

# NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Autumn '23 edition of the Barnsley Borough City of Sanctuary newsletter!

This is our third issue in 2023, giving you the latest information on services and support available for asylum seekers and refugees across Barnsley. In this issue, we celebrate the achievements of our own home-grown bike recycling scheme, find out what it's like to host a Ukrainian family for a second time, and get the low down on entertainment at the Yorkshire Integration Festival. Plus there are details for a wide range of services.

If you would like to send something to us for inclusion in a future issue of the newsletter, please email us on:

[secretary.bbcos@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.bbcos@gmail.com)

Thank you!

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## The Refugee Council

The Refugee Council is a national independent charity that works across the country to support refugees and asylum seekers. The national Refugee Council leads the Barnsley Refugee Council, which has National Lottery Community funding to support asylum seekers & refugees living in Barnsley.

The aims of the Barnsley Refugee Advice Project are to...

Make Barnsley more refugee friendly.

Deliver a direct one to one advice service to refugees and asylum seekers living in Barnsley.

Train organisations that provide front-line services to refugees and asylum seekers living in Barnsley.

Develop the community; enabling organisations to deliver services that meet the needs of refugees & asylum seekers in Barnsley.

See inside for an introduction to our new Project Manager!

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Mon / Tue / Wed / Thur - 10.00am - 2.00pm

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# Meet the New Refugee Council Project Manager for Barnsley!

The Refugee Council in Barnsley has a new Project Manager and Community Development Worker, Abdel Mohamed, who started on 12th September. No stranger to the Refugee Council, Abdel was previously a Senior Resettlement Worker in the Sheffield office, which covers the whole of the South Yorkshire region, so he was already a regular visitor to Barnsley. Now he leads the Barnsley Refugee Advice Project (BRAP) and has begun to reach out to organisations across the community to build partnership working.



From Left to Right,  
Abdel Mohamed, Claire Langley, Khaled Alayoubi & Jackie Wray

Abdel started as a volunteer for the Refugee Council whilst still at university and worked as an interpreter. After graduating from Sheffield Hallam University with a PhD in Industrial and Engineering Management, he joined the Refugee Council as an Independent Living Adviser. He liked it so much that he stayed on and was promoted, ending up as a Senior Resettlement Worker.

In his new role as Manager for the Barnsley Refugee Advice Project he now supports asylum seekers as well as refugees and migrants. This means helping people who first arrive in Barnsley and are waiting for their application for asylum to be approved, then supporting those that are granted settled status to become part of the community. Being involved in the whole journey is something Abdel finds particularly interesting about his new role.

Abdel is also responsible for overseeing the Refugee Council's community development work in Barnsley. This involves developing partnerships and working with other organisations to ensure that Barnsley is able to deliver services to asylum seekers and refugees as needed.

As Abdel explains, "The main thing is to get to know the existing charities and organisations working in the same field so that we can widen our support offer together. Everyone is doing their best so by joining up services and enabling better co-ordination we can help everyone's activities and resources to go further and have a bigger impact."

Abdel has already been impressed with how passionate and enthused people are within the different organisations that he has met with so far: "The level of collaboration that currently exists is very encouraging. I would like to say a big thank you to the team, including our brilliant volunteers, in the Barnsley Refugee Advice Project and also to the organisations in Barnsley which I have met for making me feel so welcome. I already feel supported ready to address any challenges that lie ahead."

## Refugee, Migrant & Asylum Seeker Women's Group

Come along to our women's group to meet new people,  
get help & advice, take part in activities. Children welcome too.

Every Wednesday 10:00am - 12:00pm  
Hope House Café, 2 Blucher Street, Barnsley S70 1AP

To join, please contact Abdel Mohamed from the Refugee Council  
Mobile: 07917 135843  
or email [abdel.mohamed@RefugeeCouncil.org.uk](mailto:abdel.mohamed@RefugeeCouncil.org.uk)



## Refugee, Migrant & Asylum Seeker Men's Group

A group that is restarting for men to meet,  
socialise, get help & advice

Every Tuesday 12:30pm - 1:30pm  
The Quakers Building, 2a Western Street, Barnsley S70 2BP

To join, please contact Abdel Mohamed from the Refugee Council  
Mobile: 07917 135843  
or email [abdel.mohamed@RefugeeCouncil.org.uk](mailto:abdel.mohamed@RefugeeCouncil.org.uk)



## Vigil of Remembrance Locke Park Tower

Friday 24th November at 6pm



Two years ago,  
24th November 2021  
saw the worst drowning  
disaster in the Channel  
of at least 27 refugees  
trying to find a safe place.

