



scottish
refugee
council

25
YEARS

building
a better
future with
refugees
in Scotland

**Scottish generosity.
Everyone's heard of it.
Refugees here need it.**

Celestine arrived in Scotland with her three month old baby having escaped from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Celestine had been detained without trial and suffered months of rape and regular beatings. She was scared and feared for her safety. Once she found Scottish Refugee Council, she was reassured. We brought in an interpreter and quickly explained what she needed to do next to make her claim for asylum. She had nothing. So we provided some essentials for her baby; a coat and shoes for her. We arranged accommodation and we got her to a doctor. Celestine had serious medical problems that needed urgent treatment.

Every month we see over a hundred newly-arrived people seeking sanctuary in Scotland. Celestine is typical of many. We meet most of them on their very first day here.

How would you feel, anxiously clutching your baby, with no home, friends or money, wondering what fate awaited you?

Wouldn't a friendly face be a big comfort?

For twenty five years, Scottish Refugee Council has not only provided that, we've also been the dependable source of sound advice and practical assistance. Making life bearable for thousands of refugees. Changing lives for the better.

The UK asylum system is tough. Most people must survive on £5 a day. They can't pay their way, as they'd like, because they're not allowed to work while their applications are being considered.

Living in limbo, awaiting a decision letter from the Home Office, it's easy to feel powerless at the mercy of a complex process.

We help people to understand the system; directing them to lawyers; explaining what the official letters they receive mean, solving problems as they arise, enabling them to take control.

We have a quarter century of experience helping thousands of people to settle successfully in Scotland. Our services and partnerships work, providing people with what they need.

But we can only continue with your support.

£5 a month is enough to help a refugee live decently and thrive in Scotland.

Your gift could pay for:

- a few days food for a destitute family when the allowance they're entitled to is held up or stopped because of bureaucratic glitches
- childcare so that a mother can speak in private to one of our caseworkers about the intimate details of her case
- an interpreter when someone first arrives

A few months after we first met her, Celestine gained refugee status. We stepped in again to help her find suitable housing. Two years on, her daughter is now at nursery and Celestine is at college learning English. She is building a new life and hopes to become a health care assistant. Her future is bright for the first time in years.

Details of Celestine's story have been altered to preserve her anonymity.

Scots are renowned as generous and welcoming. Please pledge £5 a month or make a one-off donation now.

Do it online or use this form and show your support for refugees in Scotland.

www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/support/

Any donation you make will be greatly appreciated

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I am a UK income tax payer. Please treat all donations I make to Scottish Refugee Council from now on as Gift Aid donations*

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Date

* The amount claimed by Scottish Refugee Council on your donations at the basic rate of income tax must not exceed the amount you have paid in income tax or capital gains tax in any tax year.

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West Malling, Kent. ME19 4TA

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- If the amounts to be paid or the payment dates change CAF Re Scottish Refugee Council will notify you at least ten working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed.

- If an error is made by CAF Re Scottish Refugee Council or your Bank or Building Society, you are guaranteed a full and immediate refund from your branch of the amount paid.
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