

## ACH wins 2 national awards

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At an exciting awards ceremony on 12<sup>th</sup> October Ashley Community Housing (ACH) were delighted to win Care and Support Provider of the Year at the 24housing Awards.

These awards were founded in 2013 with the aim of celebrating the very best that the housing sector has to offer. They recognise outstanding organisations and individuals who have demonstrated their ability to thrive in the new housing landscape.

The distinguished panel of judges were looking for entries that demonstrate value for money, best practice, successful outcomes and originality. In judging this category they said:

“Helping refugees integrate into a new community can be a hard task but ACH have been mastering the art over the past nine years. The organisation believe it is not enough to put a roof over someone’s head, but to support them to achieve more in the community. Its resettling service focuses on teaching refugees English and offering training and skills as well as CV writing.”

Then, on 16<sup>th</sup> October, we were delighted again to be crowned Social Enterprise of the Year at the Ethical Corporation Responsible Business Awards.

These awards celebrate and reward the leading organisations from across the globe, recognising those that are truly having an impact on business, society and the environment – setting new standards and direction for business.

ACH were described by the judges as “a stand out winner - very impactful! Addressing the refugee issue on all fronts, from housing to education targeted not just to provide rudimentary English, but to help prepare clients for jobs. Tackling the issue at its source as well in Africa, this shows true innovation. Amazingly brave for a housing association.”

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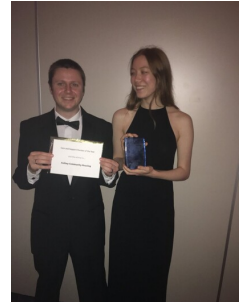
Ashley Community Housing (ACH) was established in 2008 as a social enterprise specialising in the economic, social and civil integration of refugees through accommodation and community based training support. We have successfully resettled over 2000 individuals from refugee backgrounds in this time.

We employ 60 staff and operate in the West of England and the West Midlands as a strategic partner for local authorities and government prime contractors. Through the establishment of our subsidiary training arm 'Himilo Training' we are committed to supporting refugees through work experience, language training, IT literacy and employability skills.

Our #rethinkingrefugee programme is considered outstanding and reflects our commitment to making sure refugees become part of society rather than remaining marginalised and under-employed.

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