

NEWSLETTER

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Barnsley
City of Sanctuary

City of Sanctuary is a national organisation of support groups throughout the UK making their cities, towns, schools and organisations places of welcome and hospitality for people seeking safety from persecution and war. If you would like to volunteer with BCofS please email secretary.bbcos@gmail.com

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Who is Who?

Refugee

A refugee is a person, who owing to fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is seeking a place of safety outside their country of origin. In the UK a person is officially recognised as a refugee when they have their claim for asylum accepted by the Government.

Asylum Seeker

An asylum seeker is a person who has left their country of origin and formally applied for asylum in another country but whose application has not yet been concluded. A refused asylum seeker is a person whose application has been unsuccessful and who has no other claim for protection awaiting a decision.

Economic Migrant

An economic migrant is someone who has moved to another country to work.
Refugees are not economic migrants.

The Refugee Council - We are still here to help!

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. The Barnsley Refugee Council has funding to work in Barnsley, offering support to Asylum Seekers and Refugees living in the town, for the next five years.

The aim of the Barnsley Project are...

Making Barnsley more Refugee friendly.

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

Training for organisations that provide front-line service to refugees and asylum seekers living in Barnsley

Community development; enabling organisations to deliver services that meet the needs of refugees and asylum seekers living in Barnsley.

The Barnsley Refugee Council
office is located at:

23 Queens Road, S71 1AN
01226 320111

The office is open

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

Christina Grant

Project Manager & Community Development Worker
Email: Christina.Grant@RefugeeCouncil.org.uk
Mobile: 07917 135843

Jackie Wray

Asylum Advisor
Email: jackie.wray@RefugeeCouncil.org.uk

Khaled Alayoubi

Integration Officer
Email: khaled.alayoubi@RefugeeCouncil.org.uk
Office Number: 01226 320111



Barnsley

WORRIED ABOUT YOUR ENERGY BILLS?

Energy Advice Appointments

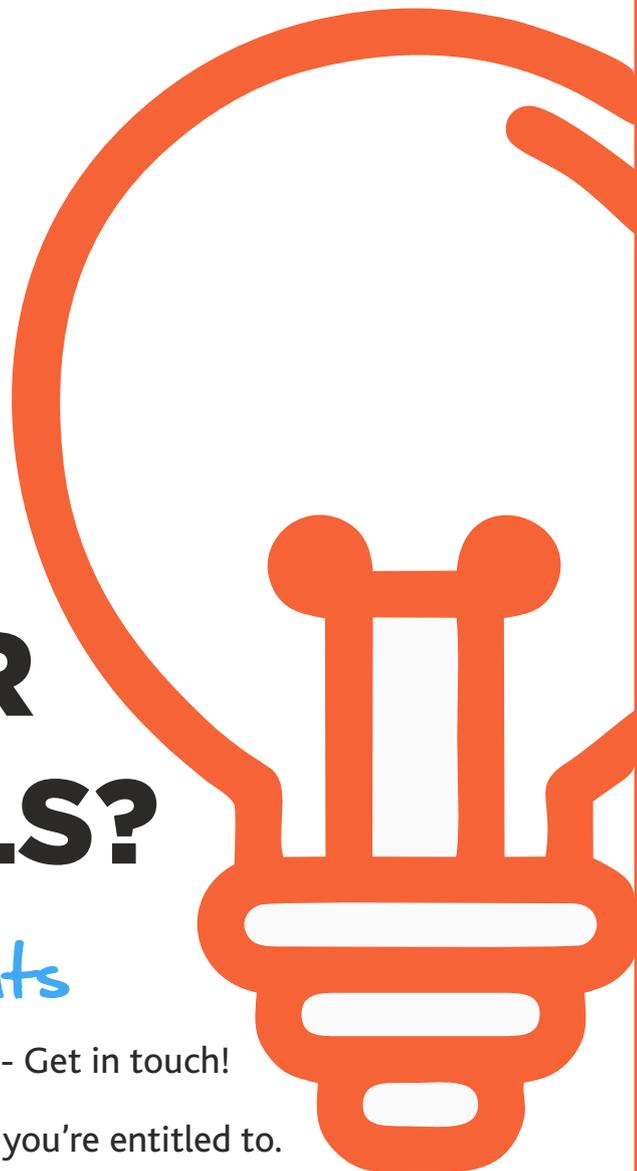
If you can't afford to pay for your gas or electricity - Get in touch!

