



### Pledges of Support to ExCos:

**Do you support our overall vision** for Exeter being a genuine place of welcome and inclusion for migrants, especially those fleeing war and persecution? If YES do pledge your support online at: [www.exeter.cityofsanctuary.org](http://www.exeter.cityofsanctuary.org)

**Practical Actions:** ExCos is also asking organisations and groups to consider ways they could actively transform their pledge into practical actions that will positively promote welcome and support.

Here are some examples of how you or your organisation could help.

<b>POSSIBLE ACTIONS:</b>
<b>Ask your organisation, group, and business, place of worship, to pass a resolution of support for Exeter City of Sanctuary and pledge your support online.</b>
<b>Consider volunteering your time and skills to Exeter City of Sanctuary, Refugee Support Devon or another local refugee charity e.g. Olive Tree</b>
<p><b>Include those seeking sanctuary in your activities</b></p> <p><i>Think how to make services and activities fully inclusive :for e.g.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your community group or organisation take part in a social, cultural or sporting activity, you may wish to contact the nearest refugee charity (RSD) to invite asylum seekers and refugees to join in.</li> <li>• Are you an education or training provider? Arts organization? Or offering Sports, leisure/ or health activities and classes? Could you offer them on a discounted basis, or free, to asylum seekers /refugees?</li> </ul>
<b>Consider offering volunteering or work placements to an asylum seeker or refugee so they can gain valuable skills. (Adult or teenager)</b>
<b>Fundraise for ExCos, Refugee Support Devon or an established national asylum or refugee charity.</b>
<b><u>Positively support your colleagues, friends or staff to understand the real reasons why people seek sanctuary</u> and the problems refugees face. This is in contrast to the inaccurate and negative media that exists about refugees</b>

## POSSIBLE ACTIONS

**Raise Awareness:** Invite someone from our awareness raising team to speak with your group. Or hold a documentary or film night? There are numerous possibilities!

**Have you met or got to know someone who is a recently arrived sanctuary seeker in Exeter?**  
You might consider:

- Giving information about relevant support services and resources they could access.
- Offering to accompany them to local activities or events for the first time.
- Inviting them for a meal, a trip or a cup of tea

Display one of our 'We welcome asylum seekers and refugees' sign outside your office or home.

**Publicise** City of Sanctuary, the annual 'Refugee Week' and other refugee events and campaigns in your community.

**Consider appointing refugees to positions of responsibility in your community or organisation.**

**Lobby and Campaign** for changes in policy at local and national Government level:

- *Maintain the pressure for Central Government to deliver on their existing promises but also to scale up their efforts to offer sanctuary to asylum seekers and refugees so as to reflect the magnitude of the global crisis.*
- *Support calls for a European response to the crisis that ensures safe and legal routes for asylum seekers, ending policies that criminalise their journeys, expose vulnerable people and lone children to extortion and abuse, and fuel the use of dangerous alternatives*
- *Campaign for reform of the current harsh Asylum system including an end to the ban on working and indefinite detention.*

You can campaign by supporting our campaigns and/or by writing personally to your council leader, MP or MEP, signing online petitions, using social media, and organising or attending rallies and demonstrations.

If you wish to **Donate Aid** items to refugees at Calais, France, the Greek islands and beyond you can do so through these Devon based organisations:

**Open Hearts Open Borders -Refugee Aid** [//www.facebook.com/groups/openheartsopenborders/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/openheartsopenborders/)  
and

**RAFT(Refugee Aid from Taunton)** Call 07545 895768

[://www.facebook.com/RefugeeAidFromTaunton](https://www.facebook.com/RefugeeAidFromTaunton)

You Can Pledge your Support online at: [www.exeter.cityofsanctuary.org](http://www.exeter.cityofsanctuary.org)

\*or by completing and returning a paper pledge (also available to download online)

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