

Help Canterbury feel like home



Share a smile. Start a conversation.
The little things you do can make a big difference.



The four big issues facing our refugee and migrant communities* are:

1) Lack of English

"You go to the shop but you don't know the name of the thing you want to get so you don't end up getting it. You get scared by not knowing what to say, so you just walk away."

2) Isolation

"I went to university and I had no friend. People are already in groups. Every day I had to do everything by myself and I would just start crying."

3) Being part of two cultures

"Alcohol is a big 'no-no' in my religion. In Kiwi culture, it's a big thing. I explain this to my friends. I've known them for a long time. They respect that, which is good."

4) Feeling accepted

"If I can say one thing, please give us a chance before you judge us. Give me the opportunity to show you that I am ok, that I am just like you. Acceptance is all I want."

*Quotes from migrants and refugees living in Canterbury during qualitative research by the All Right? campaign. Research released in April 2016.