We'll check that you're getting all the support that you're entitled to.
We can provide help with:

- Contacting energy suppliers
- Ways to save money on your bills
- Accessing the Priority Service Register
- Checking eligibility for Warm Home Discount
- Information on smart meters
- Benefit checks
- Carbon monoxide awareness
- Claiming a FREE carbon monoxide detector

To book a one-to-one appointment, please leave a message on our online contact form:
<https://barnsleycab.org.uk/contact-us>

To help us identify your query, please add the word **ENERGY** to the top of your message if you'd like a full energy appointment, or the words **CARBON MONOXIDE** if you only need the carbon monoxide awareness information.



Your voice counts

Help us to make health and social care services work better for you and your family

Healthwatch Barnsley, listen to your views on treatment and care you've received from local NHS services. We then share your feedback with the service providers and use our influence to make sure that change happens.

By speaking up, services can be improved, or services can be commended for working well. It helps to ensure that good practice is maintained and reflects the needs of Barnsley.

Share your experience with us

www.healthwatchbarnsley.org.uk

01226 320106

healthwatch
Barnsley



Accessing Foodbanks in Barnsley



Want to donate to the Barnsley Foodbank?

Barnsley Foodbank is based in Wombwell and has numerous donation drop-off points, including the local Tesco and Coop stores.

Donations can also be brought to Foodbank Hub, Unit 14, Aldham Industrial Estate, Wombwell, Barnsley S73 8HA.

Please donate! Donations are urgently needed as there has been a substantial drop off in recent weeks.

Need help from a Foodbank?

If you or someone you know needs help from a foodbank, there are a few simple steps to follow. The most important step is to get a foodbank voucher from an approved local agency. Vouchers can be obtained from:

- Citizens Advice
- Barnsley Family Service
- Local Schools
- Credit Union
- Housing Association
- Children's Centres
- Health Visitors
- GP Surgeries
- Housing Support Officers
- Family Services
- Local Charities
- Barnsley Social Services

Everybody who goes to a Foodbank for emergency food needs a Voucher!



Here are the current opening times and locations for Foodbanks in Barnsley

Athersley

Roundhouse Lifelong Learning Centre,
Laithe Crescent, Athersley, Barnsley, S71 3AE

