

LOCAL RESOURCES5

(at June 2008)

BRADFORD

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BEACON (Bradford Ecumenical Asylum CONCern)

As well as campaigning on asylum issues and awareness-raising within churches (and beyond), BEACON has three projects: **McKenzie Friends**, **CHAT** (Care and Hospitality at Thornbury) and the **Hosting Project**. McKenzie Friends are trained volunteers who provide moral support and informed help for those without access to legal representation appealing against asylum decisions. CHAT offers a warm welcome and simple refreshments to asylum seekers waiting for their appeals to start at the Asylum and Immigration Hearings Centre at Phoenix House.

The Hosting Project (currently being developed) will provide short, medium and longer-term accommodation for destitute asylum seekers within the homes of volunteer hosts

- **BEACON Development Worker** (including McKenzie Friends and CHAT): Judy Midgley: judy.beacon@yahoo.co.uk
- **Hosting Project:** Will Sutcliffe: host.beacon@yahoo.com
- **BEACON**, 32 Merton Road, Bradford BD7 1RE, 01274 727525 (721626)

AFRICAN WOMEN'S CIRCLE, Great Horton Methodist Church

Sewing, cooking, light lunches.

1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month: 11.00 – 3pm

Great Horton Road (*opposite Paternoster Lane*)

Great Horton

Bradford


BD7 3ER

BEVAN HOUSE HOMELESS & ASYLUM SUPPORT TEAM

Opening Times : 9 am - 5 pm Mon - Fri

Manager : Dale Robinson

: bht@hortonhousing.co.uk

: 01274 227555

Location:

Bevan House Homeless & Asylum Support Team

Bevan House Primary Care Centre

152 Sunbridge Road

Bradford

BD1 2HA

Focus : Bevan House Homeless & Asylum Support Team is a partnership between Bradford City Teaching Primary Care Trust and Horton Housing Association (HHA). It is a joint approach to working with homeless people in response to their housing needs, health and social well-being. HHA's specific role is to provide housing related support for people living in temporary accommodation, throughout the Bradford District.

Aim : Our aims are:

- to provide a responsive, one stop service to meet the multiple needs of homeless people in crisis; and
- to provide short term but intensive practical help to ease the immediate damaging effects of homelessness and the process of moving on.

Facilities : Floating support, food co-op (Wednesday 10 am - 12 Noon), access to health-care services.

Referral Route : Please contact the team by any method detailed above or complete the referral form at the beginning of the Services section of the website.

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Thursday Drop-In. Held (from 7.6.07) 6 to 8pm at St. Mary's R.C church hall at the top of Church Bank. A good meal is provided and donated clothing and goods are often available. Members are signposted to relevant agencies and other sources of support. On the first Thursday of the month there is an Open Meeting with interpreters to plan future activities, air views and disseminate information. There is no distinction between 'client' and volunteer, between continuing and 'failed' asylum seekers and successful refugees - all are seen as members.

Woman's Club. For women and their children. Held at Frontline Initiative, Green Lane from 1-4pm every Thursday. The Club provides opportunities for women to socialise, whilst playworkers provide activities for their children. A health worker, befriending co-ordinators from BafR and a worker from Bradford Education regularly attend.

Homework Club. Held at Bradford Resource Centre in Chapel St in the city centre every Thursday after school, with workers from Bradford Study Support Network (BSSN). As well as help with homework, the club organises special events and trips out during the year.

English Lessons. Run by a volunteer teacher on Wednesday afternoons from 4.30-6.30 at Bradford Resource Centre.

Special Events including New Year and Spring breaks at Scargill House near Kettlewell, and an August Bank Holiday day trip to the seaside at Filey.

No office base or 'phone number.

biasan@bigfoot.com

BRADFORD ACTION FOR REFUGEES

In addition to the **Advice Service**, which includes information on Health and Education work, Bradford Action for Refugees runs another two separate projects, and they are:

Childrens & Families Project (Mondays 4-6pm at Frontline Initiative, Green Lane, Manningham): Help with homework, numeracy and literacy, art, games, computer skills.

Asylum Work and Refugee Integration Project

Bradford Action for Refugees is hoping to include other areas of work in its operations that will look at pathways to employment.

This work will be focused on assisting clients who have received positive decisions.

Check their website www.bafr.org.uk for further updates on these new projects.

