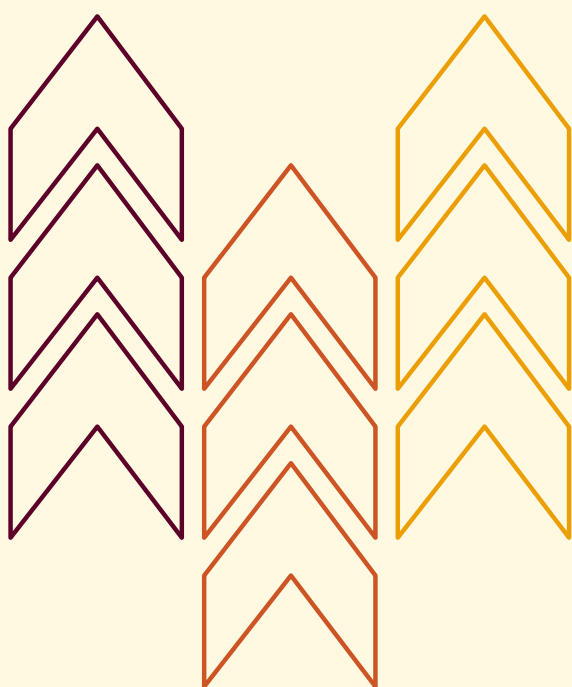




RiseUP

Empowering Migrant Entrepreneurs

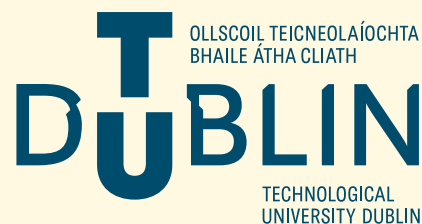
RiseUP: StartUP

A 10-Week Programme for
Migrant Entrepreneurs in Ireland

October - December 2026



BROADLAKE
Redefining Possible



opendoorsinitiative.ie

INTRODUCTION

Have you started building a business in Ireland and want support to take it to the next level?

RiseUP: StartUP is a selective 10-week programme for migrant, refugee and asylum-seeking entrepreneurs who have a registered business, a validated business idea and are ready to invest time and energy into growing their business.

Delivered by [The Open Doors Initiative](#), [Broadlake](#) and [TU Dublin](#), the programme combines practical workshops, personalised mentorship and expert advice to help you strengthen your business and prepare for your next stage of growth.

WHAT WILL YOU GET FROM RISEUP?

Practical business skills

Build your knowledge of the key areas you need to run and grow a business in Ireland, including:

- Business models and customer discovery
- Legal and regulatory requirements
- Accounting, taxation and financial management
- Financial planning and cash flow
- Sales, marketing and digital presence
- Operations and supply chains
- Pitching and funding opportunities

Personalised mentorship

Work with an experienced mentor in a small group throughout the programme. Your mentor will help you apply what you learn to your own business, identify priorities and work through challenges.

Expert advice

Access specialist advice clinics with experts from organisations including Broadlake, William Fry (legal) and Fenero (finance and accounting), as well as the wider enterprise support ecosystem.



A strong peer network

Learn alongside other migrant entrepreneurs, share experiences and challenges, and build a network of peers who understand the realities of starting a business in Ireland.

Your business development toolkit

By the end of the programme, you will have developed practical tools and outputs for your business, including:

- Business Model Canvas
- Customer personas and discovery plan
- Legal and compliance action plan
- Financial model and break-even analysis
- Marketing action plan
- Operations plan and risk register
- Funding opportunities tracker
- Pitch deck

Connections to the Irish enterprise ecosystem

Learn about funding and support available through organisations such as Enterprise Ireland, Local Enterprise Offices, Microfinance Ireland, and more, and connect with potential mentors, partners and funders.

A pathway to what comes next

The programme finishes with a showcase event where participants present their businesses to a panel of partners and mentors. Prizes will be available for the winning business and will be announced during the programme.



WHAT DOES THE PROGRAMME INVOLVE?

RiseUP: StartUP runs for 10 weeks, with a combination of group workshops, mentorship and expert advice.