Tuesday 1.00pm – 2.00pm

Barnsley town centre

Hope House Café, 2 Blucher St,
Barnsley, S70 1AP

Wednesday 10.00am – 12.00pm

Barnsley town centre

St George's Church, York Street,
Barnsley, S70 1BD

Thursday 12.00pm – 2.00pm

Birdwell

Birdwell Methodist Church, Sheffield Road,
Birdwell, Barnsley, S70 5XB

Thursday 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Darfield

Wesley Methodist Church,
Barnsley Road, Darfield, S73 9PB

Tuesday 9.30am – 11.30am

Goldthorpe

Salvation Army Community Centre,
Straight Lane, Goldthorpe, S63 9DW

Monday 10.15am – 11.30am

Friday 10.00am – 1.00pm

Great Houghton

Welfare Hall, Rotherham Road,
Great Houghton, S72 0EG

Thursday 10.30am – 12.00pm

Grimethorpe

Community Farm, Milefield Primary School,
Milefield Lane, Grimethorpe, S72 7BH

Wednesday 10.30am – 12.00pm

Mapplewell

Staincross Methodist Church, Blacker Road,
Mapplewell, Barnsley, S75 6BP

Thursday 11.00am – 12.30pm

Penistone

St Andrew's Church, 45 High Street,
Penistone, S36 6BS

Tuesday 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Royston

Salvation Army, Midland Rd,
Royston, Barnsley, S71 4QJ

Friday 10.30am – 12.30pm

Wombwell

St Mary's Church, Church Street,
Wombwell, Barnsley, S73 0DQ

Monday 09.45am – 11.30am

Worsbrough

Elim Church, Warren Quarry Lane,
Worsbrough, Barnsley, S70 4LX

Monday 11.00am – 1.00pm

Friday 11.00am – 1.00pm

For more information about accessing or donating to the Barnsley Foodbank:

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

Tel: 01226 235280





Good Food Barnsley is a broad coalition between the private, public and third sectors working towards a shared vision of building a better Barnsley where everyone has the right to the food they need to thrive. It builds on existing initiatives like Barnsley Healthy Holidays which has delivered thousands of nutritious meals to children in the school holidays.

Aims are to:

- Promote healthy and sustainable food to the public
- Tackle food insecurity and diet related ill health
- Build community food knowledge, skills and resources
- Promote a diverse and vibrant food economy
- Transform catering and food procurement
- Reduce waste and the ecological footprint of the food system



Good Food Barnsley both supports existing projects and develops new ones. For more information, visit:

www.goodfoodbarnsley.org

Launch of **Penistone Food Buddies**

A new foodbank for people in Penistone and surrounding areas is launching on 31st October. The organisers, local residents Julie Rhodes and Mark Attard, are looking for support from any people who can help. Anyone in the local area who is struggling to put food on the table will be welcome to visit the foodbank when it opens, and there are already plans to expand.

Food will be available on Fridays from 12.00 noon.

To get involved or donate food,
please email penistonefoodbuddies@gmail.com



#LoveToLearn with Adult Skills and Community Learning

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Good
Provider



ADULT
= SKILLS =
COMMUNITY
LEARNING
~ BARNSELY ~

Whatever education you've had before,
let us find a course that's right for you.

Centres are at:
Athersley
Barnsley
Cudworth
Grimethorpe
Penistone
Royston

Adult Skills and Community Learning is based in Barnsley town centre, just a few minutes' walk from the transport interchange. Our courses are for people aged 19 and over who want to improve their confidence, self-esteem, wellbeing and employability.

If English is not your first language, our specialist ESOL for Work courses will widen your skills when applying for jobs.

Not sure what you want or where to start?

Our friendly advisors will be able to give you advice and guidance about the best route into learning for you. Once you make an enquiry you will be given a time slot with a member of staff who will be able to support you through each step of the journey into learning with us.

Tel: 01226 775270

Email: adultlearning@barnsley.gov.uk

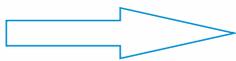
www.barnsley.gov.uk/adultlearning

Barnsley Conversation Groups

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Lightbox Library 10:00- 11:30	ELSH 10:00- 12:00	Women's Group 10:00 - 12:00	ELSH 10:00- 12:00	
PM		Men's Group 12:00 - 2:00	Drop-in 12:30 - 2:30 ----- HARP 12:30 - 2:30	BRAP 12:30 - 2:00	
Eve			Feels Like Home 4:30 - 6:30		



Contact Details



Feels Like Home

Learning Lab
Town Hall, S70 2TA
Joanna: 07873 655035

Women's Group

Hope House
Blucher Street, S70 1AP
Christina: 07917 135843

BRAP

Refugee Council
23 Queen's Road, S71 1AN
Christina: 07917 135843

Lightbox Library

The Glass Works
S70 1GW

Men's Group

Refugee Council
23 Queen's Road, S71 1AN
Christina: 07917 135843

Drop-in

Hope House
Blucher Street, S70 1AP
Joanna: 07759 739113

ELSH

5 Warren Quarry Lane
S70 4NF
Florentine: 01226 643249



Through the Eyes of Children



Eight Primary and Secondary Schools in Barnsley participated in the first Art Competition arranged by the City of Sanctuary group in the Borough to coincide with Refugee Week nationally.

