

- 00.00 Hello hi my name is Sayed. I'm from Afghanistan. When Taliban come in power, they done lots of bad thing to the people.
- 00.09 They kill innocent people. They doesn't let people to... even that...to go to school or do sports and stuff
- 00.18 They are not allowed to go to school or college, anything. Just stay at home.
- 00.23 They against the any religion, they say their religion is Islam but they kill people. The same thing happened yesterday. They killed innocent people. 150 people in one day.
- 00.36 Even they were praying in the mosque. They like ... kill them. They don't follow their religion ... Islam.
- 00.45 Actually we walked like ... uh ... 15 days in the snow. Then something happen...
- 00.50 ... like the movie...like uh...Everest or something. Remind ... my journey, the same happened in reality ... we lost ... we ... are almost died because of cold weather.
- 01.02 Even the Agent told me, because I got pain on my feet, he told me if your feet pains come, the pain come out to the feet, we should cut your finger or your feet because if your toes become black there's no way, we have to cut it.
- 01.21 I do not know how long, about 15, 20 days...a month...and we came to the country... Bulgaria or something. Even we were sleeping at the border for 3 days. The weather was minus 35 degrees or something.
- 01.39 We just living there, and in small jungles and bush or something. There's a plastic bin, we used to put cover our self and something of this country because of cold weather.
- 01.53 One of my friend, Yabba shake me up, "if you don't move your blood gonna be freeze"... It happened like that. Spent 3 nights whole day ... then the police catch us or something, they took us to the police station.
- 02.14 After long days I don't know what's happened. They give money, Agent to the police or something. They release us.
- 02.21 We went to the same house, the Agent, one give us before. I spent like a week, or 3 days, in the dark room, they told us, don't turn on the light. If the people saw us from outside maybe they go to the police or something.
- 02.36 Then, finally they came, they took us to the other country...to the other country, the Agent, uh ... one of my relatives in Afghanistan, he knows a lot of stuff.
- 02.51 Because we don't know anyone like if ... a man to talk with, the Agent because we was alone ... he took money, he went to the Agent ... I think it was in Pakistan or ... I don't know he spoke with that Agent, that was dealing like a 10,000, 15,000 dollar that time.

- 03.12 Actually they lied to me ... they told me we'll fly from Pakistan to some Europe country and then we can go back ... they lied to me, took me to that...Pakistan, from Pakistan to other country, all by walk, by horse, everything.
- 03.33 I walk like uh...15 days in snowing ... we lost our way, a couple of people like 15, 20 people. Even the agent has. He was confused, he don't know how to find the way [a name of a place].
- 03.49 After 15 days, 14 days, I don't know ... we found some lady from a small village, the Agent knows someone in the village... and he took us to the village, actually it was a good family, it was some old man and all grandchildren.
- 04.07 And they all by 11, I was so young... They took me to the family ... yeah, they are so kind to me and gave me some food and...even though we sleep together with the grandchildren and something.
- 04.20 We spent 3 days or 4 days ... and then Agent took us again. I told him I'm not going, I want to stay ... the Agent said no don't be stupid, he's not your relative, we give them money to keep you.
- 04.34 They took me to their country and country, finally bring to the [...?] or something. We spent some time ... even then we were in a lorry from Turkey to some country for like 15 hours ... we're sleeping in that place ... a lorry like 15, the place for only 5 people. They put more than 40 people in that much place.
- 05.01 Nobody can breathe, we all stop breathing for 12 hours. One guy even got epilepsy or something ... was fall down and people help him and after 12 hour or 15 hour, they opened the door, everyone was laying down on the floor because they were sick.
- 05.19 Yeah and I came to Calais, I think the Agent spoke with someone he knows ... then I think they put me on a train. I stayed in the train for 2 nights ... then we're not allowed to go to pee or something ... because the room didn't make for us to stay for 3 nights or 2 nights. [Its tripping out?] for our train to come to England.
- 05.43 After 2 nights, was in morning time, the train came to England with a couple of people, Irani and Afghan. We crossed the border, was like 4 o'clock in the morning. And I remember there was an old guy with bicycle. I think he's working at the station or something. He come and welcome to England... yeah...
- 06.04 They took me to a nice hotel next to Dover with the same people my age and young couples. I spent like ... 3 days ... 4 days.
- 06.17 ...then finally, one of my uncle, he found out I'm here. He took me to his house, I was so sad, depression, I went to so many doctors, I've had like something in the beginning they said I had epilepsy or something.
- 06.33 After some examination they sent me to a different hospital. Some doctor say like a panic attack, some one says it's depression, then I went to medical foundation. Some lady ... Ilana... she was very help with me, she's a good woman. I used to consult with her for 3 ... 5 years.

- 06.57 Yeah the first time I was an Asylum Seeker when they refused my case, I was so sad. I leave everything behind, my case, my everything. I was so fed up. For 4 years everyone told me , just go to search something like I was fed up ...
- 07.13 Finally, then one day they catch me, it was night time actually, they put me in an intern centre in Oxford ... for 13 or 15 days. Then they release me, I was in nice accommodation, I used to do sign with the Home Office ... I mean I wasn't hiding or something ... one day I receive letter saying come to the Home Office for interview...
- 07.36 Even [name] tell to me, go there ... maybes they will give you interview, then next week they send you like a paper ... when I went there, someone they arrest me .. they took me to the uh....to the centre in Colnbrook or some place. I wasn't happy there because, we are ... we are seeking asylum ... I wasn't doing any crime.
- 07.59 They put me like a criminal people... some people was drug dealer, some people was thieves, some people was ... I don't know ... maybe a killer, I don't know.
- 08.10 After a couple of month ... two month ...I don't remember...I went to the asylum place .. they give me my status. And I start my life now. I'm working, did some coffee shop ... Weekly basis I come to the art class ... I really like the art class with them ... because my teacher good. From 2007 I'm coming every week, I never miss one class because I love the class. Good [atmosphere?] ... good friend ... like family ...
- 08.44 Like completely new life ... like ... I used to love art from the beginning, when I was a child. Then when I came to the ... uh Medical Foundation, the lady I told you, Ilana she told me ...you got two options, one a class for computer or something, and there's one class for art.
- 09.04 Which one do you want? And I said I'm going to art, because I love art. Since I start art with Tanya. I'm really impressed and I love ... Every week I met different people, different story, what's happened with them... some stories worse than me, some better than me ... I met people in the past 10 years
- 09.26 Interviewer: ***What kind of art do you make?***
- 09.31 Uh...my one's like a landscape, I love landscape yeah ... there's something in my imagination like my journey to come to England ... something that reminds me of my past ... like my village ... I'm quite happy with the class. Lets see
- 09.47 Interviewer: ***If you could do anything, job wise, in the world, what would you do?***
- 09.56 I love....art. Especially. I don't like politics because of politics I lost everything, family, friends, relatives in the past. Because of this Taliban regime ... I don't want to talk ... I don't want to converse with adults ... with the politics.
- 10.14 My subject now is art ... I want to follow the art in the beginning ... in the future sorry ... It make me happy, you know, when I told them I'm working hard in the past week, in the one day I'm coming here, and makes art, and like ... feel relaxed ... when I'm doing some art. Sometime I'm giving my mind after ... I'm drawing today, I've painted today.

10.38 My desire ... something ... to go back my country, to orphanage ... go back to my country to ... some teaching art, something. Some [...?] is my big ambition to do in the future.