We will remember those  
who died in this awful tragedy

Meet in the Car Park,  
Keresforth Hall Rd at 5.45pm

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## Olympic Dazzle for Recycled Bikes



Triple Olympic Gold medallist, Ed Clancy OBE, returned to his roots in Barnsley in August to present a very special bicycle to 10-year-old Amina, a young refugee now living in Barnsley.

The bicycle was the 100th to be refurbished through a community-based scheme to recycle used bikes for refugees. Affordable transport is a key issue for refugees so the gift of a bike can make a huge difference, helping to open new opportunities and make life more manageable.

Ed Clancy, who is also the Active Travel Commissioner for South Yorkshire, said, "I was born here in Barnsley and my first love was riding bikes. For me, back then, before it was a vehicle for success, cycling was about getting out and about, seeing my friends – it was about freedom, independence, and choice – so I'm very proud to be here today to give out this special 100th recycled bike to another young person in Barnsley."

Amina planned to use the bike to go to school. Three other refurbished bikes were presented to 30-year-old student Tamru, and two children, brother and sister 13-year-old Ibrahim and 11-year-old Kaddi. Tamru, who escaped from Eritrea, was about to start studies at Barnsley College and hoped his new set of wheels would help him get to college. He is aiming for a job in the Health Service as a Nurse or Medical Lab Technician.

The life-changing bike scheme is led by local volunteer Alex Simon, a keen cyclist in his spare time with a talent for bike repairs. For each bike, Alex does an assessment and repairs anything that needs improving – usually just brake adjustments and puncture repairs. Other volunteers then transport the refurbished bikes to the Refugee Council in Barnsley, which acts as a co-ordinator, matching bikes to requests from refugees.

It all started when Alex attended a meeting of a local refugee and asylum seeker support group based in Penistone, where someone reported that a refugee had requested a bike. Alex responded and refurbished his own spare bike. Other requests from refugees quickly followed and soon, what had started as a one-off act of kindness became an organised scheme, supported by the Penistone Refugee



From left to right...  
Alex Simon, Kaddi, Ibrahim, Amina, Tamru & Ed Clancy OBE

and Asylum Seeker Support Group, the Barnsley Borough City of Sanctuary and the Refugee Council, as well as cycle organisations like Sustrans.

Alex said, "The generosity and kindness of people in Barnsley has been absolutely amazing, to the point where we've been able to recycle over a hundred bikes and we're now starting to organise bike rides for people to meet up. Today is a fantastic milestone and I'd like to thank everyone who's donated and helped us get to this point."

Do you have a bike that you or your child no longer use?  
Why not donate it to a good cause! Contact [penistonebikedonations@outlook.com](mailto:penistonebikedonations@outlook.com)

# Out & About!

A breath of fresh air out in the countryside or by the sea can make a world of difference to asylum seekers and refugees. It gives them a chance to get to know their new environment better and to relax, away from daily struggles. The Penistone Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Group has helped to organise some trips, along with enthusiastic cyclist Alex Simon.



## Yorkshire Sculpture Park

### Cleethorpes

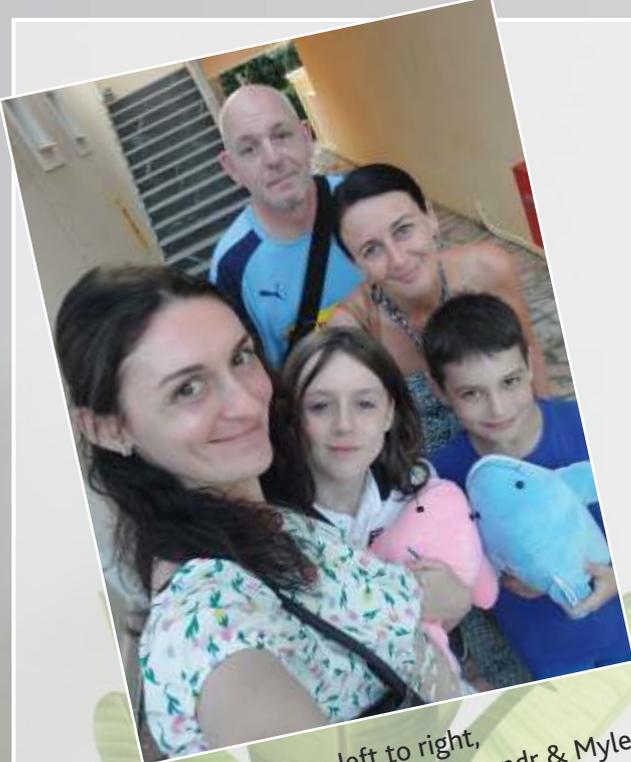
### Bike Ride on the Trans Pennine Trail



