



## Your Resolution of Support The First Step

The first step in your support for City of Sanctuary is to pass a resolution of support and to send it to the City of Sanctuary Group. We have suggested a form of words below. Do feel free to vary this. It will be very helpful to us if you agree that we can include your organisation as part of a list of those that have pledged support.

# SWANSEA



## CITY OF SANCTUARY

### PLEASE BE PART OF IT!

**Resolution from** .....

"We support the initiative to make Swansea into a recognised 'City of Sanctuary', welcoming those fleeing violence and persecution in their own countries. We recognise the contribution of refugees and people seeking sanctuary to the City of Swansea. We are committed to taking practical steps to welcome and include them in our activities and are actively seeking ways of supporting them wherever we can. We are willing for our organisation's name to be added to a list of supporters of City of Sanctuary. We are also willing to be contacted by the Swansea City of Sanctuary group with further ideas for how we can turn this pledge into practical action."

Signed .....

Position in organisation.....

Resolved at a meeting of .....

Date.....

Contact details .....

### What is "City of Sanctuary"?

- A national movement of local people and community groups working to make their cities a place of welcome and safety for people seeking sanctuary from war and persecution.

### Swansea - Proud to be a place of safety

- Swansea has for years offered a welcome to people whose lives were in danger in their own countries.
- Many have lost their homes and families but have brought new skills, music, food and hard work to build our city.

### Why City of Sanctuary in Swansea?

- 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 support throughout the whole of Swansea.

You can be part of this through a simple pledge - see back page.  
For other ways you can help please see centre pages.

Please send your resolution to: [Swansea@cityofsanctuary.org](mailto:Swansea@cityofsanctuary.org) or Swansea City of Sanctuary, c/o SBASSG, YMCA Swansea, 1 The Kingsway, Swansea, SA1 5JQ.

"Swansea City of Sanctuary" is currently led by an informal partnership of community, voluntary and public sector organisations. See [www.cityofsanctuary.org](http://www.cityofsanctuary.org) for national and local information.



## How could *your* community welcome people seeking sanctuary?

### Step One - Pass a *resolution of support* for City of Sanctuary in Swansea

- We have reached 50 pledges and are aiming for 100 by early 2010 (See back page)

### Step Two – Plan how you can turn your resolution into practical action.

- Just one or two simple actions could make a real difference if enough of us do it.

Here are some ideas to get you thinking (or come back to this after you have pledged!)

Possible Action	Already Doing	Plan to do
Display one of our “We welcome refugees and asylum seekers” signs outside your building or office (Available shortly)		
Let people know what is available <i>Agencies contact refugee organisations to tell them about their services, volunteer opportunities and job vacancies</i>		
Provide appropriate services/ activities to include those seeing sanctuary <i>At our recent launch people worked in small groups to discuss how to make their services and activities more “asylum friendly”</i>		
Find out about our pilot voluntary hosting project which will offer emergency accommodation in people’s spare rooms. (We need people to help organise and publicise this as well as people willing to host for short periods)		
Raise awareness <i>One refugee charity is training Asylum seekers and refugees to be part of a Speakers Team - invite one of them to come to speak of their experience (Contact us for details)</i> <i>A local youth group is planning workshops about asylum in primary schools</i>		
Offer volunteering or work placements <i>A local union has recently run a refugee work placement project in the Council</i> <i>A local charity shop actively involves asylum seekers and refugees as volunteers and organises arts and social activities</i> <i>An international charity also provides voluntary placements</i>		
Bring people together <i>Participants in a parenting project run by a university department benefit from sharing parenting issues and skills with people from different cultures</i>		
Look after each other <i>Some faith groups are working to provide better support and protection to their members who are asylum seekers or refugees.</i>		
Fundraise for a refugee charity (e.g. the Welsh Refugee Council Destitution Fund). Encourage your members to take out standing orders. <i>One local group of churches has decided to raise money for asylum seekers and refugees projects this year</i>		
Other ideas?		

For more details of any of these ideas, email [swansea@cityofsanctuary.org](mailto:swansea@cityofsanctuary.org) or write to:  
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