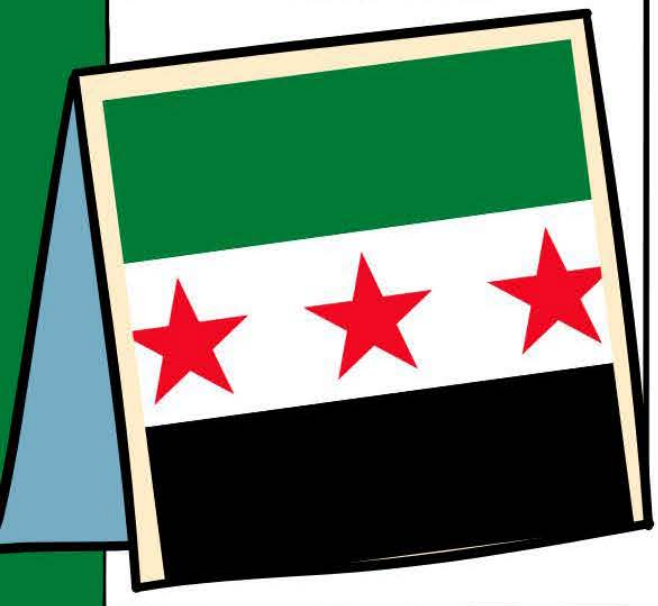


BASSAM'S STORY

What makes me feel hopeful is that the Scottish people are kind and friendly.

There is no life in my country now. When I left Syria, the situation was tragic. We lost security, we became afraid, there was no work, and life had become almost hell.

I came through the United Nations. We waited nearly 10 years for our travel date to be set. I came with my family: my parents, sibling and child.
We were assisted by the resettlement team.



I've been living in North East Scotland for 2 years. Life here is great and I feel safe. The people here are very nice. The weather and language are different, but I can adapt. Resettlement has helped me. Now I have many Scottish friends. I spend time with my family and learn the language.

I want to live here for the rest of my life, have a good job, and provide a better life for my family. I want to work and speak the language well.
I want to study so I can communicate with people. I'll be able to find a job as quickly as possible when I speak the language better.