

Selma's story

Selma is one of many Bosnian refugees who arrived in Slovenia after having spent months under the seige in Sarajevo. She and her sister were magically evacuated. Her sister ended up in Croatia. Her brother in France. Selma stopped in Slovenia due to her friendship with Amir, who became her husband. She holds a Master degree in economics. She was employed at the National Statistics Agency since statistics were her speciality in Sarajevo, before the war. She feels she was given the privilege of coming to build a life in Slovenia. Since then, as a way of giving back thanks, she became involved in volunteering, and continuous community engagement. Choosing to give back, as much as she could, rather than take. She has a good command of Bosnian Slovenian, English and also Turkish language. So far she has often been invited by the Turkish government to participate in conferences. Some years before she got retired she started preparing her doctorate thesis though people around her kept asking her why. But Selma thinks that learning in a structured way is a way of living and a way forward. Selma is resilient, she is a survivor though emotionally rather bitter and fact she does not want to be disclosed. Therefore her name was changed and there is no picture of hers.

