

What is City of Sanctuary?

A national movement of local people and organisations working to make their city a place of welcome and safety for people seeking sanctuary from war and persecution.

Bristol – proud to be a place of safety!

- Bristol has for years offered a welcome to people whose lives were in danger in their own countries.
- Bristol - once known as a city of slavery - is growing now into a city of sanctuary.

Why City of Sanctuary in Bristol?

- Many have lost their homes and families but have brought new skills, music, food and hard work to build our city ; we want to celebrate the contribution of the many people who have come here for safety.
- Many feel isolated or are in great need or fear: we want to spread a culture of hospitality and practical support throughout the whole of Bristol.

You can be part of this through a simple pledge – see back page.

How can you welcome people seeking sanctuary?

The first step in your support for City of Sanctuary is to sign a pledge. Please see our website or contact us for details. It would be very helpful if you agreed to be included on our list of organisations and individuals who have pledged support.

More ideas...

- Invite an asylum seeker or refugee to come to speak of their experience to your organisation or to a group of organisations in your area. (Contact us for details)
- Influence others: challenge myths and stereotypes.
- Offer volunteer placements for suitably skilled refugees or asylum seekers.
- Advertise paid jobs on refugee networks.
- Consider appointing refugees to positions of responsibility in your community.
- Offer meeting space to an asylum or refugee community group.
- Fundraise for an asylum or refugee charity.
- Contribute to the hardship fund to relieve destitution.
- Offer to be part of a sub-group – e.g: working on community safety; employment; schools; ESOL, Further and Higher Education; arts and leisure activities; action through faith groups.
- Publicise City of Sanctuary, Refugee Week and other refugee events within your community.
- Publicise opportunities to volunteer with refugee charities.
- Sign off your email with a note about refugees.



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The first step in your support for City of Sanctuary is to sign a pledge. We have suggested a form of words below - do feel free to vary this. It would be very helpful to us if you agreed to be included on our list of organisations who have pledged support. Individuals are also more than welcome to send a pledge.

(name of organisation)

recognises the contribution of asylum-seekers and refugees to the City of Bristol, and is committed to welcoming and including asylum-seekers and refugees in its activities. We support Bristol becoming a recognised City of Sanctuary for refugees and asylum-seekers.

Signed: _____

Position within Organisation

(this should be Director, Chair, Committee member or equivalent):

Date: _____

Email address: _____

Postal address: _____

I would be interested in joining the task group (please tick box)



CITY OF SANCTUARY

Please sign and return to:

City of Sanctuary Bristol c/o Refugee Action,
9 Hide Market, West Street,
St. Philip's, Bristol, BS2 0BH.

Or email to: bristol@cityofsanctuary.org
Tel: 0117 941 5960



Bristol City of Sanctuary is currently led by an informal partnership of community, voluntary and public sector organisations.

See www.cityofsanctuary.org/bristol for national and local information.



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