



## Volunteer Mentor opportunities

**Nurse. Construction Worker. Accountant. Mum. Business owner. Farmer. Dentist. Student** - just some of the lives people led before they were forced to flee their home countries and become refugees. Lives defined by work, education or family.

**If you live in Manchester, Salford or nearby and have lots of UK work experience - in any sector - you can apply to be a volunteer mentor to make a difference to refugees' employment prospects.**

In Greater Manchester unemployment is 6.6%\* compared to around 44%\* for refugees.

Mentors provide one-to-one support for three to nine months. Together you will identify short and long term goals, use an action plan to identify steps to get work experience and/or a job, and build a professional, trusting relationship. It will include direct help, such as practising English or interview skills, alongside enabling people to access other services and opportunities.

### What you will gain

- Mentoring experience and skills working to recognised national quality standards.
- Be part of a dynamic new organisation making a difference to reduce unemployment.
- Insight into refugee experiences in the UK.

### Support you will get

- Regular one-to-one and group support.
- Induction and training.

### Commitment from you

- At least five hours mentoring support a month, ideally meeting at least twice.
- Information session - Thursday 19 January, 5.30-7.30pm *or* Saturday 21 January, 10-12pm.
- Induction - Saturday 11 February, half day.
- Mentor training - Two half days, on Saturday 18 February and in March, to be arranged. If you are interested but think you may face difficulties attending these dates please do contact us.

**To apply** or for more information email [info@refmentors.org.uk](mailto:info@refmentors.org.uk) or call Amanda 0774 708 0523.

**Application Deadline: 12 January.** All applicants will be required to supply two references and will be checked by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). Please contact us with any questions.

**About us** - Refugees & Mentors is a new social enterprise committed to helping refugees improve their employment prospects, and get jobs. [www.facebook.com/RefMentors](https://www.facebook.com/RefMentors)

\*ONS Annual Population Survey 16-64 yrs, June 2015 - June 16

\*\* Manchester Refugee Employment Partnership, 2013

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