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Language has the power to shape the way we connect. It is a melting pot for culture, provides the context for our skills and experience, and offers new ways to think about the future of work and innovation. This August, we're celebrating the many ways language and skill can create connection, spark new ideas, and open doors.

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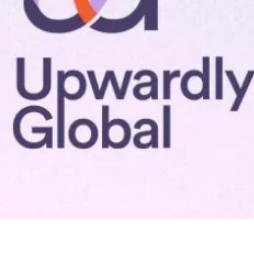


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The contributions immigrants have made to the US show up daily. In fact, [many of the words we use every day have traveled across languages and cultures](#) to become part of our American vernacular.

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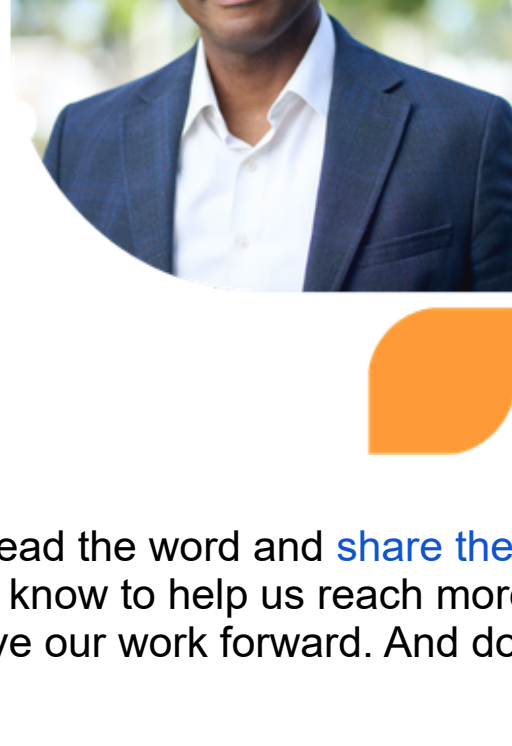
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If you stepped on an elevator with a recruiter, could you tell a compelling story about yourself in thirty seconds or less?

You have the experience and skills; now [learn how to craft an elevator pitch](#) that highlights your global experience, communicates your value, and helps you make a memorable impression when an opportunity arises.

[Read More](#)Our CEO Makes the Case for Hiring Immigrant Talent in *Nonprofit Quarterly*

At Upwardly Global, we all know that when immigrant professionals can contribute to their full potential, our whole country is better off. Our CEO, **Greg Haile**, lays it all out in ***Nonprofit Quarterly***, sharing the data that illustrates how critical immigrant talent is to addressing our country's workforce gap, stories about some of our jobseekers, and how we can all work together to advance our mission.

Spread the word and [share the op-ed on LinkedIn](#). A post from you does more than you know to help us reach more jobseekers, employers, donors, and volunteers to move our work forward. And don't forget to tag us @Upwardly Global!

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Partner Spotlight

Restored Dreams and Purpose: The Power of BakerRipley and Upwardly Global's Partnership in Houston

In the "Ellis Island of Houston," [UpGlo's partnership with BakerRipley](#) is helping internationally trained professionals reclaim more than their careers. Together, the partnership has enrolled 98 learners on the UpGlo Learning platform, helped 70 participants advance through industry-specific learning pathways, and supported 49 learners in earning high-demand certifications in just one year. But the real impact goes well beyond the numbers.

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UpGlo Hackathon 2026



Inside UpGlo's First Hackathon

What happens when you give UpGlo staff five hours, an internet connection, and one challenge: How can we put AI to work? From a mock interview coach to project management tools for staying organized and even an app that turns what's in your kitchen into culturally inspired meals, [UpGlo's first Hackathon](#) sparked plenty of creativity—and some exciting ideas for how technology can help us better serve immigrant professionals, employers, and partners.

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Alexis Vassilakas

Joins UpGlo Board of Directors

Please Welcome Alexis Vassilakas to our Board of Directors!

A former refugee and immigrant, Alexis is Head of Non-Financial Risk in Engineering at Goldman Sachs and has over thirty years of experience in technology and financial services. [Alexis's story](#) exemplifies the remarkable possibilities that arise when immigrant and refugee professionals are provided access to opportunities and professional communities. We are so thrilled to have him join our UpGlo community.

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Learn. Grow. Create Opportunities.

Are you or someone you know ready to take the next step in your career comeback? The [UpGlo Learning platform](#) provides the resources and tools to help you navigate the US workforce successfully. Add to the language of your professional story.

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