

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER '21

City of Sanctuary is a national organisation of support groups throughout the UK making their cities, towns, schools and organisations places of welcome and hospitality for people seeking safety from persecution and war. If you would like to volunteer with BCofS please email secretary.bbcos@gmail.com



The Refugee Council - We are still here to help!

The Refugee Council is a national independent charity that works across the country to support refugees and asylum seekers. The National Refugee Council leads the Barnsley Refugee Council. The Barnsley Refugee Council has funding to work in Barnsley, offering support to Asylum Seekers and Refugees living in the town, for the next five years.

The aim of the Barnsley Project are...

Making Barnsley more Refugee friendly.

Delivering a direct one to one advice service to refugees and asylum seekers living in Barnsley.

Training for organisations that provide front-line service to refugees and asylum seekers living in Barnsley

Community development; enabling organisations to deliver services that meet the needs of refugees and asylum seekers living in Barnsley.

The Barnsley Refugee Council office is located at:

23 Queens Road, S71 1AN

01226 320111

The office is open

Mon / Tue / Wed / Thur - 10.00am - 2.00pm

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Who is Who?

Refugee

A refugee is a person, who owing to fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is seeking a place of safety outside their country of origin. In the UK a person is officially recognised as a refugee when they have their claim for asylum accepted by the Government.

Asylum Seeker

An asylum seeker is a person who has left their country of origin and formally applied for asylum in another country but whose application has not yet been concluded. A refused asylum seeker is a person whose application has been unsuccessful and who has no other claim for protection awaiting a decision.

Economic Migrant

An economic migrant is someone who has moved to another country to work. Refugees are not economic migrants.

Refugee Action

Refugee Action is a national charity which works to enable asylum seekers and refugees in the UK to rebuild their lives.

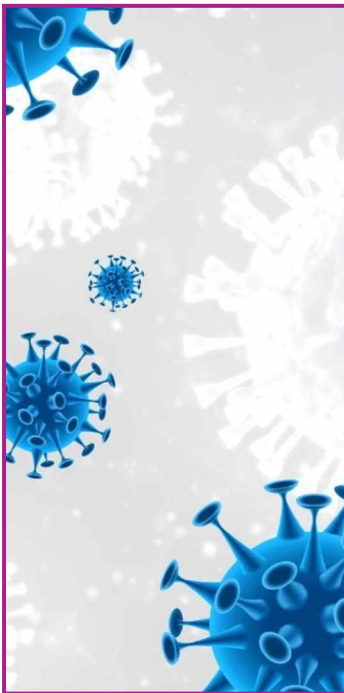
We are a leading provider of reception and integration services for resettled refugees in the UK, and we provide advice and support to those seeking asylum.

People who arrive in the UK have fled war, persecution and trauma. Asylum support rates are currently set at £39.60 per week, or £5.66 per day. This amount leaves people forced to subsist 73% below the poverty line.

In May 2020, the Lift the Ban coalition carried out a skills audit with people seeking asylum.

Almost half of the respondents reported previous occupations that would fall into the government's definition of "critical worker" with 1 in 7 having worked in health or social care.

The asylum system prevents people accessing paid work and contributing to their new communities.



What is Coronavirus?

Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) are a cough, high temperature and shortness of breath. There's no specific treatment for Coronavirus (COVID-19). Treatment aims to relieve symptoms until you recover. It's not known exactly how Coronavirus (COVID-19) spreads from person to person, but similar viruses are spread through cough droplets.

How to STOP the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

- 1) Keep a safe distance (social distancing)
- 2) Remember the basics of good hygiene
- 3) Wear a face covering
- 4) Let fresh air in (ventilation)
- 5) Get tested if you have symptoms
- 6) Self-isolate if you have COVID-19 symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test result
- 7) Self-isolate if you live with someone or in contact with someone who has COVID-19
- 8) Get your Vaccination

Do you need more Information?

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you require further information

Contact Anne Asquith, Commissioning Manager, COVID-19 Emergency Food Aid, Barnsley Council

Email: anneasquith@barnsley.gov.uk | Mobile: 07702 821643 | Website: www.livewellbarnsley.co.uk



BritishRedCross Translated Vaccine Guidance

British Red Cross have launched new translated COVID-19 vaccine guidance to ensure everyone can access this crucial information in their own language.

