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Brisbane youth invited to Walk In Our Shoes

Raziq Qasimi's journey began with escape from a country that has been crippled with decades of war and terror. The former refugee from Afghanistan arrived in Brisbane seven years ago, and is now completing a double degree in Law and Justice at QUT.

Raziq will be one of many young people sharing their story in a celebration of Brisbane's diversity at the Walk In Our Shoes Youth Festival at Yeronga Park on Thursday June 29.

The free event, which will be held during the first week of the June school holidays, is an opportunity for teens and young adults to learn about the experience of refugees and migrants their age.

Event attendees will be randomly matched into pairs and encouraged to share and compare their story during the walk around Yeronga Memorial Park.

They will also be able to participate in a range of free workshops, including circus, hip-hop writing and dance session or participate in two Q&A style debates. Live music, sporting activities, a photo booth, jumping castle and other activities will keep everyone entertained.

The Walk In Our Shoes Youth Festival is organised by Youth Voice Brisbane, an initiative of QPASTT (Queensland Program of Assistance for Survivors of Torture and Trauma), that is run by young people aged 12-25.

Youth Voice members aim to explore ideas and educate their peers and the broader community on social justice issues, social policy and government processes impacting on young people.

Walk In Our Shoes Youth Festival

When: Thursday, June 29, 2017 - 10am to 3pm
Where: Yeronga Memorial Park, Yeronga
Cost: Free Entry
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