



### **Media material submitted to Global Diaspora Day 2016**

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### **Rethink Rebuild Society**

*A community organisation that works towards improving the lives of Syrians in Manchester*

**Category: Beyond xenophobia - Social inclusion of diaspora and migrants**

**Sub-category:**

- **Anti-xenophobia initiatives**
  - **Local and/or national initiatives that fight xenophobia and discrimination against diaspora and migrants**

*RRS helps Syrians in Manchester become positively established within British society, through community support, advocacy, and education. We have a full-time refugee support service to help us achieve these goals.*

*Yasmine Nahlawi*

In December 2015, a group of around ten Syrian refugees residing in the Greater Manchester area took part in flood prevention efforts in Rochdale and in Littleborough, UK after the areas were severely hit by floods.

Organiser Yasser Al-Jassem had arrived in the UK only a few months prior from Syria, after having fled both the Assad regime and Isis. 'As Syrian refugees, we were honoured to take part in community service initiatives to give back to the communities that have so warmly taken us in.'

Refugees also felt useful in contributing to their host communities, as they were without work while waiting for their asylum claims to be processed. The media also reported on the story in local, national and international press, including the Manchester Evening News, Rochdale Online, The Guardian, The Independent and The Washington Post, amongst others.