Unit 2 Carlisle Business Centre, 60 Carlisle Rd, BD8 8BD. Tel: 223240

BRADFORD DAY SHELTER

16-20 Edmund St.

Mon: 9.30-4pm

Tues + Thurs: 9.00-4pm

Weds: 9.30-3pm

Sun: 9.00 – 3pm

+ throughout Christmas

Manager: Michelle Clark

(01274) 393234

dayshelter@hortonhousing.co.uk

BRADFORD LAW CENTRE

31 Manor Row Bradford BD1 4PS 01274 306 617 Fax: 01274 390 939 Monday – Friday 10am – 1pm	Bradford	Drop-in sessions at the Law Centre on Mondays 10am – 1pm. Phone consultations on Tuesdays between 10am - 1pm. Appointments to be made by telephone on Tuesdays, between 10am - 1pm. Clients with prior appointments can then be seen on Mondays – Fridays.
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BRITISH RED CROSS Refugee Support Service

Trained volunteers help:

- Filling in forms and providing information about housing, benefits, and asylum
- Making phone calls
- Finding a doctor, dentist or solicitor
- Providing information about jobs and courses
- Using libraries, museums, etc
- Using public transport
- Issuing food parcels and sleeping bags to asylum seekers and refugees who are destitute.

Drop-in sessions for clients every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m at Unit 20 Carlisle Business Centre, 60 Carlisle Rd, BD8 8BD. Tel 223293

Email: CarlisleBC@redcross.org.uk

FORSTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE (was Cathedral Centre)

ESOL*, ESOL + ICT; housing, benefits and career advice and guidance.

Weds pm Conversation classes: 1.30 – 4.30pm

Travel expenses, registration and exam fees are covered. The classes are majority asylum seekers from a wide range of backgrounds.

*ESOL courses are free for asylum seekers once they have been in the UK for 6 months.

Reduced fee for those in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance or Working Tax Credit.

Tel: 01274 308707

IMMIGRATION ADVISORY SERVICE

The Immigration Advisory Service (IAS) is the UK's largest charity providing representation and advice in immigration and asylum law

We can give you a free assessment and may be able to help you free of charge thereafter.

Otherwise, we operate a non profit fee paying service - the modest charges simply cover our costs.

Opening hours

Monday to Friday 9am to 5 pm

New clients

Please drop in to our office from either 14:00 on Monday, 9:30 on Tuesdays and

Wednesdays, or 18:00 on Thursdays. Clients are seen on a first come, first served basis.

Please ring us before coming to check availability, and when you visit us bring [satisfactory evidence of means](#) so that we can work out whether you qualify for free advice. Please also bring a friend to your first appointment if you are unable to speak English.

Address: Unit 26, Carlisle Business Centre,

60 Carlisle Road,
Bradford
BD8 8BD

Tel: 01274 482 588

Fax: 01274 482 511

KHIDMAT CENTRE

36 Spencer Rd
Gt Horton
BD7

Tel 521792

Women's Drop-ins: Mon, Tues: 9.30 – 12.30

Men's Drop-ins: Mon, Tues, Thurs: 1.00- 7pm

Advice (not legal) : Mon- Thurs: 9.30-1pm

Community Cafe: Weds and Thurs: meal for £2

Closed Fridays

NILE AFRICAN CENTRE

ESOL, Internet, Sewing, Women's Fitness, Snooker and Pool, Information and Support, Children's activities. Meeting rooms available.

28A Barry Street

Bradford

West Yorkshire

BD1 2AW

United Kingdom

Tel/Fax: +44 (0) 1274 745 557

Tel: 07853 738 951

www.thenile.btik.com

Email: thenile2@myway.com

PALM COVE SOCIETY

Palm Cove Society provides emergency accommodation to eligible homeless female asylum seekers, refugees, migrants, black minority ethnic women or any of the aforementioned fleeing domestic violence (with low security needs) together with any accompanying children. *For migrants or asylum seekers, prior to admission contracts must be signed by the relevant fee paying body, whose agent must accompany the women and any child/children to our premises*

In collaboration with other agencies we aim to offer women a place of safety, advice on housing options, guidance on educational and health issues whilst promoting the ethos of social inclusion and community cohesion.

Our office hours are Monday to Friday 9.30 to 4.30

Tel: 01274 722765

Fax: 0560 1274528

Email: enquiries@palmcovesociety.co.uk

PEACEMAKERS

Opening times: Mon, Tues 10.00 – 5pm; Weds, Thurs 9.30 – 5.30; Fri, Sat, Sun closed.

