

BUILDING A CAREER WITH HOPES

MORE THAN SEVEN MILLION SYRIANS HAVE BEEN DISPLACED IN COUNTRY AND AROUND FIVE MILLION HAVE FLED SYRIA SEEKING REFUGE IN NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES. HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEMS IN HOSTING COUNTRIES ARE FINDING IT CHALLENGING TO RESPOND, WITH ONLY A SMALL FRACTION OF REFUGEES CURRENTLY ENROLLED ON A UNIVERSITY PROGRAMME.

THROUGH OUR HOPES PROGRAMME, UNIVERSITY-AGED REFUGEES FROM SYRIA ARE NOW OFFERED ENGLISH TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION TO HELP THEM START NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES. SHAMSEDDIN HASHIMI SHARED HIS JOURNEY – STARTING AS A HOPES STUDENT TO BECOMING AN IELTS INVIGILATOR.

A huge benefit of taking part in HOPES was the fact I wasn't limited with learning and studying one subject. I learnt many new skills from understanding how to write a good CV to honing my social skills through further training. HOPES provided me the opportunity to develop my English and communication skills, while learning English opened doors for me and helped me find a new job in Turkey.

My English skills developed well and I was able to demonstrate this by taking the Aptis test (which covered speaking, listening, reading and writing). Post studying, the British Council in Turkey offered me a job as an IELTS invigilator that helped me create a career path for myself.



I was forced to leave my country due to the war in Syria. I was studying communication engineering there and when I came to Turkey, I got offered a place at Istanbul University to continue my education and joined HOPES programme to improve my skills in English language.



"Through HOPES, I learnt that anything is possible. I hope that one day I can help HOPES to reach more talented refugees who are eager to also take part in a life-changing opportunity. "

–Shamseddin Hashimi, HOPES participant and IELTS invigilator