ZIAD'S STORY

Life in Scotland, is beautiful and peaceful, and the people are calm and always smiling. I want to live peacefully here and try to repay the kindness of this country that has guaranteed a dignified life for me and my family

I'm originally from western Syria and life there has become extremely difficult—after years of devastating war, the country remains unstable, with widespread poverty, insecurity, and chaos. Weapons are everywhere, and I don't know when or if things will improve.

I carry painful memories of my home, my city, and the loved ones I've lost. I haven't seen my parents in 15 years. I miss my siblings, their children, and the friends and relatives who died in the war. I miss the simple things—the smell of fresh bread, the warmth of the sun, the sound of children playing near my home.



Leaving Syria was incredibly hard. No place can ever truly replace your homeland. I came through the resettlement program in Turkey, but the waiting period—from 2017 to 2025—was long and difficult. I had high hopes for my child's medical treatment, but the delay made things more complicated.

I've now been in Scotland for six months. But there are challenges—my child has complex medical needs, and we live far from emergency services. It's also hard to find halal food nearby. We have no family here, but social workers have been supportive.

In my free time, I watch football, cook, and take my children to the park. My greatest hope is for peace—everywhere. I want to live a quiet life here, focus on my children's education, and give back to this country that has offered us safety and dignity. I hope to learn English fluently and work as a translator or learn a trade to support my family.

Despite everything, I feel a little hopeful—especially when I think about caring for my children