

AHMET'S STORY

Ahmet is originally from Syria where he graduated with a degree in Architectural Engineering (which is an equivalent to BA in Architecture in the UK). Being one of the first participants, he joined Together South in March 2021 as he felt that moving to a new country caused him to lack employability skills and he needed support from a professional adviser. He's particularly motivated to pursue his career, taking on any opportunity that comes his way.

Since joining the programme, he has been able to learn new skills with a "positive, intelligent, employability advisor" who could help him learn everything he needed to know to help him find work. During his time at Together South, he learned how to use different platforms when searching for jobs, how to write a cover letter and personal statement, and most importantly, how to capture his experience into his CV. His knowledge on job interviews was also expanded and he was able to practise various interview scenarios with the team.

"I applied for so many jobs that I wouldn't apply for without your programme. I had four job interviews and I've got one volunteering work experience."

The team at Together South also introduced Ahmet to a volunteering opportunity with a local project, where he was responsible for presenting information about the project, conducting surveys and answering questions from the public.

After completing the programme, Ahmet now feels more confident to pursue his career and settled into the country.

"I don't see myself as a strange person coming to this country anymore. When I was with other people on the programme I started to feel normal."



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