

# KAMAL'S STORY

Kamal is originally from Syria and lived in Egypt for 7 years before coming to the UK in September 2019. He found life in Egypt pretty tough as he worked in a furniture shop, often working 12 to 14 hours a day. Currently content living in the UK, with one reason in particular being the quality of the education his children are gaining, he's also very happy with the support he's received here; including the help provided by Together South and the Refugee Buddy Project in Hastings and Rother.

In May 2021, Kamal joined the Together South programme to help him improve his English skills so that he could find a job.

He currently takes part in the group English sessions where he can converse with other participants, as well as the one-to-one English sessions where his lessons are tailored to his own needs. He enjoys learning new, useful vocabulary and so far has learned how to fill in forms, vocabulary related to everyday life, and taken part in various role-play scenarios with his tutor such as buying train tickets and asking if there were any job vacancies. He even gained support applying for a provisional driving license during one of the one-to-one sessions.

One key aspect that Kamal has enjoyed was the chance to meet new people, including other participants and Together South team members, stating that the team has been extremely supportive.

His main goal when participating in this programme was to improve his English and, since beginning his journey with Together South, he now feels more confident and has learned how to answer interview questions which in turn have helped him to secure a job offer at a local school.



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