

StudyNSW Presentation

**Embracing Diversity Through International Education in
Regional Australia**

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My Story – Iraq to Armidale (NSW)



Volunteer Work During my Studies

- Volunteer interpreter for women during medical appointments
- Helping newly arrived students to settle in Armidale
- Assisting Arabic speakers to become familiar with essay writing techniques
- Establishing the international women's group for students' spouses
- Helping parents to be able to understand the Australian school system through the 'Hippy' programme
- Working with Northern Settlement Services to help refugees



International Student Award 2015

Nominee



“Education is like a passport to good opportunities that can guarantee good living standards for any woman and her family”



International Student Award 2015

Finalist



International Student Award 2015

Winner



The Alruhaimi's and the Harbour Bridge



The International Hub



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- **Proposal for 'The Hub'**

The idea came from my experience as an International Student arriving to Armidale

- **Identification of a 'support gap'**

The project focuses not only on the students but also their family members

- **Project Objectives**

The Hub focused on the health and wellbeing of the international community in the region, incorporating existing community services and enhancing the experiences of students and their families

- **Application**

UNE applied for the StudyNSW grant in June, it was approved in August



The Hub Grand Opening



The Hub - Programs and Functions

Three Free Driving Lessons



The International Hub Programs

Water Awareness Programs For Mums and Bubs



Learning to Swim



The International Hub National Day Events



The International Hub

International Ladies Group



The International Hub Weekly English Lessons



The International Hub Event program

- **Tennis classes for kids and adults**
- **Positive parenting programs**
- **Closed fitness classes for the international ladies**
- **Closed belly dance classes**
- **Mixed aerobics classes for women and men**
- **Multicultural day activities in schools**
- **Mother's Day activity in preschools**
- **Excursions to Tamworth**
- **Armidale Carnival**



2017 NSW International Student Awards

The International Hub won the StudyNSW International Student Community Engagement for Business and Community Groups Award!



The PIEoneer Awards 2017



Winner of
International alumni of the year

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