



City of Sanctuary is a national movement to build a culture of hospitality for people seeking sanctuary in the UK. Its goal is to create a network of towns and cities throughout the UK which are proud to be places of safety, and which include people seeking sanctuary fully in the life of their communities

How could your organisation welcome people seeking sanctuary?

Step one

Resolution of Support

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- We support Reading’s bid to become a City of Sanctuary.
- We welcome to Reading those fleeing violence and persecution in their own countries.
- We value the contribution those seeking sanctuary can make to Reading.
- We are committed to taking practical steps to welcome and integrate all people into our communities, our activities and our culture.
- We add our organisation’s name to the body of supporters and understand we will offer appropriate, relevant and practical action.

Name: (full name) Signed:.....

Position in organisation:.....

Resolved at a meeting of: Date.....

Contact details (so we can keep in touch)

Email:.....Phone:.....

Address:

Please tick the box to agree. If you do not wish to be on the Reading City of Sanctuary contact database or you do not want your name on a public list of supporters, please leave the relevant box unmarked.

- We agree** to be on the Reading City of Sanctuary contact database and to receive periodic updates on the City of Sanctuary activities and other associated events and news.
- We agree** to be on a public list of supporters for Reading City of Sanctuary.

Data Collection: All personal information collected will be stored and used within the laws of the Data Protection Act 1998. We promise to use any personal information only for the purpose for which it was provided. We will ensure the information provided is protected and is not accessible to anyone who should not have access. We will make sure it is not kept longer than necessary. We will also not allow your Information to be used for commercial purposes without your permission.

Step Two

Turn your resolution into a practical action

Name of Organisation:.....

Pledges to support Reading City of Sanctuary with the following:

- Display one of our “We welcome refugees and asylum seekers” signs outside your building or office
- 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.
- Offer volunteer placements for suitably skilled refugees or asylum seekers.
- Consider appointing refugees to positions of responsibility in your community.
- Offer meeting space to an asylum or refugee community group.
- Fundraise for Reading City of Sanctuary or a charity that supports refugees, asylum seekers such as the Reading Refugee Support Group, British Red Cross and Alliance and Cohesion for Racial Equality (Acre)
- Donate (non-perishable) food items or other items as required to the Reading Refugee Support Group or the Red Cross which help destitute asylum seekers and refugees.
- Find out about our proposed voluntary hosting project which plans to offer emergency accommodation.(We need people to help organise and publicise this as well as people willing to host someone for a few weeks or months at a time).
- Publicise City of Sanctuary, Refugee Week and other refugee events within your community.
- Take part in Refugee Week ask us for details

The list is endless. Please tell us about what you can offer!

Send completed form to:

Reading City of Sanctuary c/o Reading Refugee Support Group, 35-39 London Street Reading RG1 4PS

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Mail: info@reading.cityofsanctuary.org