers, with 500 to be placed in professional careers.

"Through this partnership, we are not only providing job training and placement opportunities but also fostering economic inclusion and empowerment for Ukrainian refugees in Poland," said Jina Krause-Vilmar, President and CEO at Upwardly Global. "By working with FRSI and Accenture, we can ensure that refugee professionals rebuild their lives by accessing meaningful career opportunities that align with their skills and education."

[Read the full announcement.](#)

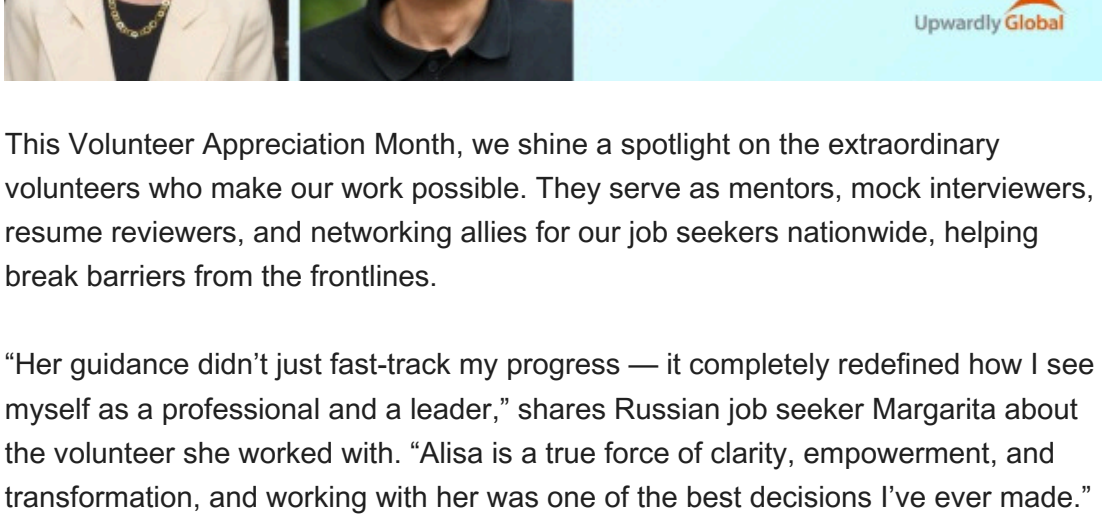
Upwardly Global Job Seekers Connect at LinkedIn NYC Offices



On April 10, 2025, Upwardly Global job seekers joined our staff for an exclusive networking event at LinkedIn's New York City headquarters. The gathering, coordinated by Upwardly Global's team in partnership with LinkedIn's Social Impact division, created valuable opportunities for our candidates to build meaningful connections and expand their professional networks.

[Learn more about Upwardly Global's skilling and networking opportunities.](#)

Volunteer Appreciation Month: Celebrating the Heart of Our Mission



This Volunteer Appreciation Month, we shine a spotlight on the extraordinary volunteers who make our work possible. They serve as mentors, mock interviewers, resume reviewers, and networking allies for our job seekers nationwide, helping break barriers from the frontlines.

"Her guidance didn't just fast-track my progress — it completely redefined how I see myself as a professional and a leader," shares Russian job seeker Margarita about the volunteer she worked with. "Alisa is a true force of clarity, empowerment, and transformation, and working with her was one of the best decisions I've ever made."

For job seekers, navigating a new country, culture, and job market, the support of a volunteer can be the difference between feeling isolated and feeling empowered.

[Read more about how our volunteers transform lives.](#)

Job Seeker Spotlight: Mimla



"We all wanted a bright future and education."