## Second Time Hosts!

It's not often that a family is courageous enough to open up their home to refugees from a war-torn country, but one Barnsley family has done this not just once, but twice!

Rosanne, Ged and son Myles live in Elsecar and last year hosted Olga, Dmytro and their son Ilya, who fled from Mariupol in Ukraine. They helped their Ukrainian guests to recover and settle to the point where they felt able to move into their own place nearby and both families remain good friends, staying in regular contact. Now Rosanne and Ged have offered sanctuary to single mum Karyna and her nine-year-old son Oleksandr, who came over to the UK from Kyiv in August of this year.



Clockwise from left to right, Karyna, Ged, Rosanne, Oleksandr & Myles

Karyna worked as a store manager in a big pet store in Kyiv, similar to Pets at Home. Her brother is on the frontline in the war and her parents live a long way from Kiev, so she was very much on her own. She needed to work long hours which meant that sometimes Oleksandr had to stay at home alone, which was very hard – especially when the rockets and the drones were flying overhead and there were blackouts. She realised that she needed to do something because Oleksandr was very stressed all the time, and this was affecting him at school. His school recommended a psychologist, but it didn't work. Karyna explains, "For a long time I didn't want to leave Ukraine, I hoped the war would finish, but as time went on, I saw that my son was very stressed, and I was stressed too, crying all the time. Then I found Rosanne!"

Having decided to sponsor a family again, Rosanne was looking online. She uploaded a request to Opora (<https://opora.uk/>) a website that helps Ukrainians relocate to the UK, and immediately got 70 requests. Rosanne considered every request carefully:

"Most of the people who were contacting me would not have fitted into our family, and for me to sponsor again for a second time it had to be the right people. I found listening to and sharing the experiences of those who approached me quite draining and upsetting. It was affecting my health, so after a week I decided to step back for a few days. Just as I was stepping away from the computer, a message popped up. I wasn't going to respond to anyone else, but when I saw Karyna's message I had to respond. Then we messaged every day for a week and got to know each other.

"I felt Karyna was very honest and open with me about her life and I did the same about who we are as individuals and as a family. We shared photos and videos. At the end of the week we took a decision as a family to sponsor Karyna and Oleksandr. At first, when I offered them a home, Karyna didn't respond and I thought something was up! It was because she was so overcome with emotion."

It still took three months before Karyna and Oleksandr could leave Ukraine because they were waiting on Visas from the UK. Rosanne had to contact her MP several times. Rosanne says, "When I heard that they'd got their Visas, I was jumping up and down with excitement like a child. I ran straight down to the MP's office to let them know and we all had a big hug."

Karyna and Oleksandr had to travel to Poland initially and then fly to Leeds Bradford airport. They had to sleep in the train station in Poland overnight and it was very frightening. When they arrived, they were exhausted and slept for much of the next day.

Karyna is now enrolled at Barnsley College on an ESOL course and is hoping to start on a Digital Marketing course starting in January.

"In England, Pets at Home is very similar to where I worked in Kyiv as a Manager. Maybe I could get a job there, but I need English and that's what I'm learning now. I'm here only two months and I understand people and I can ask people questions. Rosanne speaks to me all the time and now when we speak, we don't use Google Translate, except for written work."

A month after arriving, Karyna and Oleksandr were treated to a holiday in Greece with Rosanne, husband Ged and son Myles, which was a real tonic.

Nine-year-old Oleksandr is going to the local school. Although he started with no English, he picked it up quickly and can already understand lessons. He has settled in well and has made new friends. He likes school and is much more relaxed.

Both Karyna and Oleksandr have been given bikes. Oleksandr's bike needed a lot of work and the bike recycling scheme for asylum seekers and refugees run by Alex Simon in Penistone was able to help.

