

Southampton & Winchester Visitors Group

Working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees



Can you imagine fleeing your country in terror, possibly with small children, traumatised, maybe even having suffered torture?

No? Nor can we.

Can you imagine arriving in a country you believe will help you, only to find that you are unwelcome, seen as a scrounger or even as a threat?

No? Nor can we.

Can you imagine not being allowed to work to support yourself and your family, but having to manage in basic accommodation on less than £50 per week?

No? Nor can we.

Can you imagine hearing that your asylum application has been turned down and that you will be returned to your country unless you can find fresh evidence, and meanwhile facing homelessness and destitution, with limited access to health care?

No? Nor can we.

Can you imagine hearing your claim has been successful and having just 28 days to find work and new accommodation before all financial support is withdrawn?

No? Nor can we.

SWVG is a local group of volunteers who befriend and support people seeking asylum, who, despite all they face, are resilient and want to contribute to this country. Many have skills our country needs. Our trained visitors provide friendship and a long-term one-to-one relationship. We also provide practical support such as teaching English, access to legal advice, accommodation and medical care. Subsistence funds are provided to those who are destitute.

Will you help?

Donate to SWVG:

Send a cheque payable to SWVG to SWVG, PO Box 1615, Southampton SO17 3WF. By internet bank transfer (or set up a standing order) to Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group, HSBC, Acc no. 12318695 Sort Code 40-40-14

Join SWVG:

Become a visitor, teach English, or join our groups for campaigning, communications, fundraising or organising activities and events.

For more information or to get involved:

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