News Release

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Local charity recognised with national award

A Wolverhampton based charity has been named as Charity of the Year by the Guardian newspaper.

The Refugee and Migrant Centre (RMC) which supports new and emerging communities in Wolverhampton, the Black Country and Birmingham was named as one of five winners after being shortlisted from over 900 nominated, small and medium sized charities across the UK.

‘We are thrilled that the tireless and dedicated work of staff and volunteers at RMC has been recognised in this way’ said Chair of Trustees Martin Cartwright. ‘For seventeen years RMC has been providing broad ranging support to enable refugees and migrants to settle and contribute to their local communities as quickly as possible; without this service many very vulnerable individuals and families would have nowhere else to turn.’

RMC CEO Arten Llazari said, ‘This is a real ‘pat on the back’ for our organisation. We operate in an increasingly challenging environment and this kind of recognition motivates us to continue addressing the needs of thousands of vulnerable and marginalised people who rely on RMC’s services every year.

RMC received their prize from renowned British actor Sir Ian McKellen at an awards lunch on 13th December at the Guardian’s London head office.

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