

Signposting our refugee friends to support organisations

At HostNation, we don't ask you to provide professional support. Instead, our scheme offers friendship and all its benefits; helping a refugee feel more at home in the city, having somebody to talk to and have fun with. You can also help your refugee friend with their English skills.

However, if your refugee friend needs more specialist or integration support, this signposting guide provides a range of regional organisations that you could help to connect them with.

Refugee advice and support

West End Refugee Service

<http://www.wers.org.uk>

Daily drop-in advice sessions, counselling service, befriending scheme, clothing store, hardship fund.

St Philip's Vicarage, St Philip's Close, 0191 273 7482 info@wers.org.uk

North of England Refugee Service

<https://refugee.org.uk/>

Information, support and advice for refugees and people seeking asylum in the North of England. 2 Friars St, Newcastle, NE1 4XA Phone 0191 245 7301

British Red Cross Refugee Support

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/get-help-as-a-refugee/contact-your-local-refugee-service> Refugeesupportnortheast@redcross.org.uk 0191 2737961

Walking With

<https://www.walkingwith.co.uk/>

For refugees and asylum seekers - food parcels, form filling, hardship payments, befriending, ESOL, advocacy, legal advice drop-in.

The Walking With Centre, Church House, Hugh St, Wallsend, NE28 6RL. 0191 263 5029

ACANE - African Community Advice North East.

1 Raby Cross, Newcastle, NE6 2FF

0191 265 8110 acane2003@hotmail.com. Activities, advocacy, advice for African refugees and asylum seekers in the North East.

Peace of Mind Drop-in

Wednesdays 12.30-2pm in Gateshead.

<https://peaceofmindnortheast.org.uk/projects/drop-in/>

Gateshead. Practical, emotional and educational support and sign-posting to other services. Plus tea/coffee and a chat with friends and volunteers. Arts and crafts for children. 07595 300326

JET - Helping you find your way in the UK

<https://www.jetnorth.org.uk/>

Employment, training, integration activities, careers advice, ESOL and learning resources
We help people from the BME (Black Minority Ethnic) community, asylum seekers, refugees and New Migrant communities to find work, improve their skills and to integrate with the neighbours and understand their new surroundings. By appointment 0191 273 5761

Justice and Peace Refugee Project

Food, information and support Vincent's Support Centre, New Bridge Street, Newcastle, NE1 2TQ 07407 091184 sara.harris@diocesehn.org.uk

Places to go for activities & well being

Crossings - Free music project

<http://www.crossings.org.uk/>

Weekly sessions, choir, musical instruments and volunteering opportunities in Gateshead & Newcastle. info@crossings.org.uk

Comfrey Project

<http://thecomfreyproject.org.uk/>

Gardening, information, support, promoting health and wellbeing among asylum seekers and refugees. Windmill Hills Centre, Chester Place, Gateshead, NE8 1QB

Women's health

Tyneside Women's Health

www.tynesidewomenshealth.org.uk/

Helping women improve their mental health and emotional wellbeing. Courses, advice and information. 30 Half Moon Lane, Gateshead, NE8 2AN. Also have an office in Newcastle. 0191 477 7898

The Angelou Centre

www.angeloucentre.org.uk/

Courses and information for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Women. Brighton Grove, Newcastle, NE4 5NR 0191 226 0394

West End Women and Girls Centre

<http://westendwomenandgirls.co.uk>

Stephenson Building, 173 Elswick Road, Newcastle, NE4 6SQ. 0191 273 4942
info@westendwomenandgirls.co.uk

Legal advice

North East Law Centre

www.nelawcentre.co.uk

Legal advice on immigration & asylum, welfare, discrimination & employment law.

Mea House, Ellison Pl, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8XS

General Advice Line: 0191 2304777 info@newcastlelawcentre.co.uk

Right to Remain

<http://righttoremain.org.uk>

answer service (leave a message or send a text): 07756562384

contact@righttoremain.org.uk

Employment support

Skills Hub

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/libraries-culture/skills-and-business-services/skills-hub> The Skills Hub brings together a range of partner organisations who offer young

people and adults living in Newcastle:

- Careers advice and guidance
- Help getting into work and training
- Advice setting up a business

Email us at skillshub@newcastle.gov.uk. Or simply call into see us on level 2 of Newcastle City Library

RefuAid

<https://refuaid.org/>

Support access to language tuition, higher education, finance and meaningful employment in the UK

Refeo

<https://www.refeo.org/our-services-1>

Refugee education for equal opportunities in the UK

Mentoring, professional training and free laptops

English classes (ESOL)

Action Language

www.actionfoundation.org.uk/language.html

Free ESOL classes. The CastleGate, Melbourne Street, Newcastle, NE1 2JQ

language@actionfoundation.org.uk

Ring to make an appointment 0191 231 3113

Crisis Skylight

www.crisis.org.uk/pages/crisis-skylight-newcastle.html

Café, information, free courses, ESOL, culture group.
City House, 1 City Road, Newcastle, NE1 2AF enquiries.newcastle@crisis.org.uk
0191 222 0622

North East Solidarity & Teaching (NEST)

<https://www.nusu.co.uk/volunteering/details/536/>

Online and face to face English classes, conversation groups, befriending advocacy through Newcastle University Students Union

To register, email nest.union@ncl.ac.uk and nestsupport.union@ncl.ac.uk

English for All UK

<https://www.facebook.com/Englishforalluk>

Face to face informal ESOL class on Thursdays at DiverCity Hub, Buckingham St, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 5QU. There are also online classes.

info@englishforalluk

Gateshead College

<http://www.gateshead.ac.uk/>

Newcastle College

www.ncl-coll.ac.uk/

Newcastle, NE4 5JE

Newcastle City Learning

<https://www.newcastlecitylearning.ac.uk/>

ESOL classes in Heaton and Westgate Road

Westgate College, Newcastle NE4 9LU

0191 2773520

Welfare, housing & advice

Citizens Advice Bureau

www.newcastlecab.org.uk/

Building 33 New Bridge St West, Newcastle, NE1 8AX 0844 499 4717

Advice and information. Inside City Centre Library, Charles Avison

Shelter

Housing problems, debt problems, welfare benefits.

140-150 Pilgrim St, Newcastle, NE1 6TH.

Free Advice Helpline 0808 800 4444

The Hub Welfare Rights and Advice Service

<https://the-hub.org.uk/welfare-rights-advice/>

Benefits information & help

Westgate Baptist Church

07500 338126 or 07547 393191 hubprojectadvice@gmail.com

The Library

<http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/libraries>

Information, advice, free to use the computers, books. There are also libraries in Baker, in Fenham, in Gateshead and in other places in Newcastle.

City Centre Library, Charles Avison Building, 33 New Bridge St West, Newcastle , NE1 8AX

Access to higher education

STAR

<https://star-network.org.uk/access-to-university/scholarships/>

Higher Education - scholarships for refugees and people seeking asylum

LGBTQ support

Rainbow Home

<https://www.facebook.com/RainbowHomeNE/>

Supporting LGBTQ people seeking asylum

Volunteering opportunities

Volunteer Centre Newcastle

<https://www.volunteercentrenewcastle.org.uk/>

Find out about places to volunteer in Newcastle.

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