

Akam: “I can now start my university’s studies and choose my own path”

Akam* fled Iraq when he was 16 as his life became in danger.

Akam had started a relationship with a girl of a different ethnicity and her family threatened to kill them both.

Akam and his partner fled Iraq together and travelled through Turkey and Greece. They became separated and they lost contact. Akam was then taken to France by the smugglers and, eventually, entered the UK.

On arrival to the UK, after his interview with the Home Office, Akam was accommodated in a hotel as an adult, but he soon became destitute.

Akam was then referred to us for legal representation.

He was struggling with his mental health and disclosed suicidal ideations. With our help, he was allocated with a social worker and a guardian, was provided with financial support and mental health support, adequate accommodation and was also referred to a GP. He was then granted refugee status in the UK.

Akam is now at college and wishes to start attending University next year.

With your help, we can continue to provide advice to help people claim their rights and support young people like Akam who is building a new life in Scotland.

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