Karyna really appreciates the Barnsley welcome they have been given: "I like Barnsley and people in Barnsley. I don't always understand the accent, but I'm getting there. Here everyone is wonderful, beautiful. At my college, people are very nice. I'm feeling free, I'm OK, I'm having a normal life. I'm going to the gym, my son is going to school and karate lessons, I'm learning and he's learning. I'm not stressed any more. I like walking by the canal and in the woods with Rosanne. In Kyiv I was working all the time so I didn't see any of it. I feel good here."

Importantly, Karyna is now a lover of Yorkshire tea. Rosanne explains: "I'd bigged up Yorkshire tea, and Karyna was trying tea before she came over, but she didn't like it. I promised it would be different when we drank Yorkshire tea here, and it is. She loves a cuppa now."



## New Home for Educating Learning Support Hub (ELSH)

***At ELSH, our mission is to provide a positive, safe and stimulating environment for young parents and young people, predominantly asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants not engaged in education, employment or training. To enjoy their learning, achieve their potential, and successfully integrate, becoming independent and part of the local community.***

***We provide free Entry 1, 2 and 3 ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) in addition to basic Maths and IT skills. We also provide access to valuable resources for the local refugee and migrant community.***

***We have moved recently. You can now find us at:  
8-10 Market Street, Barnsley S70 1SL***

**Tel: 01226 643249**

Website

[www.elshub.org.uk](http://www.elshub.org.uk)

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[info@elshub.org.uk](mailto:info@elshub.org.uk)

Facebook

[www.facebook.com/elsheducational](http://www.facebook.com/elsheducational)

Instagram

[www.instagram.com/ELSHbarnsley/](http://www.instagram.com/ELSHbarnsley/)



# TESCO WINTER COLLECTION

This Winter will be difficult for many. We are holding an event at Tesco Stairfoot, Hoyland and Penistone from Thursday 30th November - Saturday 2nd December to collect food donations for our emergency food parcels.



For more information or to book a volunteering slot, contact:  
01226 593782 or  
[volunteer@barnsley.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@barnsley.foodbank.org.uk)





# Celebrating the Diversity of Yorkshire

A report from Steve Ruffle of the Barnsley Borough City of Sanctuary Group.

Yorkshire Integration Festival, held on the last Saturday of September 2023 at the Peace Gardens in Sheffield, was an enormous success with music, theatre, food, crafts and much more.

This family-friendly event was a celebration of the positive impact made by migrants and refugees in Yorkshire and Humber, showcasing the diverse range of cultures and customs that make our region a special place to live.

It was a busy day with the general public, asylum seekers and refugees from all over Yorkshire attending. There were two performance stages with a variety of music, children's activities, crafts and stalls to browse.

I particularly enjoyed the Hong Kong style Cantonese stall where they translated my first name for me into Cantonese and helped me to practise speaking my Cantonese name, writing it down so I wouldn't forget (which unfortunately I immediately did!).



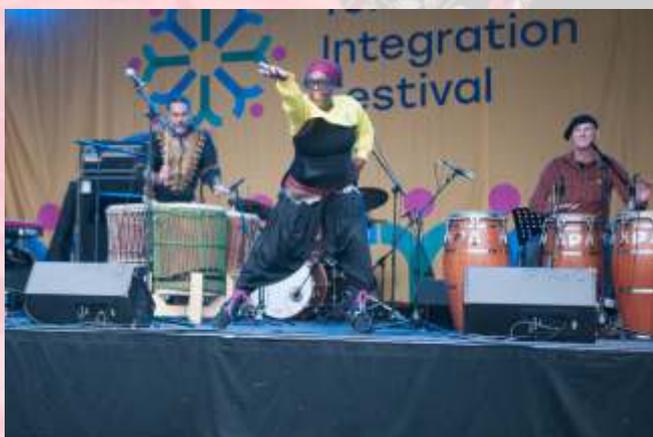
The music was a highlight, with something for everyone. This included UNITE the Union Brass Band, a Roma group, various choirs and a steel band on the main stage, plus acoustic acts in the Winter Gardens, with musicians playing folk music or visitors reading poetry from around the world.

The hard-hitting photographic display about the plight of Afghan interpreters in the Winter Gardens made me realise the importance of celebrating being together and supporting one another.