Over two hundred pieces of art and poetry were submitted on the theme of Barnsley being a place of welcome to asylum seekers and refugees fleeing persecution and warfare and now living in the Borough. Individual winners and schools won prizes which were presented by the Mayor of Barnsley at a ceremony in the Town Hall.

Many people who saw the brilliant digital montage were moved to tears by the power of the children's work. We know that this will be the first of many such competitions as Barnsley works to encourage schools to become Schools of Sanctuary within the national City of Sanctuary movement.

Come to Barnsley...

Come to Barnsley and you will see,
a vibrant market with smells of the sea.

Come to Barnsley and you will hear,
a ball hit the net and Oakwell cheer.

Come to Barnsley and you can try,
a scrumptious carbonhall allsteak pie.

Come to Barnsley and smell on the air,
Nabs wood pinecones so sweet, so fair.

Come to Barnsley and your feet will touch,
Bager wood mud, you will never see as much.

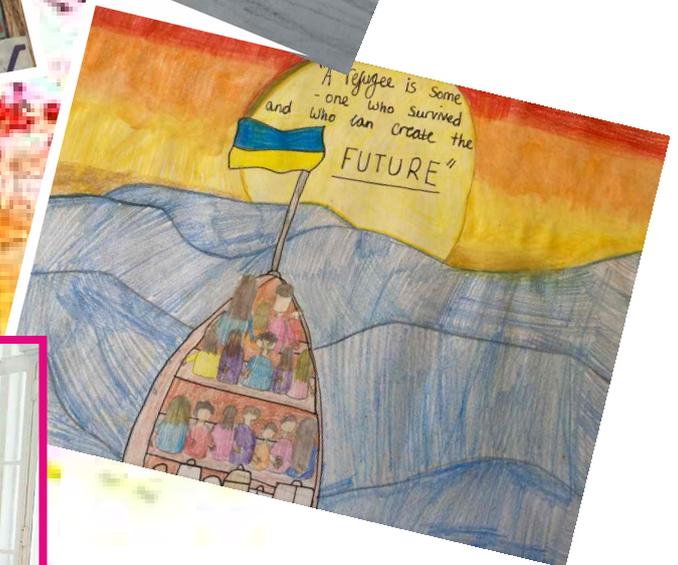
Come to Barnsley and you will feel,
this tam of ows is a real deal.

By Maebel Brackenridge
Age 9.

St John's Primary School, Penistone.

Poem of welcome
written by a child at
St John's Primary School, Penistone.
Maebel Brackenridge, Age 9

Some of the Winning entries from the Art Competition



Presentation of prizes
by Cllr Sarah-Jane Tattersall
Mayor of Barnley

Learn English and Maths at...

**Northern
College**



English and maths are key skills that are required by most employers and higher-level courses. Not everybody finds these subjects easy, and we understand that. That is why we have designed courses based around hobbies and interests that you can take to get you ready for Functional Skills or GCSE.

When you apply, we will work with you to decide which level of course is the best and what to study after. Together we will make sure that English and maths will never be a barrier for you again.

Functional Skills or GCSEs – which one do you need?

So, you need English and maths qualifications for your next step, but you don't know if you need Functional Skills or GCSEs.

Don't worry, we're here to help you decide which is right for you by explaining what each means and the benefits. You may also be able to study for free.

Functional Skills

English and maths Functional Skills focus on skills that you need in everyday life and the ability to problem solve. For example, on the English course you will learn reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. On the Maths course you will learn about the number system, use of common measures, shape and space, and handling information. Benefits include:

- intense courses – usually two days per week over four weeks
- build skills from entry level up to Level 2
- Functional Skills is becoming more recognised by universities for entry to degree courses.

