

Tanya Kaplan MSO Profile – Transcript

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My name is Tanya.

I work as a Multicultural Service Officer.

I was born in Cyprus in a beautiful Mediterranean island.

I came here when I was about seventeen to get married.

There were no other Turkish-speaking people in Adelaide so I was very, very isolated.

I used to sit in front of the window most of the day so I could see the postman and check the letterbox if I have any letters from my friends and family.

I had a very difficult life after my marriage ended.

Emotionally, psychologically, financially, I was ruined.

I had no idea about Centrelink, womens' shelters, so I wish I had all that written information, translated resources, SBS radio, it would have benefitted me quite a lot.

When I go out to community groups I use my past experience, personal experience, how I got here, how I did so many different jobs.

Knowledge is power, and determination.

Happy International Women's Day.

Text: Find out more: humanservices.gov.au/multicultural

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