



Deputy Premier and Minister for Education James Merlino with Sarah Zulman at the awards ceremony.

# Recognising a volunteer

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SARAH Zulman was recently nominated for an award at the Centre for Multicultural Youth's MY Education Awards 2016, which was held at the Islamic Museum of Australia, in recognition of her volunteer work.

Zulman has been volunteering in her own time, outside of her own education degree studies, to help tutor students at the Noble Park Primary School as part of the its homework support program.

The 2014 Bialik College graduate works at the school in the Western suburbs to ensure young people from refugee backgrounds have every opportunity to succeed within Australia.

As mentioned in the awards ceremony's program booklet, Zulman "brings out the best in the students

and makes an effort to know them and their learning needs".

"The other volunteers gravitate to her for guidance as she has emerged as a knowledgeable colleague," the booklet read.

Despite not winning the award, Zulman was one of six individuals who were recognised by an out-of-school hours learning program or their community to have provided volunteer commitment beyond expectations for refugee and migrant students and their families.

One of Zulman's students from the Noble Park school won the overall award for the best student who, prior to the age of 10, did not speak English or have any previous schooling education.

The awards were presented by the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education James Merlino.