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## Story and experience

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- 37 Years old
- Mother of two
- First year student at the University of Applied Science in Utrecht, The Netherlands.
- Previous education: English literature at Damascus University; Bachelor degree (4 years) (graduated in 2005)
- English teacher (Syria, Saudi Arabia, Jordan)
- The Netherlands (20/06/2014)

## Dilemma and difficulties:



- Starting from the very beginning
- Language
- Study
- Work
- Schools for children

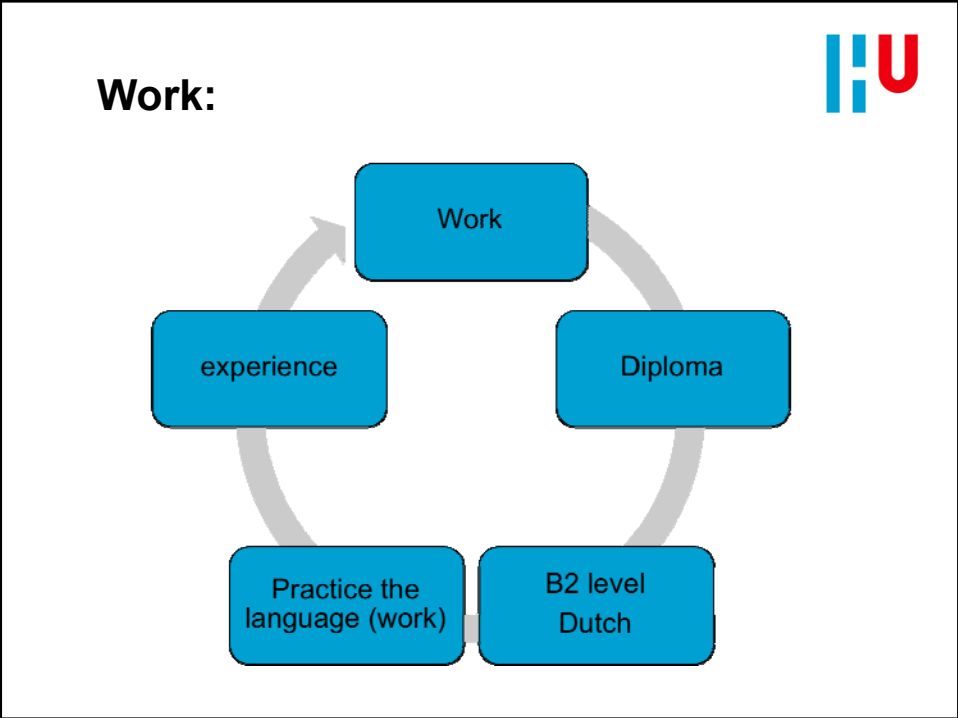
## Language Learning:



- Lots of schools are not properly equipped (lack the required facilities).
- More than one level in the same class.
- A1-A2 Level (integration)
- B1 Level (Vocational education)
- B2 Level (Higher professional and University Education)
- Teachers on VWN schools are volunteers except for the main teacher (they are not qualified teachers).

**Study:** 

- B2 Level in Dutch Language.
- Diploma evaluation (Nuffic): 2 out of 3 years university. (My study: 4 years at the University, Bachelor degree).
- Registration



## Suggestion:



- Dutch courses within a preparatory academic study.
- Training programmes for graduate with work experience.
- Essential central vocational exam.

## Help





- **VWN (Dutch Council for Refugees):**
    - offer refugees practical support during their asylum procedure and their integration in the Dutch society.
    - Provide members of the Parliament with information concerning refugee issues and policy and we carry an active lobby for refugee rights.
    - Supply information and advice to asylum lawyers.
    - Develop various projects to promote the integration of refugees in the Netherlands
    - Committed to increasing public support for refugees.
- <https://www.vluchtelingenwerk.nl/english#>



- **UAF (Foundation for Refugee Students):**

Supports and counsels highly skilled refugees in the Netherland (Study and work)



- **Municipality of Ede:**

(Reintegration consultant/ Grytsje Veltman)



- **CHE (Christelijk Hogeschool Ede)**


Orientation Project.

School visits and presentations.



**- HU: University of applied sciences of Utrecht.**

**- Open day**  
(Jenny du Plessis)



**My study: Teacher Education**

**Differences:**

- Education System in the Netherlands
- Pedagogical and didactic skills
- Study and work (Professional development)
- ICT

## Phoenix Foundation



- Chairman of the foundation **2016**
- Help the newcomers and the refugees.
- Activities for the children in asylum center.
- Language support lessons.
- Arabic school for the children.
- Computer courses (Adobe courses)
- Translation
- Shared activities with the Municipality
- Educative sessions (Culture, Health system, rights and obligations.
- Advice.





