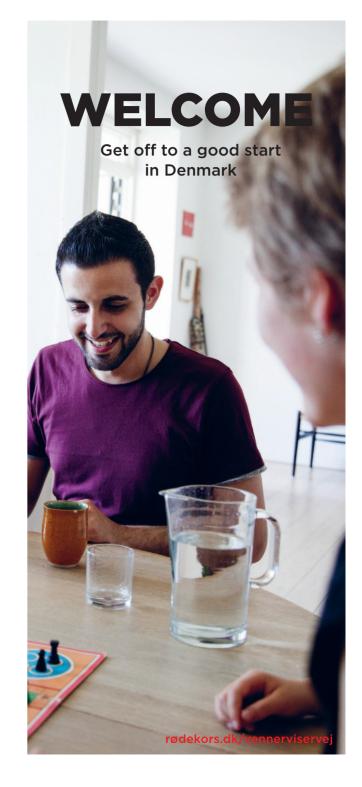
"Joan and I do lots of things together. We go for walks and talk about all kinds of things. She helps me understand the Danish culture.We will always be friends."

Asmaa, 24 years old and from Syria

Would you like a volunteer friend?

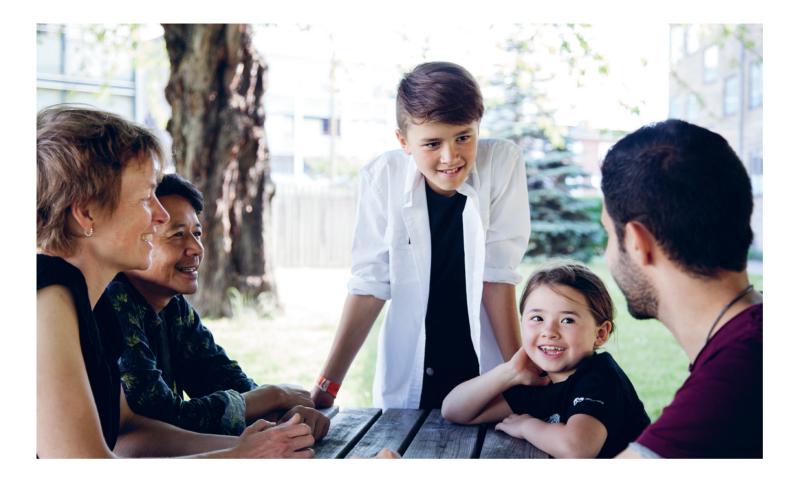
If you would like a Danish friend who can show you around your new local environment, be sure to contact:

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Danish Red Cross is one of Denmarks's largest civil society actors. We will help to ensure that all refugees granted a residence permit in Denmark are given a warm welcome. We do this by creating local communities in cooperation with municipalities and volunteers from other organisations.



Get off to a good start

Røde Kors (The Danish Red Cross) is a humanitarian organisation. In Denmark, we are about 30,000 volunteers, organised in local branches throughout the entire country. We arrange social activities for families, the elderly and refugees, amongst others.

We know that it can be difficult to make every day-life work when everything is new. How do you go about it, if you would like to be a part of the local football club? How are you to understand letters from the municipality? Not to mention, how does the bus timetable work? A volunteer friend can help you get off to a good start in your new town.

Get a Danish friend

A volunteer friend is someone who would like to get to know you. You can practice using the Danish language with a volunteer friend. You can get answers to your questions regarding Danish society and culture, and you can do different things together, such as going on trips or doing homework.

You spend two-three hours together every second week Where you meet and what you do is up to you both to decide, so that you reach an agreement that suits you both. We do our best to find a volunteer friend with whom you have something in common. By doing so, you will both get as much as possible from your friendship.

Things you can do:

- Practice the Danish language, for example by doing homework, watching TV or reading newspapers
- Go on trips, for example to museums, the cinema, concerts or for a walk in the forest
- Talk about the challenges involved in everyday-life
- Talk about one another's culture, traditions and festive seasons
- Read and understand letters from the Authorities