GCSEs

GCSEs are considered the gold standard by Higher Education and some industries. They also provide a more in-depth and academic approach to learning English and maths over a full academic year of study. Benefits include:

- one-year course for if you are looking for more in-depth knowledge
- accepted by all university courses and preferred by certain industries.

We know that your decision will also depend on your circumstances. So, if it isn't clear to you which qualification would be the best, you can contact us on the e-mail address below and one of our Student Support team will be in touch to discuss your options.



Study for free
Functional skills and GCSE qualifications in English and maths are free to anyone who doesn't already have either a grade 4, or a Level 2, in the specific subject. This means, if you're aged 19 or over, the government will fund your English and maths studies until you achieve either of these grades whether you are in work or not.

Residential study – your home from home

Without a doubt the best way to get the most out of your time with us is to stay residentially. This means staying on our campus in purpose-built student accommodation.

Not only will this give you the time and space you need, but it also lets you really get to know your classmates and the college. Students who stay with us will get home cooked meals included, be able to use our Student Hub and explore the National Trust grounds.

The cost of residential study for most people is free. If there is a cost this will vary per course. Our Student Support Team will be able to give you more information when you apply.

Contact : advice@northern.ac.uk now or telephone 01226 776000

Information for Asylum seekers and refugees wanting to access courses at Northern College

Asylum seekers who have been in the UK for at least six months can access short courses (usually two or three days) without charge.

Asylum seekers who have been given leave to remain and will be classed as refugees can access any courses provided that they have all of the documentation proving their migration status. These too would be free of charge.



**Northern
College**



Fight the Anti-Refugee Laws Pledge

PLEDGE

We believe that people seeking protection from war and persecution should be welcomed and that everyone's claim for asylum should be treated equally and fairly.

We believe that the UK should offer sanctuary to those who need it. That's why we're taking a stand against the anti-refugee laws. We pledge to:

- Defend the right to seek safety from war and persecution in the UK
- Speak out against attempts to criminalise and punish those who make their own way to safety
- Challenge the anti-refugee laws which will risk the lives and well-being of people
- Work towards a refugee protection system that treats all people with dignity and compassion.



www.fighttheantirefugeelaws.org

asylum matters

Working in partnership locally and nationally to improve the lives of refugees and people seeking asylum through social and political change.

Mary Brandon

Campaigns Manager for Yorkshire & Humberside

Email: mary@asylummatters.org

Website

www.asylummatters.org

Twitter

@AsylumMatters



Showcasing Skills

Refugee Alina is qualified in
media makeup to Level 3
She is using social media to showcase her skills

Instagram: Alinabeauty094

TikTok: Alinabeauty8

Free Hairdressing Service

One of the members of the Women's Refugee Group
is training in hairdressing and offering FREE ladies' cuts

Every Wednesday 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Hope House Community Café

2 Blucher Street, Barnsley S70 1AP

Barnsley
LiveWell

The quickest and easiest place
to find information about
health, wellbeing, care and
support related services.

www.livewellbarnsley.co.uk



If you are a provider
or organiser of a service
that is not yet on
Live Well Barnsley,
don't worry.

It's easy to be included
on the site and there
is no cost.

Please get in touch:

Tel: 020 8825 6665

Or email either:

livewell@barnsley.gov.uk

or

helpdesk@affinityworks.co.uk



Refugee Integration Barnsley

The Barnsley Refugee Integration Service (BRIS)

Receiving refugee status can provide certainty and safety, but the period of change between being an asylum seeker and a refugee brings its own challenges.

When a person's claim for asylum in the UK has been determined and they are granted leave to remain their Home Office provided accommodation and their weekly allowance will cease 28 days after the date of the decision.

During this period, there is an urgent need to source alternative accommodation and an alternative income.

Who we are

BRIS is a programme of individual support offered to new refugees age 16+, in Barnsley. The support helps individuals to access services such as housing and benefits. The service is run by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council in partnership with Migration Yorkshire

Who can access this service?

