

With your help we have :-

### **Welcomed**

- . more than 600 people to 8 Welcome Days across our area
- . more than 90 people to smaller outings in either Llangorse and Hay

### **Supported**

financially ,via our own hardship fund and ones we set up with both Swansea and Hereford support groups, many people with urgent needs for food, clothing including footwear, transport , educational equipment and/or overnight accommodation.

### **Access to legal help**

- . In partnership with Asylum Justice we have enabled more than 8 people to obtain much needed documents to progress their asylum claims.
- . also accompanied 5 people to Tribunals to give moral support at this time of great stress

### **Donated**

- . over 60 used bicycles to Newport to be refurbished and given away as a means of free transport.
- . 13 refurbished bicycles to people seeking asylum in the Three counties hotel in Hereford via Drovers Cycles
- . 15 sewing machines to Swansea via Tools for Self Reliance Cymru.
- . Many small electrical appliances such as vacuum cleaners and food blenders to Swansea via Unity in Diversity
- . 15 new laptops to Swansea via the Corporate Responsibility arm of XMA.
- . 300+ Christmas presents to Swansea given by supporters and local schools..

### **Worked with**

8 schools who want to learn about seeking sanctuary by arranging talks and speakers so they can become accredited as Schools of Sanctuary. Llangors Church in Wales and Cradoc Primary schools were recognised as Schools of Sanctuary this year and 4 others are actively working towards this. We've been able to give books about sanctuary issues to 6 schools

### **Raised awareness**

- . of the needs of people seeking sanctuary by running a competition for local schools on the theme of Sanctuary with a prize giving ceremony during Refugee Week in June.
- . arranged 4 exhibitions of work on the Theme of Sanctuary.
- . assisted Hay Castle with an exhibition about Welsh contemporary refugee art
- . spoke at Royal Welsh show about Schools of Sanctuary at a celebration of Powys County Council deciding to try to become a county of Sanctuary
- . Worked with Beacons for Ukraine on a audio record about Ukrainian resettlement.
- . Highlighted petitions and causes advocating for a fairer and more just Asylum system by mailings and social media and via stalls at local fetes and shows. .

### **Accepted**

Awards from The High Sherriff of Powys, Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations and Monmouthshire Muslim Community Association.

### **Held**

11 monthly meetings via Zoom with an average attendance of 20 people

So in 2023 with your support, we have continued to try to build a grassroots movement towards a country where everyone can thrive regardless of where they come from or what papers they hold.

**None of this would have been possible with out your support.** Thanks so very much