



Helping refugees, transforming lives

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The Australian Refugee Association (ARA) was delighted recently when one of its Employment and Training clients was recognised for his strong work ethic and determination. Momodu Dumbuya was given the “South Australia Works in the Regions” Recognition and Achievement Award for “Individual achievement by a participant”.

Momodu received a certificate together with \$1,000 prize money. So eager is he to excel in his employment and career that he has already earmarked this money to go towards the purchase of his own set of work tools to enable him to continue his professional development.

ARA Director, Mr Kevin Liston said, “We are extremely proud of Momodu’s determination to succeed. He is a fantastic role model to others in the community and we wish him every success in his climb up the career ladder”.

Momodu arrived in Australia in 2005 as a refugee from Sierra Leone. Since his arrival, he has worked diligently to overcome a range of disadvantages. He has endured an ongoing struggle to get his qualifications and skills formally recognised and has also suffered a serious injury that forced him out of the work place for several months.

ARA offered Momodu a place in its “Connecting to Australia” Building and Construction program and since completing this he has achieved outstanding success. He is employed full time with a civil construction company, DML Construction, where he is second in charge on the worksite. He is also studying part time to achieve TAFE certificates in Mining and Plumbing to further enhance his future career options.

He has achieved financial independence, is now able to support his family and take a leadership role in the community.

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