

DIBA'S STORY

Diba was referred to Together South by the Job centre during her search for work. Having studied dentistry in her home country, she was keen to pursue this as a career in the UK and wanted to use Together South as a stepping stone in that direction.

She quickly found the programme has been useful, particularly the employment classes as they covered different subjects and introduced various fields of employment she could get into. One aspect of the programme that Diba specifically liked was that the sessions focused heavily on conversation and communication skills, rather than just lessons.

Living alone during the pandemic had also been a challenge for Diba, but the sessions provided by Together South helped her to get out of bed as it gave her a reason to get up. She found the session environments to be a positive space, with everyone being very nice and the Together South officers being very helpful.

By the end of the first quarter of the programme, Diba had found that she had improved her communication skills, which gave her more confidence and helped her get settled into the country. Having an improved level of English has also helped her with her dentistry courses as she continues to try and become a dentist.



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