

Elijah and Elizabeth's Story

Elijah and Elizabeth are husband and wife who came to London as refugees from Nigeria. They joined our CIRCLE programme to improve their chances of finding work and settle into the UK. Below is an email they sent highlighting their experience being part of the CIRCLE project:

We were grateful to be part of Groundwork's CIRCLE project when we first got our leave to remain.

As soon as we entered through the doors of Groundwork, it has proved to be a moment of respite for us and many others in our shoes. The relentless, spirited effort from your team has proved invaluable in improving our quality of life.

We came to the CIRCLE project through Dr. Latefa, and the support and guidance received has been really touching.

Groundwork provided the opportunity for us to forge ahead in our careers, especially helping us to make informed choices through organised in-house training and workshops.

After many years of living in uncertainty, CIRCLE gave us a breath of fresh air. Particularly during [Elijah's] ordeal regarding payment of his tuition fees during his teacher training, the CIRCLE team were particularly instrumental in writing grant applications on [his] behalf and sign posting to various support services.

It is noteworthy to state that we have benefited immensely from the 1-1 support work at CIRCLE, especially in our plight in settling in the U.K.

[Elijah] has obtained a PGCE and Qualified teacher status and is now teaching Maths in a secondary school.

Elizabeth works as Support Worker and is a trustee at another Migrant charity.

All the tailored support work provided from the CIRCLE has been a strong influence in our respective lives.

Thank you all for being a source of inspiration.

**Kind Regards,
Elijah and Elizabeth**



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