For COVID-19 information in different languages please go to the following website:

www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/coronavirus-vaccine-information



- | Improve English |
- | Make Friends |
- | Share Culture |
- | Dream Big Dreams |

Weekly sessions run by Barnsley Museums for ESOL learners, refugees, asylum seekers, and international students **Wednesday 4:30pm – 6:30pm**
Barnsley Museum Learning Lab, Town Hall, Church Street, Barnsley, S70 2TA

Have you had your Covid Vaccine yet?

If not contact Joanna on 07968 869732

at the Community Champions for Advice & Information

www.barnsley-museums.com | Email: barnsleyfeelslikehome@gmail.com

How to

Contact us



South Yorkshire

POLICE



in an emergency

call **999**



or call **101**

if it's not
urgent

Report incidents

online



Log in and

live chat



Whether you click or call

**We are here
to listen**



When to call **999**

When there is a threat to life;
this includes road traffic accidents where people are
injured, the road is blocked or a vehicle involved in the
accident has failed to stop

Violence to a person or damage
to property is imminent

A serious offence is actually in progress.

A suspected offender is still at the scene of a crime.

When any delay in reporting the incident may prevent
the apprehension of an offender.

When serious disruption to the public is currently
taking place or, is likely to take place.

When to call **101**

Non-Emergency

To report a crime that is not currently taking place
and the offender is no longer present.

Where your call is a routine enquiry.

To make an appointment to attend an enquiry desk.

Requests for advice or to provide information.

Lost and found property enquiries.

Before calling, please visit our 'Should I Call 101 page'
to check whether it is something
we can help you with.

www.southyorks.police.uk/contact-us/should-i-call-101/

How to

Contact us



South Yorkshire

POLICE

Report online.

Report an incident online, the online portal. As an alternative to 101, you can report your non-emergency incident on our online portal.

Also on the portal, you will be able to track the status of your report, read a number of knowledge items relating to your incident, and live chat with members of the force.

<https://smartcontact.southyorkshire.police.uk/>

Tell us

Some incidents may seem trivial, and too much trouble to bother reporting, but it's very important that you do. We target our resources according to analysis of crime reports, so if large numbers of incidents are not reported this analysis will be incorrect.

Not all reports of crime result in a visit by a police officer, but when looked at along with other reports from the same area a picture may emerge which enables the police to respond more effectively than to individual incidents.



Stay Safe,
Stay Alert Wear Your Facemask

CrimeStoppers.

Speak up. Stay safe.

**Did you know
that you can
report anonymously?**

If you want to report crime or suspicious activity, you can contact Crimestoppers with the information anonymously.

You can do this by calling them on 0800 555 111 or by completing their online form.

0800 555 111

100% anonymous. Always.



Idas is the largest specialist charity in Yorkshire supporting anyone experiencing or affected by domestic abuse or sexual violence.

Our services include refuge accommodation, community based support, peer mentoring, group work and access to free, confidential out of hours helpline.

Contact Lauren Hirst on
03000 110 110
or email: info@idas.org.uk

Sexual violence or abuse can affect any of us.

IDAS is the largest specialist charity in Yorkshire supporting people who have been sexually assaulted or abused. If you have been assaulted or are concerned about someone else, please check out the information on this website for help and guidance.

[Find out more](#)

www.idas.org.uk



Finding a Doctor

Before you register, contact the GP surgery to confirm that it covers the address where you are living or staying temporarily. You can register with any GP in your local area as long as they have space for new patients. You can also get help by:

- Asking friends
- Asking at the library
- Asking local organisations such as schools, mosques, temples and churches
- Asking a support worker
- Asking your housing case worker
- Looking on the NHS Choices website – www.nhs.uk

What does it cost?

There is no charge to register with a GP in England. Once you are registered, there is also no charge to see your GP. If your GP decides to give you medicine, you will receive a prescription.



Health Access for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

HARP working in partnership with Barnsley Asylum Seeker & Refugee Council

Conversation for Health

Every Wednesday
12.30pm - 2.30pm

2a Western Street, Barnsley S70 2BP

HARP ESOL Classes

Every Monday
12.30pm - 2.30pm

2a Western Street, Barnsley S70 2BP





SINGLE PARENTS SUPPORT AND ADVICE SERVICES

SPSAS is a charitable company for single parents all over the UK.
They aim to combat isolation and loneliness through uniting as a community.
Their first charity shop has opened in Barnsley town centre.

If you would like more information please visit:

www.singleparentssupportandadviceervices.co.uk

Why study at



NORTHERN
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You can benefit from a unique
adult learning environment which includes:

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YOUR STUDIES AND RECEIVE WRAP-AROUND SUPPORT

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PARKLAND FREE FOR YOU TO EXPLORE

STAFF SPECIALISING IN ADULT EDUCATION TO
SUPPORT YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

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LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

STUDYING AT A COLLEGE GRADED AS
OUTSTANDING BY OFSTED

HOW DO I BOOK?