This free event was very well organised by Migration Yorkshire and supported by many community and voluntary organisations, including Sheffield City of Sanctuary. I look forward to attending the next Yorkshire Integration Festival in another local town or city next year. Maybe Barnsley could host this wonderful event in the future.

Thanks to Tim Dennell for the photos.

<https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjAX2ZU>





## My Barnsley Too

A Forum for Disability Equality



My Barnsley Too is Barnsley's Disability Equality Forum for disabled people, their loved ones and supporters. We engage with the people who can make change happen. This year the group have consulted with BMBC about different ways to make access to Council services more accessible.

We have also attended the 'Be Heard' conference in Doncaster to learn about self-advocacy with discussion, theatre, well-being, and craft workshops.

All are welcome! To become a member email:

[mbt@cloverleaf-advocacy.co.uk](mailto:mbt@cloverleaf-advocacy.co.uk)

Picture: Be Heard Conference



Thursday's Voice is a self-advocacy group for adults living with a learning disability, autism or both, which meets every week from 10.30am to 12.30pm on Thursday, at Barnsley Civic in the Town Centre.

Group members make the decisions at Thursday's Voice.



Picture: Coronation Crown Crafting

Picture: Coronation Coffee Morning



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Over the last few months, members have consulted with the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) about signage at their sites to make them more accessible, and with Barnsley Hospital about easy-to-read hospital appointment letters. They have had fun crafting crowns for a coffee morning and been involved with a photography project resulting in photos of the group being displayed in Barnsley Civic.

Come along and have your say.  
You can get involved or just meet new friends.

*All are welcome!*

To join the group email:  
[anthony.carr@cloverleaf-advocacy.co.uk](mailto:anthony.carr@cloverleaf-advocacy.co.uk)

Picture: Photography Project



## What is Self-Advocacy?

Self-advocacy is when you speak up for yourself and your interests. Peer advocacy is when people with similar experiences work together to support each other. At Cloverleaf Advocacy, we specialise in helping people to develop their self-advocacy and peer advocacy skills. If you would like more information, please get in touch.

Email: [anthony.carr@cloverleaf-advocacy.co.uk](mailto:anthony.carr@cloverleaf-advocacy.co.uk)



Cloverleaf Advocacy is an independent charity working in Barnsley.

All our services are free and confidential for those who need us.

For details of all our services in Barnsley which also include Barnsley Safe Places and Barnsley Carers, check out:

<https://cloverleaf-advocacy.co.uk/areas/barnsley>

# Free Support to Learn or Improve Digital Skills

Find out more here:

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/adult-skills-and-community-learning/it-and-digital-skills/>

At Barnsley Council's Adult Skills and Community Services Team, we offer a range of IT and digital skills courses catering for complete beginners through to learners looking to study for a level 2 qualification. There is plenty to choose from and you can develop the skills that you need for life, work or further study.

The national digital entitlement funds adults aged 19+ with no or low digital skills to take a qualification called Essential Digital Skills (EDS). In this course you can learn how to use devices like tablets, smartphones and laptops and how to perform everyday tasks, such as:

- browsing the internet
- sending an email
- using video calls to keep in touch with family and friends
- making online payments confidently
- knowing how to stay safe online

If you're unsure if the Essential Digital Skills course is right for you, our 'Getting started with digital skills' course will help you to make the choice. This course is also free.

It is estimated that one in five adults lack the basic digital skills they need for everyday life and work.

Let us help you to improve your digital skills!  
Choose from one of the following courses:

- Getting started with digital skills
- Essential Digital Skills for work and life – Level 1
- Essential Digital Skills for work and life – Entry 3
- Setting up Office 365
- Developing your digital skills
- Confident communications for work
- Digital and IT skills - Level 1
- Digital and IT skills - Level 2
- Award in cyber security - Level 1
- Digital skills for the workplace





## **Multi-Agency Drop-in for Barnsley's Migrant Communities**

For information, support and advice on: migration, housing, work and benefits, health and wellbeing, education, volunteering, social activities, community groups, safety, children and youth services, Barnsley information, council services and more.

Agencies regularly represented include: Refugee Council, Barnsley Refugee Integration Service, Barnsley College, Health Integration Team, ELSH, Berneslai Homes, IDAS, Migrant Action, Live Well, Feels Like Home, South Yorkshire Police, Polska Biblioteka, Digital Champions, Barnsley CVS, Family Lives, and Barnsley Libraries.

