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Newsletter

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Some of our new supporters:

- Sage Gateshead
- MESMAC
- 20, 000 Voices
- The Salvation Army
- Comfrey Project

Activities

Drop-in for Asylum Seekers
Every Tuesday
3.30pm — 6.00pm

We Offer:

A warm welcome.
Friendship & refreshments
in comfortable surroundings
where men and women can
enjoy social activities,
conversation, advice and
support.

Westgate Baptist Church, 366
Westgate Road, Newcastle,
NE4 6NX

Contact Joan: 07712 650591

If you are carrying out
activities to involve or
support asylum seekers
and refugees, or are
learning more about any of
the issues mentioned,
please get in touch and
share your news.

Follow us on Twitter!

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Recent News

Last month, we were delighted to be part of a conference entitled 'Newcastle - A Good City in Tough Times'. The conference was chaired by the Bishop of Newcastle and brought together key stakeholders from a wide range of different sectors to think about how best to shape Newcastle's future. We were able to highlight the positive contribution made to the city by those seeking sanctuary, and also suggested further actions to improve the situation of asylum seekers and refugees.

In October, West End Refugee Service launched the film 'Home' which was produced in collaboration with the institute of Social Renewal at Newcastle University. The film uses motion graphics to explain the UK asylum process and hears from four people who sought sanctuary in the UK and have made Newcastle their home. The film can be viewed on the WERS website (www.wers.org.uk) and on youtube.



Latest Developments

Schools of Sanctuary

We have enjoyed meeting with schools involved in the Schools of Sanctuary Programme both at a national meeting in Leeds and at smaller meetings in Newcastle. It has been great to hear about all the amazing work going on.

Moorside Community Primary School delivered some pieces of great writing titled 'A School of Sanctuary'.

A School of Sanctuary

" When I first arrived at Moorside I didn't really want to move to a new school but when I came people started to help me and they made me really happy. They played with me and made me feel really safe also telling me the ins and out of the school. I was excited and happy during that time'

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Get Involved!

In each newsletter we suggest a way that you can support Newcastle as a City of Sanctuary.

Do you have space to offer for meetings and drop-ins?

We are always looking for available space to host meetings and drop-ins in Newcastle.

Please get in touch if you may be able to help.