Find a course to suit you and book your place at

www.northern.ac.uk

or telephone 01226 776000 for a chat with our friendly team

COVID-SECURE BY COMPLYING
WITH ALL GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE
ON MANAGING THE RISK
OF COVID-19



Welcomes people who are seeking a safe haven from wars and persecution.

We aim to create a culture of welcome; challenge myths; encourage participation; recognise talents and provide opportunities for people to be heard, appreciated and included.

Help Barnsley to be a safe and welcoming town by challenging negative attitudes, volunteering with groups that offer support and advice or help people to learn to speak English.

For more information contact:

secretary.bbcos@gmail.com

www.livewellbarnsley.co.uk

christina.grant@refugeecouncil.gov.uk



City of Sanctuary

www.cityofsanctuary.org.uk



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Migrant Help

Are the primary contractors delivering the AIRE contracts (Advice, Issues, Reporting & Eligibility)

All asylum support issues, accommodation, maintenance problems, relocation requests, ASPEN card issues & maternity payments need to be reported to Migrant Help 0808 8010503.

The Migrant information Hub is managed by Migration Yorkshire. 0113 378 8188

The Hub aims to offer useful information and resources to help migrants and those supporting them to stay safe, connected and informed and to reduce the harmful impacts of coronavirus on peoples lives.

The Hub is organised into 3 main sections

1. Multilingual Resources: -Resources on various topics in community languages
2. How to help and support migrants through the disruption, impact and challenges of the Coronavirus.
3. Migrant Sector Support to help professionals and organisation to understand and respond to emerging needs.

**NO
MORE
HATE**

Hate and harassment incidents are when you or another person is hurt, threatened or abused because of who you are. It is important to South Yorkshire Police that Barnsley residents know they can report any incident of hate crime.

Many 3rd party reporting centres are shut during lockdown so reporting online may be an easier way to report through a new online portal: <https://smartcontact.southyorkshire.police.uk/> or search 'report something South Yorkshire Police' in your search engine or Reporting hate crime call 999 for emergency, 101 for non-emergency. Translation is available for all forms of reporting.

Jane Wynne: Hate Crime Coordinator
South Yorkshire Police
Churchfield, Barnsley S70 2DL
Mobile 07468 472997

The Penistone Refugee & Asylum Seekers Support Group

together with **Penistone Churches Together** invites you to

ANOTHER BIG CONVERSATION

about

Welcoming Refugees & Asylum Seekers into our Communities

It is four years since our first conversation and there is still much to discuss and learn

Come and join us

on Saturday 27th November 2021, from 9.30am - 12.30pm

in St. John's Church, Penistone

Speakers will include...

Sarah Sonne, National Development Manager, Refugee Council

Rachel Payling, Head of Stronger Communities, BMBC

Asylum Seekers and Refugees living in Barnsley

Members of the Barnsley Feels Like Home Group and the Barnsley Refugee Council

Members of the Penistone Refugee and Asylum Seekers Support Group

"Everybody comes from somewhere

Everybody has a past

Everybody comes from somewhere first

Everybody comes from somewhere last" Michael Rosen

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Refugee Integration Barnsley

The Barnsley Refugee Integration Service (BRIS)

Receiving refugee status can provide certainty and safety, but the period of change between being an asylum seeker and a refugee brings its own challenges.

When a person's claim for asylum in the UK has been determined and they are granted leave to remain their Home Office provided accommodation and their weekly allowance will cease 28 days after the date of the decision.

During this period, there is an urgent need to source alternative accommodation and an alternative income.

Who we are

BRIS is a programme of individual support offered to new refugees age 16+, in Barnsley. The support helps individuals to access services such as housing and benefits. The service is run by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council in partnership with Migration Yorkshire

Who can access this service?

People receiving a positive asylum decision within the past two years through: refugee status; humanitarian protection; family reunion; discretionary leave of over 30 months or unaccompanied asylum-seeking children with leave to remain.

What kind of support is on offer?

We work with each individual to devise a six-month plan that's right for them. Individuals will have access to:

A named support worker

Housing advice

Benefits advice

Applying for a bank account

Support with job-seeking

Opportunities to engage with the local community

Access to health, training, education, ESOL

A range of other tailored support

How to refer someone

Contact us to discuss a potential referral.

