

**“If you want to have a say in the future of the country, you need to be involved in the country’s interest and issues” Yafet Askale, a young Eritrean volunteer
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Yafet had spent 8 months volunteering with NUEYS in the Project Department. Excerpts:

Q: Welcome Yafet. First tell me a little bit about yourself, where were you born? Where did you grow up? What do you do in the UK, and how was your visit back home?

A: Well my name is Yafet Askale, I was born in Asmara but moved to London when I was 9 thus spent most of my life in the UK. Before I moved back home to Asmara I was a student in England; I just graduated last year in International Relation & International Business from Royal Holloway University of London. The reason for my visit home is because I wanted to play my part and help my country within my own capacity in its developments.

Q: Is this your first visit home and how do you find Asmara?

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A: No, it's not my first visit home. I used to visit Eritrea annually in the past before 2002 but have not been able to do so since I started collage (A level) in the academic year 2002/2003. I love Asmara.

Q: Do you have any message to fellow young Eritreans in the Diaspora?

A: My message to fellow Eritreans who reside abroad is to come and visit their country and see for themselves how it has changed and developed over the last few years. I would also like to advise them to get involved in Eritrean issues and play their part in the development of their country.

Q: Anything else you want to add?

A: I don't think it's right to criticize or even comment about Eritrean government, economy or development, when you do not want to play any part in the country's development or future.