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- **Born in Syria 1981**
 - **Mother of two**
 - **Third year student at the University of Applied Science in Utrecht, The Netherlands.**
 - **Previous education: English literature at Damascus University (graduated in 2005)**
 - **English teacher (Syria, Saudi Arabia, Jordan)**
 - **The Netherlands (20/06/2014)**
 - **Chairman of the Phoenix foundation (Phoivikes Nederland Stichting) (2016)**
 - **Internship and support lessons in Marnix College (Secondary School/General Education) in Ede.**

Dilemma and difficulties:

- Starting from the very beginning
- Language
- Study
- Work
- Understanding the education system in the Netherlands.



<https://www.npr.org/sections/13.7/2015/12/14/459651340/sometimes-confusion-is-a-good-thing?c=1572073587709>



<http://www.magazine.etnfocus.com/2017/01/11/checklist-language-diversity/>

Language

HELP

- **VWN (Dutch Council for Refugees):**
- **UAF (Foundation for Refugee Students):**
- **Municipality of Ede:**
- **CHE (Christelijk Hogeschool Ede)**
- **HU: University of applied sciences of Utrecht**

Do you think that this offered help is
efficient and enough?

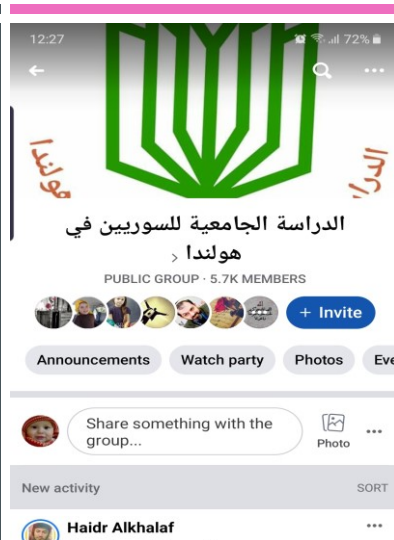
Efficient but not enough
How and Why?

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- Newcomers do not know where to start
 - They do not have the opportunity to know all those organizations.
 - Dutch Council for Refugees does not have a specialized team.
 - Municipalities (lack of professional help, work ASAP)
 - Universities provide info ONLY for the students who had already enrolled by them. (they already know what to choose or where to study)

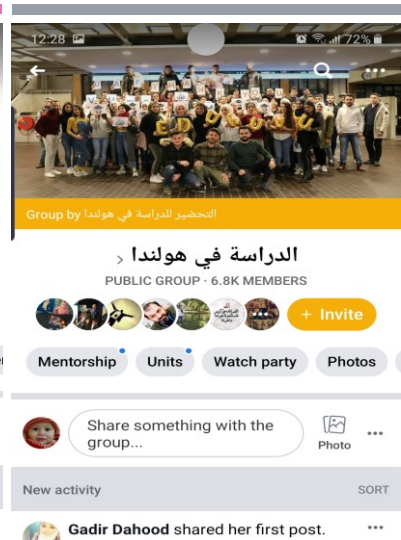
Actions	Consequences
Search for info by yourself	- Mis-understand some info
Following the rules with no flexibility	- Time consuming
Realization and late decisions	- Delay in graduation

ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

- Help each other
- Learn from experience



University study for Syrians in the Netherlands



Study in the Netherlands

My own experience.

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- Diploma Evaluation. (Nuffic): 2 out of 3 years university.
 - Learn the language.
 - Orientation programs (CHE/Christian University of Applied Science in Ede)
 - School visits. (Via CHE and Municipality of Ede)
 - Find the suitable education. (University/ Applied Science)

Which diplomas cannot be evaluated?

- Courses and educations shorter than 1000 hours (one school year);
- Diplomas which have been obtained outside of regular education, such as at a private institute;
- Dutch diplomas and/or certificates.

IDW

International
credential evaluation

Vergelijking

Kwalificatie: 2 jaar van een nominaal 3-jarige bacheloropleiding in het wetenschappelijk onderwijs.

Studierichting: Engelse taal en cultuur.

Opmerking:

Het door ons opgestelde advies is tot stand gekomen op basis van een onvolledig dossier. Kennelijk beschikt de betrokkene niet over de volgende documenten: de cijferlijst + vertaling van de cijferlijst. Dit is mogelijk van invloed op de volledigheid van het advies.

Diploma Evaluation:

English:

Theoretically: 2 out of 3 years university.

Note:

The advice prepared by us has been drawn up based on an incomplete file.

Apparently, the person concerned does not have the following documents: the list of marks + translation of the list of marks. This may affect the completeness of the advice.

Practically:

Start all over again (from the first year).

First year: Followed all the courses (No exemptions)

Second year: Few Exemptions.

Third Year: Knew all the tricks and got more exemptions.

Do not give up. Try several times if needed



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