People receiving a positive asylum decision within the past two years through: refugee status; humanitarian protection; family reunion; discretionary leave of over 30 months or unaccompanied asylum-seeking children with leave to remain.

What kind of support is on offer?

We work 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

Applying for a bank account

Support with job-seeking

Opportunities to engage with the local community

Access to health, training, education, ESOL

A range of other tailored support

How to refer someone

Contact us to discuss a potential referral.

Phone: 01226 787602

Mobile: 07775033443, 07795389596

Email: adviceservices@barnsley.gov.uk

Are you new to Barnsley?
Do you have health problems?
Do you have problems registering with a GP?
Do you want advice about health?

Contact the Health Integration Team: 01226 731686



Idas is the largest specialist charity in Yorkshire supporting anyone experiencing or affected by domestic abuse or sexual violence.

Our services include refuge accommodation, community based support, peer mentoring, group work and access to free, confidential out of hours helpline.

Contact Lauren Hirst on
03000 110 110
or email: info@idas.org.uk

Sexual violence or abuse can affect any of us.

IDAS is the largest specialist charity in Yorkshire supporting people who have been sexually assaulted or abused. If you have been assaulted or are concerned about someone else, please check out the information on this website for help and guidance.

[Find out more](#)

www.idas.org.uk



SINGLE PARENTS SUPPORT AND ADVICE SERVICES

SPSAS is a charitable company for single parents all over the UK. They aim to combat isolation and loneliness through uniting as a community.

Their first charity shop has opened in Barnsley town centre. If you would like more information please visit:

www.singleparentssupportandadviceervices.co.uk

South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Are you new to Barnsley?

Do you have health problems?
Do you have problems registering with a GP?
Do you want advice about health?

Contact the Health Integration Team
01226 731686

Migrant Help

Are the primary contractors delivering the AIRE contracts (Advice, Issues, Reporting & Eligibility)

All asylum support issues, accommodation, maintenance problems, relocation requests, ASPEN card issues & maternity payments need to be reported to Migrant Help 0808 8010503.

The Migrant information Hub is managed by Migration Yorkshire. 0113 378 8188

The Hub aims to offer useful information and resources to help migrants and those supporting them to stay safe, connected and informed and to reduce the harmful impacts of coronavirus on peoples lives.

The Hub is organised into 3 main sections

1. Multilingual Resources: -Resources on various topics in community languages
2. How to help and support migrants through the disruption, impact and challenges of the Coronavirus.
3. Migrant Sector Support to help professionals and organisation to understand and respond to emerging needs.

Educating Learning Support Hub



Offering Lesson in English as a Second Language

Tel: 01226 643249

www.elshub.org.uk

USEFUL CONTACTS

Adult Learning Services

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

Tel: 01226 775270/775271

Email: adultlearning@barnsley.gov.uk

Website: www.barnsley.gov.uk/adultlearning

Barnsley Borough City of Sanctuary

Email: 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

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

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.

5 Warren Quarry Lane, Barnsley S70 4NF

Tel: 01226 643249

Website: 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

Facebook: 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

IDAS

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

Tel: 03000 110 110

Email: info@idas.org.uk Website: www.idas.org.uk

Live Well Barnsley

For information on health care and support services, Visit: www.livewellbarnsley.co.uk

Migrant Help

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

Tel: 08088 010503 - Website: www.migranthelpuk.org

Migrant Information Hub for Covid-19 resources

Website: 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

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

Refugee Council

Address: 23 Queen's Road, Barnsley S71 1AN (open Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 10am -5pm)

The Advice Workers can be contacted on 01226 320111 or 07917 135843

Refugee, Migrant & Asylum Seeker Men's Group

Meets at: Refugee Council, BCVS Building, 23 Queens Road, Barnsley S71 1AN

Every Tuesday 12pm – 2pm

Call Christina: 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 Christina: 07917 135843