- Asylum Support Group. Weds 11.00- 2.00
- Mondays and Fridays: drop in sessions for women who have suffered abuse.
- Tues and Weds: open sessions
- Weds 10.00 – 12.00: women's self help group - knitting, cooking, discussion, etc

554 Manchester Rd.
P.O Box 962. Bradford BD6 1YF. Tel. 737831
www.thepeacemakers.co.uk

SAFE HAVEN Yorkshire (SHY)

Safe Haven is a “not for Profit “organisation operating under the Umbrella of the Yorkshire Housing Group. SHY entered into a partnership agreement in July 2004 to offer advice and assistance to refugees, asylum seekers and other migrant groups who are considering **voluntary return** to their countries of origin. Advice is also offered on **Section 4**. This role is covered by Staff working throughout the Yorkshire and Humberside region. Staff are able to come directly to the client group. For assistance or advice on section 4 or Voluntary Return, contact **Tahira Yasseen on 07966071555 or 0113 2015680**.

Hostel - SHY also runs a **hostel** for single men with refugee status, the hostel has up to 16 bed spaces available. To make a referral please contact **Saima on 01274 306775**.

SHY accommodates asylum seeker **unaccompanied children** on behalf of Sheffield social services and **vulnerable adults** under the national assistance act for local authorities in Bradford and Sheffield.

We also run many **other projects** throughout Yorkshire and Humberside, for further information, please contact Tahira Yasseen.

STAR

Weekly student-run drop in for asylum seekers every Monday from 6 to 8pm at Desmond Tutu House 2 Ash Grove (opposite the University) and is open to all.

Contact: Chris Howson: 01274 727034, mob.07800 586020;
Email chrishowson@yahoo.com

PLACES TO EAT – CHEAP or FREE – IN BRADFORD

WHERE	WHEN	WHAT
Bradford Day Shelter Edmund Street (see above)	Sunday – Thursday & all Christmas	Meal 50p, with pudding 80p
Bradford Soup Run	John Tempest - 07866 459148	Food
Curry Project El Hudda Mosque Legrams Lane	Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 1-1.30pm inc bank holiday Saturdays but not Mondays	Food
El Shaddai church Bowling Old Lane off Manchester Road	Monday	Food
“Open Doors” St Pio Friary (adjoining	Tuesday & Thursday 11am – 2pm	Food and clothes

Church) Sedgfield Terrace, BD1 2RU		
Pollard Park Evangelical Church, off Barkerend Rd BD3	Monday	Food
'The Welcome' St Mary's Centre ShIPLEY Airedale/Barkerend Road	Friday	Food
St Paul's Church Manningham	Friday	Food
Sunbridge Road Mission Gaynor Street BD1 2LF	Wednesday	Food

LEEDS

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The COMMON PLACE, Wharf Street, Leeds

Asylum rights activities

Regular activities include ;

*** Leeds No Borders Anti-Deportation Drop-In

*** United Refugee Organisation

*** Leeds No Borders organizing meetings

*** Common Conversation

*** Women's Group

For details. go to "Events Calendar" on <http://www.thecommonplace.org.uk/>

EAST LEEDS GET TOGETHER GROUP (Mental Health Drop in)

Free food and activities

Tuesdays 12.30 – 2.30pm

5&6 Boston Towers

Lincoln Green

LS97PB

Ring Tom or Richard on 0113 248 4880

ESOL (English) CLASSES

run by **Park Lane College**, Leeds. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.00am – 12.30pm

Partnership with the Leeds Health Access Team, offering health screening.

HAREHILLS AND CHAPELTOWN LAW CENTRE

Offers free and confidential legal services to disadvantaged communities. Specialises in such areas of the law as housing, welfare rights, immigration, and mental health

263 Roundhay Road

Leeds

LS8 4HS

Telephone: 0113 249 1100

Fax: 0113 235 1185

Email: admin@leedslawcentre.org.uk

IMMIGRATION ADVISORY SERVICE

Coverdale House

14 – 15 East Parade

LS1 2BH

0113 244 2460

advice@iasuk.org

www.iasuk.org

Drop in service

Call in to office for advice and assistance, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday between 09:30 - 12:30, or Thursday between 13:30 - 16:00. Bring evidence of your income and, if necessary, a friend who can speak English.

Making an appointment

Call 0113 244 2460 to make an appointment.

