

Refugee Council of Australia – Face-to-Face Speakers



Simon Shahin is a former refugee from Syria. He has been resettled in Australia in 2015 and is currently studying B.E. in Electric Power & Renewable Energy at UTS.

Since 2015, Simon has collaborated with several organisations in the sectors of Youth Empowerment, Refugee Resettlement, and Human Rights' Advocacy, both nationally and internationally, while often connecting former refugees through sport and music as well.

Simon is currently a speaker on the Refugee Council of Australia's Face to Face education program, which aims to build social cohesion, address negative perceptions, and raise public awareness about refugees and their journeys and contributions to Australia.

"Face-to-Face has given me a platform to express myself and tell the world about my personal story—this is by itself an invaluable opportunity for which I am very much indebted to. Thus, ever since I embarked on this exciting journey of public speaking, I learnt to appreciate having a voice! In turn, I continuously seek to echo the struggles of those 'voiceless' who lack such a representation.

My story is about just one, very lucky survival—yet there are still millions more to be heard...", Simon commenting on his experience in presenting through Face-to-Face.