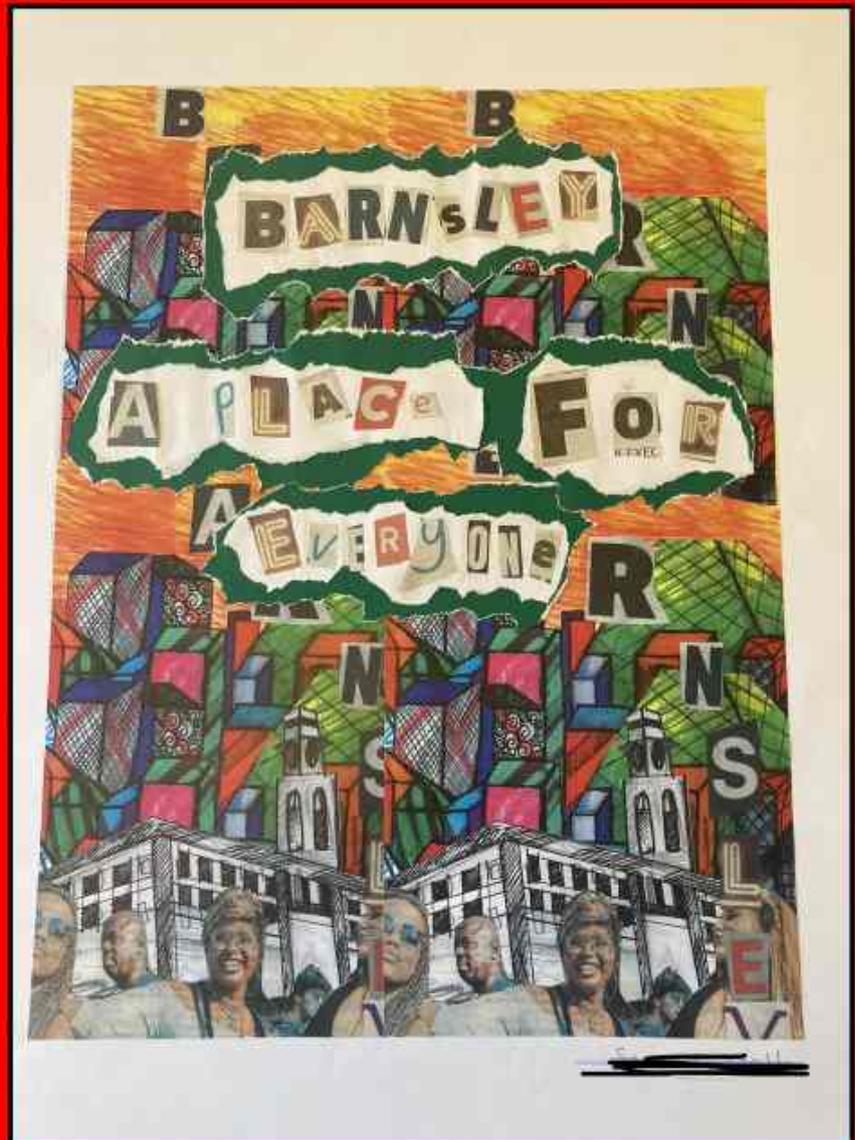
Barnsley Welcomes Refugees Conference

Saturday 19th
November
2022

11am-3.00pm
(doors open 10.30am)

Barnsley Civic
(Hanson St, Barnsley S70 2HZ)

- ⇒ *Talks*
- ⇒ *Workshops*
- ⇒ *Stalls*
- ⇒ *Activities*
- ⇒ *Free Food*



Free Event. All welcome.

For more details phone
07985028003 or email
barnsleysutr@gmail.com



SUPPORTING AND
EMPOWERING
REFUGEES





Barnsley
City of Sanctuary

for more information contact
secretary.bbcos@gmail.com

www.barnsley.cityofsanctuary.org