

claim, and the Short Stop scheme aims to support people in this situation. Short Stop volunteers provide a hot meal and a bed for the night to people who have nowhere else to turn. More volunteers are always needed so if you have a spare bedroom and some free time in the evening, and could occasionally offer someone a place to stay,



Volunteer host

please contact us.

Short Stop Manager:

Katrina Burton

0113 380 5689 or **katrina@lassn.org.uk**

Referrals line: **0113 380 5685**

Leeds Refugee Forum

Leeds Refugee Forum acts as a collective voice for refugee community organisations in Leeds and LASSN supports the Leeds Refugee Forum's work to develop these groups and support integration and cohesion throughout the city. Refugee community organisations enable refugees and asylum seekers to keep their culture and identity and support one another as people establish their lives in the UK.

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LASSN

Leeds Asylum Seekers' Support Network



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Introducing LASSN

Leeds Asylum Seekers' Support Network is a registered charity working in the Leeds area.

LASSN aims to make a positive contribution to the lives of people seeking refuge from persecution by meeting their social needs through our Befriending, English at Home, Short Stop and Information and Awareness projects and by supporting Leeds Refugee Forum.

We operate on an outreach basis, no drop-in services are available. Referrals should be made by appointment only.

General Enquiries

Call: **0113 380 5690** or
email admin@lassn.org.uk

Opening Times

Monday to Friday
10am to 1 pm and 2pm to 5pm.

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Information and Awareness

We raise awareness about issues affecting asylum seekers by holding public meetings, conferences, producing newsletters, giving talks and media work through Leeds Press Gang. We aim to tackle prejudice and encourage understanding, and to foster interaction and integration with the local community.

We also produce a directory of services for refugees and asylum seekers in Leeds.

Contact:

Pete Richardson

peter@lassn.org.uk or

Richie McAndrew

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Befriending

The Befriending project provides the opportunity for isolated asylum seekers and refugees to forge a relationship with a supportive adult for a period of 6 to 12 months. Volunteer



Volunteer befriender

befrienders are matched with clients for regular visits. The aim is to familiarise people with Leeds, help them integrate into the local community, gain access to other services and to help alleviate the emotional stress caused by past trauma and the asylum process.

Contact:

Pauline Cooke

0113 380 5687 pauline@lassn.org.uk

English at Home

The English at Home project helps refugees and asylum seekers who, for reasons of caring, disability or gender, are unable to attend classes in the city. It aims to develop students' language skills so that they can cope with everyday life and become empowered. It is committed to promoting cross-cultural friendship and enabling involvement in the wider community. It is hoped that some students will go on to access classes in further and higher education institutions.

Contact:

Gerard Godon

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Short Stop

Many refugees and asylum seekers will experience homelessness at some point during their asylum



Volunteer tutor