



Southampton & Winchester Visitors Group

Working with asylum seekers and refugees

Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group (SWVG) is a charity supporting refugees and people seeking asylum in the Southampton area.

SWVG offers the following services:

- Befriending and offering one-to-one support to asylum seekers and refugees
- One-to-one English teaching for asylum seekers
- Help people to find and work with a solicitor to further their asylum claims
- Provide activities for asylum seekers
- Get legal guidance for specific cases
- Work with other Southampton refugee charities who run a weekly Drop-in Centre in the city
- Reach out to churches, schools and community groups who can help them
- Campaign for a fairer, more efficient asylum system in the UK.



You can help by joining SWVG to become involved in any of these areas, or to help with fundraising or with our communication, for instance on social media.

You can also help people seeking sanctuary by learning about asylum issues, dispelling myths and supporting campaigns, or by donating money to SWVG or national charities.

SWVG, no words are enough describe what you are to me. You're my best friend. You're my family. You gave me hope when I had no hope. You gave me strength to go on in this trying moment. All your visitors are awesome. (Sara, client).

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