

ALI YAGHOBI, Dandenong, Melbourne



Ali Yaghabi arrived in Australia in 2013 as a refugee from Afghanistan with a keen interest in community work. “No one wants to leave their home and the hardest part of my journey was definitely leaving home (Afghanistan) and settling into a new life in Australia. It was a big change but as I didn’t have a problem in communicating in English I soon settled into life and work in Australia without any major issues.”

Ali had a background of work in an environmental agency in Afghanistan and since coming to Australia has been involved in the community sector including working with the Southern Migrant and Refugee Centre (SMRC) and AMES-Australia. Over the years, as a multi-lingual professional, Ali has served in education, employment and social work programs, and is currently working as a case manager with Beata Home Care. He has extensive experience in community engagement, stakeholder liaison, project management and social research.

He has been a member of the Asylum Seekers and Refugees advisory board and the Multicultural Advisory board of Dandenong Council from 2014 to 2018. He is a co-founder of a community organisation, the Afghan Australian Initiative, of which he is currently Secretary. He is studying for a Master’s degree in international community development at Victoria University.