

BRIDGES Case Study

Mr A is an Administrative Science Graduate with a Major in Accountancy from Aden University, Yemen. Mr A came to the UK in 2016 with high aspirations seeking better opportunities. Mr A soon came to realise that his qualifications from Aden University were insufficient for him to gain employment in the UK, He identified his language barrier and incompetence in the English Language will heavily impact his future prospects and this was a huge barrier which he had to overcome. Mr A had little direction and support around him and was unable to make informed choices, in the desperation of wanting to learn English and further his studies he enrolled onto two ESOL Courses at two different colleges and would travel to and from both colleges most days of the week.



“I am happy with the support I have received”

Post Mr A's enrolment onto BRIDGES, we provided 1-2-1 interventions to determine how best we can support him. As Mr A is an overseas graduate we first needed to establish how his international qualifications compare to UK Standards and if he meets the eligibility criteria to apply for post graduate courses. We identified Mr A's qualifications are considered comparable to a Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE) standard, this was provided as guidance by UK NARIC. Mr A was initially disappointed when he was informed of this however; project officers were able to provide information on alternative study routes and encourage Mr A to continue pursuing his dreams.

As a result of 1-2-1 support and IAG intervention we were able to support Mr A identify he will be eligible to apply for a top-up degree course or opt for the Pre Masters route.

Mr A received support to apply for IELTS which replaced one of the two ESOL Courses and an AAT Course to refresh his subject knowledge and skills. We have provided CV Building interventions and are currently supporting Mr A to access work experience opportunities. Upon course completion Mr A wants to uptake a Pre Masters course in Accounting.

“Mr A is a dedicated and hardworking young man; he has shown immense commitment and enthusiasm in achieving his goals. His sheer determination is an inspiration.”

