



#### 'I WANT TO BE A PIONEER' YOUNG AMBITION FROM BUCHAREST TO LONDON

#### 1. Exchange Partners

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#### 2. Summary

This feature article, with accompanying video interviews, tells the stories of young people in Bucharest and London trying to kickstart or advance their careers. It explores some of the pressures and enablers around breaking into the job market (family expectations, personal ambition, competition, financial situation, support networks, etc.), and looks at the particular circumstances of young refugees and migrants. In both cities, young people -- whatever their background -- express a sense of frustration at the limited options they see before them. Sometimes, they feel overlooked by those authorities mandated to provide for them. Frontline organisations dedicated to helping young people struggle not only with limited resources, but also with attitudes or misunderstandings that create additional barriers. For youth today, in London as in Bucharest, grasping opportunity means being resourceful, being pragmatic, or finding ways to be the pioneer of one's own future.

#### 3. Dissemination of the Output

The full-length article will be published on the Mediane site, and we will pitch it (or a shorter version) to specialist media - potentially Wave magazine (<http://www.wavemagazine.net/>) and/or Cafe Babel (<http://www.cafebabel.co.uk/>). We will disseminate the article/videos via our own wide social networks and possibly identify relevant professional groups on LinkedIn who may be interested. We will also share with the groups and individuals we interviewed and invite them to share further; many have a particular interest in telling their stories.

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#### 4. *Biographies of the authors*

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