

Telstra Phonecards support asylum seekers

When Zahra*, a 26 year old Iranian journalist, had to flee her home country for Australia, a Telstra Phonecard helped her connect with her new community.

Zahra is a client at the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC), Australia's leading asylum seeker organisation. Suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder as a result of experiencing torture in Iran, she attends counselling appointments at the ASRC and receives support including food, public transport fares and a Telstra Phonecard.

ASRC Material Aid Coordinator Barney Frankland says: "Most of our clients have experienced traumatic events in their countries of origin. To make matters worse, they come to Australia with no established relationships in the community. Telstra's Access for Everyone program improves the lives of people like Zahra. It provides a link to vital health and support services and connects people with their new friends and communities in Australia."

The ASRC is one of more than 2,000 community organisations we partner with to deliver Access for Everyone.

*not her real name

