

Refugee-led Community Organisations (RCOs)

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For more information, or to add or amend your organisation's details, contact the Community Development Team: communities@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk or phone us on 0141 248 9799.

AfricAlba (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: To be a platform for reflections and actions taken to address the major challenges of social and economic development of the African, deprived and disadvantaged communities in Scotland based on education, enterprise, employment, culture and sport.

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Andescot (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: To promote integration, education, raise the profile of BME communities, and encourage cross learning between Scottish and African communities in Glasgow and throughout Scotland

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Web: www.andescot.co.uk

Al Amal (last updated 15/01/18)

'Al Amal' aims to improve resettlement experiences in Aberdeenshire and reduce isolation and low mental health by encouraging active community participation.

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Angolan Association in Scotland (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: To represent the interests of the Angolan community members living in Scotland. To provide information and advice in matters related to employment, accommodation, and education. To promote cultural values.

Lead contact: Rogerio Goma
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ANYISO (last updated 13/07/17)

ANYISO inspires and empowers African, ethnic minority women, children and young people to fulfil their true potential, improve their health and well-being, connect to networks for support and advocacy and participate in the society

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Bajuni Association (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: To advance education and alleviate the suffering of Bajuni people living in Scotland who are in that state as a result of their ethnic origin and thereby improve on their condition of life.

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Best Way Community Development (last updated 13/07/17)

Based in Motherwell, coined by minority ethnic, from Africa but mostly from the Republic Democratic of Congo. Aim: To break down barriers between wide community and ethnic minorities through doc-drama and short movies.

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Web: www.bestwaycd.org

Cameroonian Association and Sympathisers in Scotland (CAMASS) (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: To bring Cameroonians living in Scotland and members of the Pan-Africa community together.
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Congolese Community Unit in Scotland

Aims: To unite the people of the DR of Congo by building bonds of mutual assistance, solidarity and understanding.

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Eritrean Community Residing in Scotland (ECRS) (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: To assist members of our community to make the integration process easier and faster; preserve our culture and tradition.

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Gambians in Scotland Community Association (GAMSCA) (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: To bring together Gambians and their families and friends living in Scotland.

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Glasgow Afghan United (GAU) (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: To support the Afghani community in Glasgow and support their full participation in all aspects of civil society.

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International Women's Group (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: To enable women (asylum seekers, or refugees, as well as other migrant women and native Scottish women) to build the skills and gain the confidence that will help them to integrate and fully contribute to the life of the community in which they live and work.

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Karibu (last updated 13/07/17)

Karibu - ('welcome' in Swahili) is led by and for African women refugees and asylum seekers to support women facing a range of barriers to services.

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Kenyan Women in Scotland Association (KWISA) (last updated 13/12/17)

Aims: The advancement of African women and their families. KWISA creates spaces to bring women together, realise their potential and speak for themselves. Projects include 'African Women Talk' and workshops to raise awareness about violence against women.

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LGBT Unity (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: support to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender asylum seekers and refugees. Based in Glasgow.

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Motherwell African Refugee Community Association (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: To promote any charitable purposes for the benefits of refugees and asylum seekers from African countries living in the Motherwell area.

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North East Glasgow Framework for Dialogue (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: To offer opportunities for asylum seekers and refugees to identify issues affecting them and highlight those issues to organisations, share information and sign-post to support services, offer mutual support and activities.

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North West Glasgow Framework for Dialogue (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: A refugee community organisation for asylum seekers and refugees providing mutual support and representing the views of our members to service providers, the local community, local and national Politicians, Government Officers and Ministers.

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Oromo Community Scotland (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: to advance, to relieve poverty by the provision of an advice service and to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation of leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of members.

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Refugee Women's Strategy Group (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: To represent the views of refugee and asylum seeking women in Scotland to key decision makers and service providers to influence the policy and practices that affect our lives.

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Scottish Afghan Society (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: To provide the Afghan community with opportunities to learn about the local culture and the host community in Scotland.

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Scottish Africa United (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: To relieve, empower members of the African community (Youth, woman, students etc) in their engagement through community initiatives, training in sport and gardening developing relevant skills in this respect.

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Scottish Asylum Seekers Residents' Association (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: To promote the interest of Scottish Asylum seeker Residents on matters concerning housing and work to achieve the best possible environment, social community life and living conditions for them.

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Scottish Refugee Policy Forum (last updated 2017)

Aims: The umbrella organisation for Refugee-led Community Organisations in Scotland. Seeks to encourage and facilitate the integration of all asylum seekers and refugees living in Scotland by assisting them to identify a common purpose and develop an independent, representative and collective voice.

Lead contact: Mubina Irfan
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Somali Association in Glasgow (last updated 2016)

The SAiG exists to grow and maintain the Somali community in the city by enabling Somalis to resettle, live in and contribute to the success of Glasgow.

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[Facebook Somali Association in Glasgow](#)

Sudanese Community Glasgow (last updated 13/07/17)

Uniting the Sudanese people in Glasgow city with their different religious, cultures, local languages and their various geographical regions in one body.

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UK Friends of Congo Brazzaville (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: To relieve poverty, sickness and distress, promote the welfare and improve the conditions of life of people living in Glasgow and its environs particularly, but not exclusively, of Congolese community from Brazzaville living in Scotland, African immigrants living in Scotland, including African refugees and Asylum seekers.

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Uniting Nations in Scotland (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: to relieve poverty and isolation/exclusion by building capacity, skills and positive experiences, provision of information; education; civic activities; advocacy support; access and sign posting to services.

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Zaghawa Community in Glasgow (last updated 13/12/17)

Aims: Charitable organisation non-profit helping refugees and asylum seekers who members of the Zaghawa Community and we help the women and children who are looking for help.

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Zimbabwe Friends and Family Dundee (last updated 13/07/17)

Aims: To keep our Zimbabwean community in Dundee and Scotland working together and supporting each other in times of need.

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