

# Abdullah's message about volunteering

*"Hello, I am Abdullah Al-Khalaf from Syria. I left my university in Syria in 2012 and went to Jordan. I tried to complete my university degree in Jordan. I was a fourth-year student in the Arabic Language Department at the University of Aleppo, but I could not because of the difference in the educational system between Syria and Jordan. I registered myself and my family at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and was happy when I was selected for the UK Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme. After I arrived in the UK, I was welcomed by a group called: Braid Blackfriars.*

*They helped me a lot in integrating into the community through English language lessons. I also started asking for a place to volunteer so I could hear more English and therefore learn it quicker. One of the group coordinators helped me and took me to an organization called Refugees Welcome. From there, I joined the Oxford Forum, which is a program to integrate refugees into society and help them get a job. I started writing a paper on Syrian clothing and underwent a tour guide training course at the museum at the Pitt Rivers Museum. We got the award for the best volunteering team in the United Kingdom. Volunteering gave me great confidence in learning faster as I interacted with people who spoke English and through volunteering I was able to make friends in Oxford. I also got a job at the Pitt Rivers Museum as a visitor assistant and a tour guide in the same museum.*

*The importance of volunteering in the United Kingdom lies in obtaining practical experience in any field you like, unlike the existing system in Syria, where you need many certificates to get a job. I am happy now that I have a job and a source of income that encouraged me a lot to continue and develop even further. Now, I am getting ready to get into a university in the United Kingdom and study history. I advise everyone to volunteer and not to be hesitant or afraid of the language barrier. On the contrary, you will learn more language in less time when you volunteer. I do not forget the advice of one of my school teachers who once said that 'we teach you 20% of the language at school and the rest you must acquire'. Go and volunteer even if it is for one day and you will see the difference soon and you will find success. Good luck!"*

# Fariinta Cabdullaahi ku saabsan tabarucnimada

"Ma nabad baa, waxaan ahay Cabdullaahi Al-Khalaf oo ka yimid Suuriya. Waan ka soo tagay jaamacadeyda oo ku taalo Suuriya ee 2012 oo waxaan aaday Jordan. Waaan isku deyay inaan dhammeysto digiriigayga jamaacada ee ku taalo Jordan. Waaan ahay ardeyda sannad afaraad oo ka mid ah Waaxda Luuqadda Carabiga ee Jaamacadda Aleppo, laakiin ma awoodin sababtoo ah farqiga nidaamka waxbarasho u dhaxeeyaa Suuriya iyo Jordan. Waaan iska diiwaangeliyay nafteyda iyo qoyskeyga ee Hay'adda Qaramada Midoobay oo u qaabilsan Qaxootiga oo waan ku farxay markii la ii doortaynQorshaha Dib u dejinta oo loogu talagalay dadka nugul ee UK. Ka dib markaan imaaday UK, waxaa isoo dhoweeyay koox la yiraahdo: Braid Blackfriars.

In badan way i caawiyeen sidii bulshada aan u dhexgali lahaa iyadoo loo maraayo casharada luuqadda Ingiriisiga. Waaan sidoo kale bilaabay inaan waydiyo meel tabaruc ku sameeyo sidaas awgeed si aan wax badan u maqlo Ingiriisiga oo sidaas darteeda si aan ciyow u barto. Qof ka mid ah isku xiraha kooxda ayaa i caawiyay oo wuxuu i geeyay urur loo yaqaano Refugees Welcome. Laga soo bilaabo halkaas, Waaan ku biiray Oxford Forum, kaas oo ah barnaamij sidii qaxootiga u dhexgalaan bulshada oona laga caawiyo sidii shaqo ay u heli lahaayeen. Waaan bilaabay inaan ku qoro warqad dharka Suuriya oo waxaan qaataw koorsada tababarka hagaha dalxiiska ee matxafka ee Pitt Rivers Museum. Waaan helnay abaalmarinta ee kooxda tabarucnimada ugu fiican Boqortooyada Ingiriiska. Tabarucnimada waxay i siisay kalsooni weyn inaan dhaqso wax ku barto maadaamaa aan isdhexgalnay dadka kuwaas oo ku hadla Igiriisiga iyo tabaruc ahaan waxaan awooday inaan ka dhax sameysto saaxiibo Oxford. Waaan sidoo kale shaqo ka helay ee Pitt Rivers Museum kaaliye booqde ahaan iyo hage dalxiiska oo isla matxfaka ah.

Muhiimadda ee tabarucnimada ee Boqortooyada Ingiriiska dhaxdeeda waxay ku jirtaa helitaanka khibradda wax ku oolka ah oo ka mid ah goob kasta oo aad adiga jeceshahay, oo way ka duwan tahay nidaamka ka jira ee Suuriya, meeshaas aad u baahan tahay shahaadooyin badan si aad shaqo u hesho. Hadda waxaan ku faraxsanahay inaan shaqo haysto iyo il dhaqaale taas oo igu dhiirigelisay aniga wax badan si aan u sii wado oo aan sii hormaro. Hadda, waxaan isku diyaarinaya inaan galoo jaamacad ku dhix taala Boqortooyada Ingiriiska oo si aan u barto taariikhda. Waaan talo siinaya qof walba si uu u tabaruco oo uusan ka labalabeyn ama ka cabsanin caqabadda luuqadda. Hadaad lid ku naqato, waxaad ku baran doontaa luuqad badan woqtii yar gudaheeda markaad tabaruceyso. Ma ilaabo mid ka mid talada maclimiinteyda iskuulka kaas oo mar dhahay 'waxaan idin baraynaa 20% ee luuqadda iskuulka oo inta hartayna waa inaad barataan'. Bax oo iskaa wax u qabso



*xitaa hadday tahay hal maalin oo dhaqso ayaad arki doontaa farqiga oo waad heli doontaa guusha. Nasiib wanaagsan!"*