

# MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Stephen,

I am writing to thank you for your exceptional contribution to the 2024 No Wrong Door Open Innovation Challenge and congratulate you for getting through to phase 2 of the programme.

Your innovative approach, which integrates mental health support, self-employment opportunities, and social integration, has not only strengthened community connections but also created a scalable model for other boroughs. The RESET programme's use of refugee "navigators" to reach underserved communities is a brilliant example of how lived experience can be a powerful tool for fostering inclusion and breaking down barriers to employment.

As Mayor, I am committed to ensuring that all Londoners, including refugees, have the opportunity to access good work and build independent lives. Your work through Facework and the RESET programme is making an incredible difference in this effort. By providing personalised employability training and empowering those with lived experience of migration to act as peer supporters, you are helping to overcome the high unemployment rates that worsen the lives of refugees in London.

On behalf of all Londoners, thank you for your dedication to innovation, community-building and creating meaningful pathways to employment for refugees. I look forward to seeing RESET expand and continue making a positive impact across our city.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sadiq Khan', with a small '2' written below the name.

**Sadiq Khan**

Mayor of London