**Every Wednesday**

**12:30pm - 2:30pm**

**at**

**Hope House**

**Blucher Street**

**Barnsley S70 1AP**

**FREE Hairdressing  
Drinks & Snacks  
Foodbank Referrals  
Children's Activities**

*Everyone  
Welcome!*

# What does it mean to be the Prevent Lead for Barnsley?

Hello, my name is Andy Barnaby and I am the Prevent Lead at Barnsley Council.

Prevent is one of the four strands of the UK Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy known as CONTEST (see below) and its main aim is to stop people being drawn into or supporting terrorism.

My role at Barnsley Council is to ensure that the Prevent agenda is delivered across Barnsley and that our legal duties are met. I work with many organisations across Barnsley, including education and healthcare providers, South Yorkshire Police and Barnsley CVS, to raise awareness of Prevent and when and how to make a Prevent Referral if you have any concerns regarding an individual being drawn into terrorism, supporting terrorism, or showing extremist behaviour which could lead them into terrorism.

I provide training to many organisations across Barnsley or direct them to online resources and training to help them better understand Prevent and the reasons behind the programme. I also work closely with our Migration and Asylum Lead at Barnsley Council.

If you wish to get in contact with any queries or questions relating to Prevent, please email me: [prevent@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:prevent@barnsley.gov.uk)

Find out more about Barnsley Council's Prevent and Channel activities: <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/community-safety-and-crime/prevent-and-channel/>

Find out more about CONTEST: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counter-terrorism-strategy-contest-2023>



South Yorkshire  
Refugee Law and  
Justice



We give one-off immigration legal advice monthly at the City of Sanctuary drop-in at Victoria Hall, Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JB.

Sessions are every third Wednesday of the month from 1:30pm - 4:00pm.

Please note:  
doors close at 3:30pm

South Yorkshire Refugee Law and Justice is a small charity based in the Sanctuary in Sheffield but providing free legal advice for people across South Yorkshire. We work with people who have been through the asylum system once and need help making further submissions to the Home Office. Our focus is on those who are destitute and need this help both to access Home Office accommodation and, hopefully, to help them obtain immigration status.

We provide full representation to anyone who becomes our client, ensuring that people understand all of the processes and are assisted in whatever way they need to make further representations. We accept referrals to our [info@syrjlj.org.uk](mailto:info@syrjlj.org.uk) email address. We can pay travel expenses for any of our clients in South Yorkshire to attend our office. We also provide professional independent interpreters at our appointments for those who need them.

For more information, visit: [www.syrjlj.org.uk](http://www.syrjlj.org.uk)



## Barnsley Refugee Integration Service

BRIS is a small team offering individual support to new refugees aged 16 and above in Barnsley. The support helps individuals to settle into the community, as well as to access services such as housing and benefits. The BRIS service is run by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council in partnership with Migration Yorkshire.

People can access the BRIS service if they have received a positive asylum decision within the past two years through a variety of routes: refugee status; humanitarian protection; family reunion; discretionary leave of over 30 months or unaccompanied asylum-seeking children with leave to remain.

BRIS works with each individual to devise a six-month plan that's right for them. Individuals will have access to:

- A named support worker
- Housing advice
- Benefits advice
- Support to apply for a bank account
- Support with job-seeking
- Opportunities to engage with the local community
- Access to health, training, education and ESOL
- A range of other tailored support

How to refer someone to the Barnsley Refugee Integration Service:

Phone: 01226 787602

Mobile: 07775 033 443, 07795 389 596

Email: [adviceservices@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:adviceservices@barnsley.gov.uk)

Address details:

PO Box 634 Barnsley S70 9GG

# USEFUL CONTACTS

## Adult Learning Services

Floor 2, Wellington House, Market St, Barnsley, S70 1WA

Tel: 01226 775270/775271

Email: [adultlearning@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:adultlearning@barnsley.gov.uk)

Website: [www.barnsley.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/adultlearning)

## Barnsley Borough City of Sanctuary

Email: [secretary.bbcos@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.bbcos@gmail.com)

Website: <https://barnsley.cityofsanctuary.org>

## Barnsley Foodbank Partnership

Unit 14 Aldham Industrial Estate, Wombwell, Barnsley, S73 8HA

Tel: 01226 235280

Email: [manager@barnsley.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:manager@barnsley.foodbank.org.uk)