MIMLA
Research Associate from Afghanistan

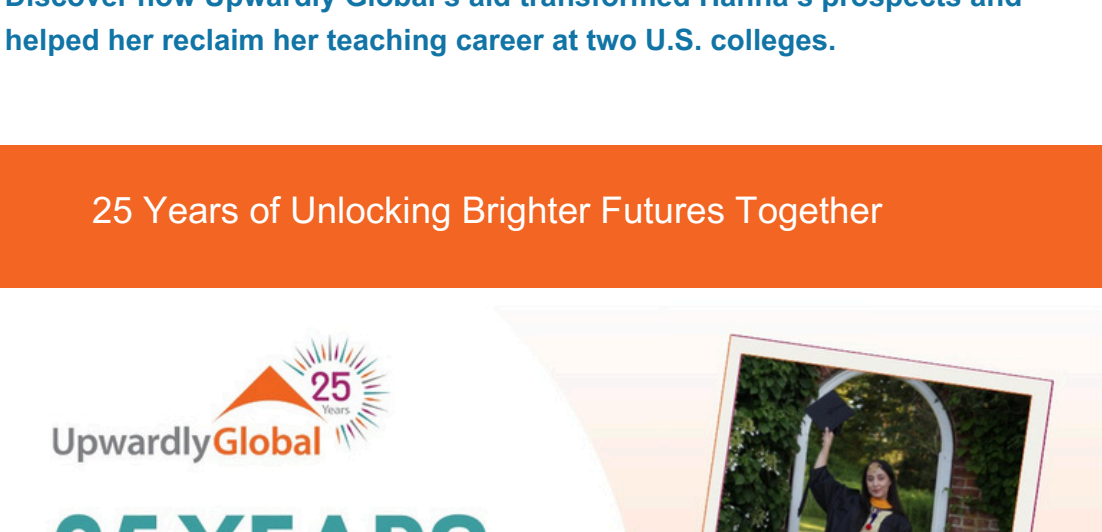


When the Taliban seized Afghanistan in 2021, Mimla — a scholar at the American University of Afghanistan — fled on foot to Pakistan, abandoning her education and everyone she loved. Despite these overwhelming challenges, she completed her undergraduate degree and secured a scholarship to Bard College in New York, only to face a new hurdle: navigating the American job market alone.

"Life was safer, but still very uncertain. Everyone was thinking, 'I need a job, otherwise, what am I going to do?'" It was during her last semester at Bard when she discovered Upwardly Global and met her career coach, Molly.

[Discover how Mimla went from applying to 200+ jobs without success to landing her dream position at one of Washington's most prestigious think tanks.](#)

Job Seeker Spotlight: Hanna



When Russian forces occupied Hanna Dudnik's Ukrainian city in February 2021, she and her two young sons faced dwindling food supplies and constant fear. After a harrowing month and a half, they fled to Southern California under the Ukraine program. Though safe from the war, Hanna — an English language professor with over 20 years of experience — found that her credentials meant little in the U.S.

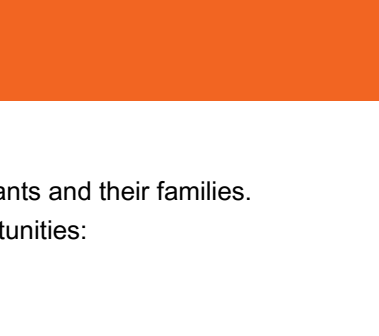
"Some people recommended that I go back to college and get another bachelor's degree because foreign diplomas mean nothing," she remembers. "I didn't want to start from scratch."

Through Upwardly Global, Hanna received crucial career guidance and secured a scholarship to pay for TESOL certification — a credential she couldn't afford as a newly arrived refugee. "When I arrived, I had no money, and I couldn't afford a professional certificate."

[Discover how Upwardly Global's aid transformed Hanna's prospects and helped her reclaim her teaching career at two U.S. colleges.](#)

25 Years of Unlocking Brighter Futures Together

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BE THE KEY

For a quarter century, Upwardly Global has worked to demonstrate that talent knows no borders. By building bridges between work-authorized immigrant professionals and U.S. employers, we break down barriers for newcomers to rebuild the careers they once had.

You are the key to making this a reality.

Your gift will help build brighter futures for 25,000 newcomers to restart their careers in 2025. Join us in celebrating 25 years of impact, resilience, and community, and unlock opportunities for job seekers in this milestone year.

[Give today to strengthen our communities and celebrate 25 years of Upwardly Global!](#)

Upwardly Global in the News

- Upwardly Global and two alumni were recently featured in a Chicago Sun Times Article on the new federal licensing system for international medical graduates that took effect earlier this year. [Read more about how this pathway can help alleviate healthcare shortages.](#)
- Upwardly Global's President and CEO, Jina Krause-Vilmar, joined The Maggie Daun Show to talk about the critical role immigrants play in the U.S. economy. Listen to the episode "[Economic Anxiety, Immigrant Impact, and Trump's Tax Turmoil.](#)"

Join Our Team

Join us and help impact the lives of professional immigrants and their families. Upwardly Global is currently offering the following opportunities:

- **Director of Major Gifts**
- **Temporary Senior Event Planner – 2025 Gala**

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