

RECONNECT

A London Based Charity (No. 1105016)

SUPPORTING REFUGEES INTO HIGHER EDUCATION & TEACHING



Over the past 18 years ReConnect has been committed to creating opportunities for refugees to maximise their potential through training and education, advice and guidance and signposting

WHAT DO WE DO?

ReConnect supports unemployed and underemployed refugees in London with a 30-hour preparation course to higher education. For some this leads on to a 2-year teaching course: Post Graduate Certificate in Education. Others who have done the short course proceed to further training or work.

These courses help refugees to gain mainstream qualifications and realise their potential and become active participants within the UK, and in their countries of origin or developing countries if they are able to return.

ReConnect also provides advice and guidance and signposting to enable refugees to make an informed choice about their studies and career.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- A pilot project to strengthen the capacity of Samara University, Ethiopia, through teachers with refugee backgrounds. (Not fully funded.)
- A partnership with Thames Valley University supported and trained 10 refugees and asylum seekers in Video Production.
- Delivered 16 boxes of academic textbooks, donated by Queen Mary University, to higher education institutions in Ethiopia and South Sudan.

WHO DOES IT BENEFIT?

Unemployed & underemployed refugees through:

- Partnership with the Institute of Education (IOE) and Birkbeck, supported 59 refugees (33 male and 26 female) from 20 countries, gained PGCE in Post-Compulsory Education. Around two third are now teaching in London.
- Partnership with University College London (UCL) Institute of Education supported 155 refugees (80 female & 75 male) from 33 countries, to enable them to complete the 30-hour Preparation for Higher Education Programme.

Most of our participants have studied and/or worked in their countries of origin, and faced obstacles to retraining/ work in the UK.

REFLECTION BY A REFUGEE

" The project had given me a new life and lots of options. Teaching is an inspirational career and very rewarding one. I am currently teaching GCSE biology, A Level biology and BTEC Level 3 applied science at a London College. Had the chance to be a Course Team Leader for 6 months. I am enjoying every minute of it."
(Female, from Iraq)

HOW IS THIS FUNDED?

ReConnect needs to raise the required funds to sustain its programmes.

- £1200 is needed to support a trainee on the 30-hour Preparation for Higher Programme. This includes guidance, course fees and cost of travel.
- Approximately £11,000 is needed to support a trainee teacher on the 2-year part time PGCE, leading to Qualified Teacher status. This includes guidance, tuition fees, Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS), and Occupational Health Checks fees and cost of travel;

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