Telephone assessment

Call 0113 244 2460, Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 14:00-16:00 to enable us to work out whether we can help you, and if so whether this would be free of charge

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION OF IRANIAN REFUGEES- LEEDS

Every Wednesday 10am to 3pm

The Common Place, 23-25 Wharft Street, Leeds, LS2 7EQ

Help and support for refugees and asylum seekers

We provide ;

English classes

Support for family issues or problems

Advice for victims of racial harassment

Contact : moble_roj@yahoo.com / 07883 314042

Website : www.bimarz.net

LASSN

Leeds Asylum Seekers' Support Network is a small local charity aiming to make a positive contribution to the lives of refugees and asylum seekers in Leeds. We provide:

* one-to-one **befriending** and **English at Home tuition** using trained volunteer befrienders and tutors

* **community initiatives** which involve and benefit refugees and asylum seekers

* a volunteer **hosting scheme** to support destitute asylum seekers and refugees

233 Roundhay Road

Leeds LS8 4HS

Tel: 0113 380 5690

Fax: 0113 380 5691

Office opening hours are Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm.

Please note that we do not operate a drop-in service, visitors are advised to telephone or email first to make an appointment.

Our offices are unfortunately not wheelchair accessible, but the building is, and project staff can meet you downstairs if necessary.

Languages spoken include: French, Dari, German, Gujarati, Hindi and Urdu

www.lassn.org.uk

MANUEL BRAVO PROJECT

The Manuel Bravo Project is a new charitable organisation which is starting to help asylum seekers who are unable to find adequate legal representation. The Project is volunteer-based with barristers, solicitors, law students and lay volunteers giving their time to assist people. Any immigration advice is provided by the solicitor or barrister as an individual rather than from the Project.

Following a referral, the papers are reviewed by an immigration specialist. Clients are invited to attend an advice session - usually a Tuesday evening. Teams of qualified lawyers from Leeds law firms then help the client to prepare their case for hearing on a pro bono (free) basis under the supervision and guidance of specialist immigration barristers.

Volunteers ensure the smooth running of the sessions, carry out country information research, undertake administrative tasks at sessions and support the client through the process. We do not currently have resources to represent clients at the hearing itself.

The Manuel Bravo Project. Cordelia House, 45 Westfield Rd, Leeds, LS3 1DG.

Tel. 0113 350 8608

office@manuelbravo.org.uk

www.manuelbravo.org.uk

MEETING POINT, Christchurch, Armley Ridge Rd, Upper Armley

Every Monday (except bank holidays): starts 4pm

Food, crafts, football, English speaking, IT, advice, children's activities

Contact: 07814 135798

PAFRAS

Weekly drop in centre:

- Support – One to one support for clients with experienced staff and volunteers.
- Food and Other Essential Items – Hot meals and fresh fruit are available to everyone and access to toiletries, clothes and blankets. Food parcels are available to take away for people most in need.
- Social Activities and volunteering – opportunities to take part in various activities including conservation, arts and community projects in partnership with other organisations.

Times

Tuesdays: 10:30 – 12:30

Thursdays: 10:30 – 12:30

St Aidan's Community Hall, Elford Place West, Harehills, LS8 5QD.

Tel: 0113 248 4147. www.pafaras.org.uk.

PREGNANT ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES DROP-IN IN LEEDS

Mondays 10:00am to 12:00 noon, starting Monday 23rd April. At Sure Start Chapelton, Children & Family Centre, 62 Leopold Street, Leeds, LS7 4AW.

* Advice & Support around pregnancy

* Information about local services

* Make Friends

* Refreshments Available

* Children's Clothing Exchange

* Internet Access

This will be an opportunity for midwifery care, signposting, and networking for women. It will

run alongside an existing HAT drop-in. I hope that in time we can offer other facilities.
Contact : Sarah Bennett, SureStart Midwife, on 0113 2007969

REFUGEE ACCESS

<http://www.refugeeaccess.info/>

This website provides a gateway to information about services and rights for asylum seekers and refugees in the Yorkshire and Humberside region.

REFUGEE COUNCIL LEEDS OFFICE One Stop Service:

The Refugee Council One Stop Service in Leeds helps asylum seekers and refugees in North East Lincolnshire, South and West Yorkshire and Humberside.

Additional services:

We provide **advice and information** to asylum seekers who are staying in the Yorkshire Humberside Induction Centre.

