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SUPPORTING REFUGEES INTO HIGHER EDUCATION & TEACHING

Over the past 22 years ReConnect has been committed to creating opportunities for refugees to maximise their potential through training and education, advice, guidance, and signposting

WHAT DO WE DO?

Support unemployed and underemployed refugees in London with a 30-hour Preparation for Higher Education Course. For some this leads on to a 2-year teaching course: Post Graduate Certificate in Education. Others proceed to further training or work.

These courses help refugees to gain mainstream qualifications and realise their potential.

Most participants in our programmes have studied and/or worked in their countries of origin, and have developed their English language skills, at varying levels, over many years. They bring energy and commitment to retrain and work in the UK. Many are in need of resuming their disrupted studies and upgrading their level of academic English. But they all face obstacles in accessing information about the UK education system and its entry requirements.

Hence, ReConnect

- provides advice/ guidance and signposting to enable refugees to make an informed choice about their studies/career.
- covers the cost and application process to obtain a 'Statement of Comparability, an official certificate of their overseas qualifications, issued by the Education Counselling and Credit Transfer Information Service (ECCTS)/ UK ENIC, on behalf of the UK Government.

WHO DOES IT BENEFIT?

Refugees who are highly motivated, with various levels of qualifications who are currently unemployed or underemployed through the following:

- the partnership with the Institute of Education (IOE) and Birkbeck, supported 59 refugees (33 male and 26 female) from 20 countries, who gained PGCE in Post-Compulsory Education. Around two third are now teaching in London.
- The ongoing partnership with University College London (UCL) Institute of Education has supported 416 refugees (220 females & 196 males) from 40 countries, to enable them to complete the 30-hour Preparation for Higher Education Programme.
- Working with ECCTIS/ UK ENIC, ReConnect has enabled 342 (150 females and 192 males) refugees from 28 countries to secure their Statements of Comparability and make informed study/career plans.

REFLECTION BY A REFUGEE

" The project has 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 ARE WE FUNDED?

ReConnect does not receive Government funding. The work is funded by grants from Trusts and donations from individuals.

ReConnect's needs:

- ❖ £1200 is needed to support a trainee on the 30-hour Preparation for Higher Education Programme. This includes guidance, course fees, and cost of travel.
- ❖ £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.
- ❖ £30 is needed to support a refugee to obtain a Statement of Comparability of their overseas qualifications.

PLEASE SUPPORT US TODAY!

ReConnect needs your help to continue to provide opportunities for refugees to re-qualify and to support their career progression.

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