



# Community Sponsorship for Refugees

## *a new practical way for communities to help refugees*

Community Sponsorship is based on decades of successful experience in Canada which has seen over 280,000 refugees helped.

This free event will be a **chance to be inspired, ask questions, network and connect** with others who are keen to support refugees through community sponsorship.

It will be hosted by local leaders and will involve speakers from the UK groups who have started to get involved in sponsorship.

### DATE & TIME

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**Arrival: 17:30**

**Panel Discussion: 18:00 –20:30**

### LOCATION

**Audacious Church**  
Trinity Way  
Salford M3 7BD

### HOSTED BY

**Stuart Keir: Audacious**  
**Sean Ryan: Caritas**

Find out what  
community  
sponsorship is  
and how  
communities  
can help  
resettle  
refugees

Hear from  
leading voices  
and sponsors in  
the UK on their  
experiences

Get advice from  
experienced  
organisations  
and those  
involved in the  
application  
process



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## What is Community Sponsorship?



Community Sponsorship is a practical way for communities to help transform the lives of a vulnerable refugee family who are being resettled to the UK. Sponsor groups take on the responsibility of welcoming them into their new environment and supporting them on their journey as they build a new life. Sponsor groups are matched with a refugee family from the Syrian Vulnerable Person Resettlement Programme and support them from their moment of arrival in the UK to self-sufficiency.

## Why get involved?

Community groups can make a huge difference to the lives of resettled refugees. The evidence shows that their networks can help refugees settle more quickly and better address past experiences. Sponsors help them to practice English, find employment quicker and access services. This experience has also been transformative for sponsors, bringing people together through practical support.



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### Location

Kingston upon Thames  
Manchester  
Bristol  
Birmingham  
Aberystwyth

### Date & Time

17<sup>th</sup> July: 10:00  
18<sup>th</sup> July: 17:30  
19<sup>th</sup> July: 16.30  
19<sup>th</sup> July: 16:30  
20<sup>th</sup> July: 10:00

## I'm interested: where can I learn more?

Guidance for prospective sponsors and details on the application process is available on the Home Office website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-full-community-sponsorship>.

A number of organisations are providing application support to community groups. This event will help connect you to support in your area.

For any questions on the event, please contact:  
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