

Exeter City of Sanctuary, ExCoS, has continued to work towards its key objectives of raising awareness and campaigning for the rights and needs of refugees and asylum seekers. In order to achieve this we have been fortunate to collaborate and develop partnerships with other Exeter community groups and organisations over the year. We feel this has been very valuable and positive all round.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to *The University of Exeter (Dept. of Geography); Exeter City Football Club, Amnesty International Exeter, Exeter City Council, Exeter Phoenix, Exeter Picturehouse and Refugee Support Group Devon.*



I Welcome Exhibition with Exeter Branch of Amnesty International



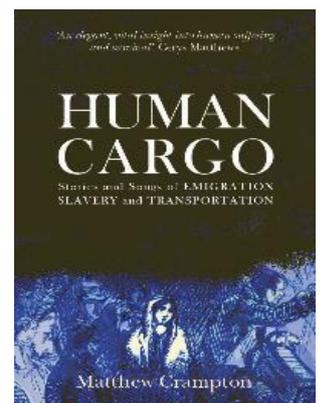
Celebrating Diversity with Exeter City Football Club



Ai Wei Wei's Film 'Human Flow' at the Picturehouse



Workshop at Exeter University



Human Cargo at the Phoenix

Ongoing work in schools and the University of Exeter

School workshops and assemblies have been a great success and benefited from input from student and community volunteers. We worked in 12 primary schools within the Exeter Area and we were impressed, encouraged and heartened by the positive response and understanding shown by children.

ExCoS has also provided input to a third year University Module - *Refugee and Asylum Geographies* – where, under the leadership of Dr Jen Bagelman, students were encouraged to develop projects and awareness raising resources which could support local asylum seekers.

Campaigning has continued particularly on the issue of lone child refugees in the EU and Family Reunification. A recent piece of good news has been the resolving of some of the study, work and health barriers that children resettled from Calais (2016-17) had been experiencing

We also put considerable effort into supporting the City Council's efforts to secure private properties for Syrian Refugees. We are delighted that Exeter City Council have recently raised their resettlement pledge from 8 families to 12 families.



Day of Action at Parliament for Child Refugees



Reuniting Families

Finally a huge thank you to all our volunteers and supporters who have helped out, encouraged and sustained us over the year.

Exeter City of Sanctuary Committee. September 2018