Phone: 01226 787602

Mobile: 07775033443, 07795389596

Email: adviceservices@barnsley.gov.uk

Schools of Sanctuary

is a network of more than 300 primary and secondary schools all committed to supporting the thousands of young people seeking sanctuary in the UK, creating a culture of welcome and inclusion whilst raising awareness of the issues faced by refugees and asylum seekers.

A School of Sanctuary:

Fosters a culture of welcome and safety for people seeking sanctuary, including asylum seeking and refugee families.

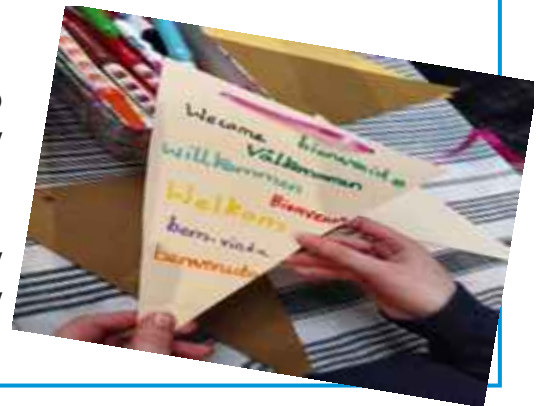
Educates the whole school community about the human right to sanctuary and identifies practical means for schools to demonstrate that commitment.

Builds empathy and intercultural awareness through promoting the voices and contributions of people seeking sanctuary, encouraging an understanding of the experiences of displaced people and helping to combat stereotypes.

We are delighted to announce that 2 schools in Barnsley have expressed interest in becoming Schools of Sanctuary.

We hope this will be the start of creating our own network here to welcome refugee and asylum seeker children and foster inclusivity and empathy across our town.

Further information is available on the Schools of Sanctuary website: <https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org/>, from the Barnsley City of Sanctuary group or from our Chair at fran.pos10@gmail.com.



A little girl on a BIG journey!

Little Amal is a giant puppet at the heart of The Walk, travelling 8000km in support of refugees.

In 2021, the 3.5 metre-tall living artwork of a young Syrian refugee child will walk across Turkey, Greece, Italy, France, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium and the UK to focus attention on the urgent needs of young refugees.

Little Amal
is not so little
at 3.5 metre high!!

Amal visited Wentworth Castle on
Saturday 30th October



Refugee, Migrant & Asylum Seeker Women's Group

Come along to our women's group
to meet new people and take part in activities

Every Wednesday 10.00am - 12.00pm

Hope House Café

2 Blucher Street, Barnsley S70 1AP

**This service is available to
all Refugee & Asylum seeking women in Barnsley
Children are welcome**

**Spaces are limited, so please book by contacting
Chrissie Grant - 07917 135843
or email: christina.grant@refugeecouncil.org.uk**

Refugee, Migrant & Asylum Seeker Men's Group

If you are looking to **meet new people,
join in activities and information sessions,
then come along to our men's group.
It's a **safe space** to share experiences
and connect with others**

Every Tuesday 12.00pm - 2.00pm

Refugee Council

BCVS Building, 23 Queens Road, Barnsley S71 1AN

**Spaces are limited, so please book by contacting
Chrissie Grant - 07917 135843
or email: christina.grant@refugeecouncil.org.uk**



**SUPPORTING AND
EMPOWERING
REFUGEES**



It's a Wrap! Don't stress over this Festival

ELSH Charity Christmas Fundraising!

Gift-Wrapping Day

ELSH is holding a charity wrapping day on 9th December 2021 from 10am to 6.00pm where ELSH volunteers and trustees will wrap your presents.

We suggest the following minimum donations to ELSH:

£3 per present, £5 for two, 10 items for £15.

All donations will go towards the educational and wider support work which ELSH carries out with disadvantaged communities in Barnsley.

We will keep your presents safe and secure while they are with us.

If you want to book in your presents before the day
please contact us at: info@elshub.org.uk
or just telephone to book your appointment on
01226 643249. - 07504 542 980

You can also bring your presents to the ELSH
Centre on the day.
We are on the 1st Floor, ELIM Community Centre, 5
Warren Quarry Road, Barnsley S70 4NF.



WOMEN UNITE

Reds In the Community welcomes women from
Refugee & Asylum seeking communities to join our
weekly multi sports programme.

Accompanied children ages 2-4 welcome

Starts 22nd Nov | 1pm - 2.30pm

Barnsley FC, Indoor. S71 1ET

Contact Lynn Goodman

01226 211333

lynn.goodman@barnsleyfc.co.uk



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