

JOSEPHINE ZIMAMA



My name is Gamboripai Josephine Zimama, I am a former refugee from South Sudan. I am currently studying a degree of Health Science (health promotion). I am passionate about creating awareness and informing the public about mental health issues that refugees and migrants face in Australia. I am a youth vice president in the Organisation of African Communities WA (OAC). A lot of what I do involves supporting African initiatives that are built on encouraging African youth to develop skills and showcase their talents and create networks that can support these initiatives.

I also play a vital role as an assistant coordinator for a leadership program that has been developed to upskill and educate African mentors to run workshops and training for youth as positive alternatives from violence affiliated activities. Speaking has always been a passion of mine and has become something I do to express the ups and downs I've faced growing up in Australia. Some of my previous speeches include: a talk about my journey at the Africa Day/ Refugee day celebration held by OAC 2016, informative talk to Occupational Therapy (OT) Students at Curtin University 2016 and my refugee story at the United Nations Association of Australia (WA division) Human Rights Day event in December 2016.

AVAILABILITY

Thursdays, subject to confirmation.

TOPICS

UN and Cultural Diversity, UN and Refugees