Website: <https://barnsley.foodbank.org.uk>

## Barnsley Health Integration Team

170a Sheffield Road, Barnsley S70 4NW

Tel: 01226 731686

## Barnsley Refugee Integration Service (BRIS)

Tel: 01226 787602

Mobile: 07775 033443, 07795 389596

Email: [adviceservices@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:adviceservices@barnsley.gov.uk)

## Citizens Advice Barnsley

Guidance and advice on debt, employment, housing, benefits, tax credits and immigration issues

1 Wellington House, 36 Wellington Street, Barnsley S70 1WA

Call: Freephone 0800 144 88 48

Website: <https://barnsleycab.org.uk/>

## Education Learning Support Hub (ELSH)

Providing learning to help adults not in education, employment or training, asylum seekers, refugees and migrants.

8 - 10 Market Street, Barnsley S70 1SL

Tel: 01226 249494

Website: [www.elshub.org.uk](http://www.elshub.org.uk)

## Emergencies – Health

If you think you have a life-threatening illness or injury, phone 999 and ask for an ambulance.

In a non-emergency, phone 111.

## Emergencies – Crime

For emergencies, phone 999 and ask for the Police.

In a non-emergency, phone 101.

# USEFUL CONTACTS CONTINUED

## Feels Like Home

An opportunity to practise English with friends and discover Barnsley and the UK  
Barnsley Museums Learning Lab, Town Hall, S70 2TA

Call/text: Joanna: 07873 655035

Email: [feelslikehome@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:feelslikehome@barnsley.gov.uk)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Feels-Like-Home-100877908934396](https://www.facebook.com/Feels-Like-Home-100877908934396)

## Hate Crime

To report hate crimes, call: 101 or 999 in an emergency

If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired  
you can textphone 18001 101 or SMS 07786 220 022.

Visit: [southyorks.police.uk/hatehurts](https://southyorks.police.uk/hatehurts)

## IDAS

For those experiencing or affected by domestic violence or sexual abuse.

Tel: 03000 110 110

Email: [info@idas.org.uk](mailto:info@idas.org.uk) Website: [www.idas.org.uk](http://www.idas.org.uk)

## Live Well Barnsley

For information on health care and support services, Visit: [www.livewellbarnsley.co.uk](http://www.livewellbarnsley.co.uk)

## Migrant Help

Help with housing, accommodation, maintenance, ASPEN cards and relocation.

Tel: 08088 010503 - Website: [www.migranthelpuk.org](http://www.migranthelpuk.org)

## Migrant Information Hub for Covid-19 resources

Website: [www.migrantinfohub.org.uk](http://www.migrantinfohub.org.uk)

## Migration Partnership Barnsley

A collaboration of Migrant Action, Feels Like Home, The Polish Library and ELSH to support collaborative service delivery and better access to holistic service provision.

Email: [migrationpartnershipbarnsley@gmail.com](mailto:migrationpartnershipbarnsley@gmail.com)

Website: <https://migrantaction.org.uk/the-migration-partnership-barnsley-mpb/>

## Refugee Council

Address: Wellington House, 36 Wellington St. Barnsley S70 1WA (open Monday - Thursday 10am-2pm)  
The Advice Workers can be contacted on 01226 320111 or 07917 135843

## Refugee, Migrant & Asylum Seeker Men's Group

Meets at: The Quaker Building, 2a Western Street, Barnsley S70 2BP

Every Tuesday 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Call Abdel: 07917 135843

## Refugee, Migrant & Asylum Seeker Women's Group

Meets at: Hope House Community Café, 2 Blucher Street, Barnsley S70 1AP

Every Wednesday 10am – 12pm

Call Abdel: 07917 135843

# MAKE IT BRIGHT IN BARNSELEY

FREE family-friendly event  
in Barnsley town centre on  
24-25 November 2023

On Fri 24 Nov, we'll switch on the Christmas lights in style, with The Glass Works Square bathed in a sea of light, colour and sound. Enjoy the stunning multi-media show and then explore the town centre and discover interactive installations at Barnsley Civic, Barnsley College, the Cooper Gallery gardens, Alhambra Shopping Centre, and St. Mary's Church.

On Sat 25 Nov, join the Barnsley Bright Nights parade. The illuminated parade will feature hand-crafted lanterns and puppets, as well as street artist performers and dancers.

[www.barnsley.gov.uk/events](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/events)



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