



“ *Just see how much experience we have. Our ability. Just give us the opportunity to start and show ourselves.* ”

– Hanna, * a senior accountant who taught herself English from library books.

Help great people find and enjoy work

Partner with Australian Red Cross to support refugees and people seeking asylum.

Thousands of talented, resourceful people are ready to join the workforce. Help us remove the barriers that stop them from working.

Imagine if...

- We hired people of character, with track records of hard work, initiative and persistence
- Our economy was stronger because everyone had a fair chance to work and succeed
- Our workplaces were inclusive and brought people together despite their differences
- People could live with dignity and provide for their families

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“ *When people see it’s a good country and it’s safe for working, they appreciate that and they work hard.* ”

– Martin, who arrived alone as a 13-year-old on a boat, and now works as a builder.

What stops people from working?

Our laws, hiring practices and biases combine in ways that can make it impossible.

- Employers don’t value overseas experience
- People’s qualifications aren’t recognised; yet they’re ‘too qualified’ for other types of work
- Employers insist on citizenship or permanent residency, rather than the right to work
- Income support may be cut if people study, even if it’s to help them find work
- People are vulnerable to exploitation because they don’t know their rights

Together we can change this.

Get started

Mentor someone

To share tips with people trying to enter the workforce.

Host a Community Conversation

We can help you host a conversation in your workplace on what it’s really like to seek safety.

Make a donation

Many of our clients can’t afford basics like rent, healthcare or even food. Your donation at redcross.org.au/refugees can help someone make it through the week.

Change the game

Paid internships and work placements

Give more people a foot in the door with paid experience that counts

Change hiring practices

Work with us to create a model for the corporate sector: including how to hire and matching the right industries with the right employees

On-the-job support

Help design a program to support and retain people once they start work

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