Weekly workshops

Tuesdays | 10.00am – 12.30pm

Practical, interactive sessions delivered online and in person, covering the key areas of business development.

Mentorship

Every second Wednesday | 10:00am – 11:30am

Small-group mentorship with experienced business professionals, from Week 1 to Week 10.

Expert advice clinics

Selected Thursdays | 10:00am – 11:00am

Small-group sessions with specialist advisors who can provide practical guidance on specific business challenges.

Showcase & closing event

Tuesday, 15 December | 10:00am – 4:00pm

An in-person event at Broadlake featuring final business pitches, feedback, networking and the next steps for participants.

The programme is delivered in English. Materials will be available in English and closed captions will be available for online sessions.



WHO CAN APPLY?

You must meet **all** of the following criteria:

- Be a migrant, refugee or asylum seeker living in Ireland, including people living in Ireland under Temporary Protection
- Be 18 years or older
- Have a registered business in Ireland
- Have invested at least 6 months of time in developing your business
- Have invested at least €1,000 in your business
- Have a business idea that you have already explored and can clearly explain
- Be available to attend all sessions (see dates further down this document).

We are particularly interested in applicants who can demonstrate a strong commitment to developing their business, for example through previous participation in RiseUP/StandUP webinars or engagement with enterprise support programmes.

Places are limited, and participants will be selected based on their readiness for the programme. We will also aim to build a diverse cohort across different sectors and business areas.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Time	Session	Format / Location
12 August 2026	—	Applications open	—
4 September 2026	—	Applications close	—
21 September 2026	—	Successful applicants notified	—
13 October 2026	10.00–12.30	Week 1: Welcome & Orientation	TU Dublin Grangegorman, Dublin 7
14 October 2026	10.00–11.30	Mentorship	Online
20 October 2026	10.00–12.30	Week 2: Business Model Deep Dive	Online
27 October 2026	10.00–12.30	Week 3: Know Your Customer	Online
28 October 2026	10.00–11.30	Mentorship	Online
29 October 2026	10.00–11.00	Advice Clinic: Customer Discovery	Online



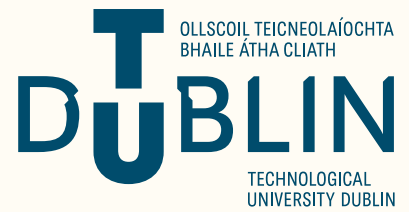
Date	Time	Session	Format / Location
3 November 2026	10.00–12.30	Week 4: Legal Foundations	Online
5 November 2026	10.00–11.00	Advice Clinic: Legal Compliance	Online
10 November 2026	10.00–12.30	Week 5: Financial Foundations	Online
11 November 2026	10.00–11.30	Mentorship	Online
12 November 2026	10.00–11.00	Advice Clinic: Accounting	Online
17 November 2026	10.00–12.30	Week 6: Financial Planning	Online
19 November 2026	10.00–11.00	Advice Clinic: Financial Planning	Online
24 November 2026	10.00–12.30	Week 7: Sales, Marketing & Digital Presence	TU Dublin Grangegorman, Dublin 7
25 November 2026	10.00–11.30	Mentorship	Online
26 November 2026	10.00–11.00	Advice Clinic: Branding	Online
1 December 2026	10.00–12.30	Week 8: Operations & Supply Chain	Online
8 December 2026	10.00–12.30	Week 9: Pitching & Funding	Online
9 December 2026	10.00–11.30	Mentorship	Online
10 December 2026	10.00–11.00	Advice Clinic: Pitching	Online
15 December 2026	10.00–15.00	Week 10: Showcase & Closing Event	Broadlake Dublin 18

Please note

RiseUP: StartUP is an intensive programme. Applicants should be available to attend the scheduled workshops, mentorship sessions, advice clinics and final showcase throughout the 10 weeks.



OUR PARTNERS



With contributions and expertise from partners across Ireland's enterprise ecosystem, including Enterprise Ireland, Local Enterprise Offices, Microfinance Ireland, Fenero, and experienced entrepreneurs and business mentors.

Ready to take your business to the next stage?

Apply for RiseUP: StartUP by 4 September 2026 11:59pm.

APPLY NOW

