

## Yousuf

In Afghanistan people got killed, got lost, people go missing and the families don't know whether they have been kidnapped.

That happened a lot.

When I say I'm Afghan, some people - they think you're a Muslim, you're a terrorist.

I was seventeen years old when I came to Australia.

It was very different. The way people dressed the way people look.

I knew this is going to be my country for the rest of my life.

Of course I miss Afghanistan. You can't forget your homeland.

When I think back to my childhood memory. What a great life. What a great experience that we had with my family, with all my cousins together. You're always connected to each other and they came to our house and we were always going over to their house. Now you miss them, you don't have that here.

Yeah, I remember my house and my uncle's house. You have only one living room.

You are always connected with your parents, with your brothers and sisters because you are always living in the same room.

I'm pretty sure some people they think that all Muslim people are terrorists and that's not the way it is.

When I introduce myself to some people that I'm studying architecture – “Wow you're studying architecture!”

I'm really glad that I am living here and I'm studying and I can to get to fulfil my future dream to be an architect.

Australia's a multicultural country and everyone has the same right, doesn't matter if you come from Afghanistan; if you come from Africa; if you are white or black; you're all equal – you're on the same boat. Everyone has to be treated in the same way.

Now I'm both Australian and Afghani.

Yousuf

Studies architecture

Mentors high school students

Loves Afghan sweets

Speaks out against racism

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