We support refugees who have come to the UK as part of the government's **Gateway Protection Programme**.

We also work with **unaccompanied asylum-seeking children** who are under 18 years.

The Refugee Council: Ground Floor, Hurley House, 1 Dewsbury Road, Leeds LS11 5DQ,
Tel: 0113 244 9404; Fax: 0113 246 5229. **Advice line:** 0113 386 2210

How to find us: Buses: 1, 2, 3, 3A, 117, 118, 201, 202, 203, 218, 220, 226, 228. Trains: Ten minute walk from Leeds train station

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Support and information	Help people to access education and (re)training
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The Roundhay Road Resource Centre,
233-237 Roundhay Road,
Harehills,
Leeds,
LS8 4HS
Tel: 0113 380 5630
Fax: 0113 380 5631

REFUGEE LEGAL CENTRE

3rd Floor Zicon House ,Wade Lane, LEEDS, LS2 8NL

TEL: 0113 218 2650

Fax: 0113 247 0221

Opening Hours: **Monday – Friday** 10 am – 4 pm

The Refugee Legal Centre Leeds Office provides representation to those who have made or are about to make an **initial application** for asylum. We provide representation at first stage asylum **appeals** before the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal (AIT). In selected case we may be able to assist with appeals for **reconsideration** to the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal and the higher courts. We provide services to both detained and non-detained clients. We also provide advice and representation to clients who have been granted permission to stay in the United Kingdom. We can assist with **family re-union** applications to those who have been granted asylum and humanitarian protection; also with various **leave extension** applications. We assist in making **bail applications** and provide legal representations at bail hearings. Professional interpreters are available for all full client interviews.

SOLACE – surviving persecution and exile

Solace is a charity which provides counselling and psychotherapy to asylum seekers and refugees in the Yorkshire region. Most of the counselling is one-to-one, working with trained interpreters in about two thirds of the counselling sessions that take place. We also have an Advocacy worker and a Complementary Therapist. We will shortly be offering group therapy. Solace has been up and running since April 2006. In June 2007, we moved to the Bank House in the Harehills area of Leeds, where we have five counselling rooms and office space. For the next year, we will operate exclusively in Leeds, although clients may come from

across the Yorkshire region. In 2008, we intend to set up a service in Hull and later in Sheffield.

Solace, Suites 1 and 2, Bank House, 150 Roundhay Road, Leeds LS8 5LJ

Tel: 0113 249 1437. **email:** info@solace-uk.org.uk . **website:** we plan to develop a website in the near future

ST. GEORGE'S CRYPT

Drop In. Mon, Thurs, Fri: 10.00 – 12.30 (General – mainly homeless)

Clothing Sessions. Mon; 2.00-3.00; Thurs 10-11. 00; Fri: 10.00-11.00 + 2.00 – 3.00

St George's Crypt
Great George Street
Leeds LS1 3BR

Telephone:

0113 245 9061

Facsimile:

0113 244 3646

Email: arja.copperwheat@stgeorgescrypt.org.uk

<http://www.stgeorgescrypt.org.uk/>

WOMEN ASYLUM SEEKER WEEKLY DROP-IN

Every Thursday 4pm-7pm at The Common Place, Warf Street, Leeds - an opportunity to share stories, advice and to socialise. Contact : Tash on tash.gordon@yahoo.co.uk

OTHER

ASYLUM AID

Asylum Aid offers **free legal advice and representation**. The best way to reach our services is through our advice line. We do not have drop-in services.

Advice Line: 0207 354 9264

Our advice line offers free one-off advice to individual asylum-seekers and organisations working with them. It operates on Mondays 2.00 pm – 4:30pm and Thursdays 10.00 am – 12:30pm.

When you call our advice line we will assess the facts of your case. If we need more details we may ask you to send us papers so that we can look through them. Our casework team meet every Wednesday to decide which new cases meet our criteria for representation. If we cannot help you we will tell you either in writing or by phone if it is urgent.

Asylum Aid **specialises in 'gender claims'**. This means claims by women and girls seeking protection from the types of harm to which women are exclusively or disproportionately subject.

We also specialise in **fresh claims** for people who have exhausted their appeal rights.

We represent cases from initial application to the tribunal stage. We are able to do bail applications and we offer our services to asylum-seekers in England and Wales (not Northern Ireland or Scotland). We do not offer legal services to the High Court or the Court of Appeal.

www.asylumaid.org.uk