



Wyndham was honoured to receive the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities Award 2021. Wyndham is committed to building a Learning City and helping residents improve their learning outcomes through lifelong learning.

This is Meetra's story:

Meetra, a 27-year-old Afghan woman, embarked on a remarkable journey as a new refugee in Australia, settling in Wyndham. When the Taliban seized control of Afghanistan, Meetra and her family were granted 449 visas to Australia, offering them a lifeline to safety and freedom. In November 2021, they arrived in their new homeland.

Australia, however, presented Meetra with numerous challenges as she acclimated to a foreign country and contemplated her educational pursuits. The educational system in Australia differed greatly from that of her homeland, initially making her feel overwhelmed and uncertain. Balancing her studies with the responsibilities of caring for her children and family seemed daunting at first. But Meetra's unwavering passion for learning propelled her forward, instilling in her the determination to overcome any obstacles.

Meetra recognised the immense privilege she now enjoyed as an Australian resident—a stark contrast to the limited rights and opportunities for women in Afghanistan. This realisation fuelled her decision to persevere in her educational journey. She embarked on a Diploma in Community Services with a specialisation in Case Management, eager to acquire the skills necessary for a fulfilling career dedicated to supporting and empowering individuals to create positive transformations in their lives and communities.

Today, Meetra radiates happiness as she pursues her studies. She aspires to become a shining example, not only for herself but also for her family and her community. Her commitment to education serves as a beacon of hope for a brighter future.

*(Update – since this story was penned, Meetra has secured a permanent position at Wyndham Community & Education Centre—Congratulations, Meetra!)