

Getting involved in your community

How we can help

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Community - English

Adapting to life in Scotland can be difficult but there are lots of organisations, many supported by us, that are ideally placed to help.



How our community engagement staff can help

Our team offers advice and information to asylum seekers and refugees wishing to set up their own representative organisations. We also offer advice to local communities that provide services to asylum seekers and refugees, or promote refugee integration within their communities.

We work to ensure that refugee organisations and their members have a voice at all levels in Scottish society.

We can also provide information about refugee community organisations and networks that offer services, advice and information to asylum seekers and refugees locally.

We have links with other agencies and services that support refugee community organisations and we may be able to refer to them for help.

Refugee Community Organisations (RCOs)

Many refugees in Scotland have formed their own community organisations. These organisations offer opportunities to meet people from back home and share experiences, problems and find solutions. There are also women-only groups, where women meet to share their specific experiences and provide support for other women with similar problems and concerns. These groups can help you get involved in your local community, share your own culture and provide support.

Find out more

Find out more, including contact details for RCOs, on our website:

[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/how we can help/i want to get involved in my community/refugee community organisations](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/how_we_can_help/i_want_to_get_involved_in_my_community/refugee_community_organisations)

Integration Networks

Integration Networks in Glasgow are groups of local agencies, community groups and volunteers who plan and deliver services to asylum seekers and Refugees in their area. Services may include information and advice, English classes, drop-in services, activities for children and adults, including women-only services and activities, cultural programmes, and emotional and practical support.

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How to contact our community engagement staff

You can email us at cdenquires@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk or call 0141 248 9799 to speak to one of our team members. We are a small team with limited capacity; therefore we may not be able to respond to your enquiry immediately. However, we will try to contact you as soon as possible.