

Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants Directory

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This directory lists organisations which offer support to or are taking action for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. It also lists organisations which offer specific services of interest to refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.

Information about these services and signposting for professionals working with refugees, asylum seekers and migrants is available from the Chair of the Brighton & Hove Refugee Forum: Lucy Bryson on lucy.bryson@brighton-hove.gscx.gov.uk or 01273 292572.

There are a number of refugee, asylum seeker and migrant community groups which provide support across the city. A list of these groups is being collated and will be included in the next version of this directory. In the meantime, please contact Lucy Bryson on the above contact details for further information about these groups.

Other sources of information about local organisations and services include:

- A directory of local community organisations and their services is on the [Community Works'](#) website
- A directory of local organisations which support groups to organise themselves and run activities is on the [Community Works'](#) website
- A website listing a range of health and social care services is on the [My Life](#) website
- A website listing services for young people is on the [Where To Go For](#) website

If you want to know more about groups and organisations coming together across the UK to take action for refugees in Calais, and beyond, the [Calaid-lopedia](#) website has a list.

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National organisations supporting refugees, asylum seekers and migrants

Asylum Help

Asylum Help is part of a charity called Migrant Help. Asylum Help services are free of charge and are available to anyone entering the UK and applying for refugee status, or anyone who has had their refugee status refused. They can provide advice at every stage of the asylum application process (see advice helpline below), and they can assist with applying for accommodation and support if you are an asylum seeker (see support applications helpline below). Both their helplines are free.

Telephone helpline for advice: 0808 8000630
Telephone helpline for support applications: 0808 8000631
Or for details of helplines in own language: asylumhelpuk.org/our-services
Website: asylumhelpuk.org

Freedom from Torture

Freedom from Torture provides direct clinical services to survivors of torture who arrive in the UK, as well as striving to protect and promote their rights. Referrals for clinical services can be made by survivors themselves, or by a professional.

Telephone: 020 76977777
Website: www.freedomfromtorture.org
Facebook: facebook.com/FreedomfromTorture
Twitter: twitter.com/freefromtorture

Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group

The group provides emotional and practical support through its volunteer visitors, to asylum seekers and immigration detainees held at Tinsley House and Brook House removal centres near Gatwick Airport.

Telephone: 01293 657070
Email: info@gdwg.org.uk
Website: www.gdwg.org.uk
Facebook: facebook.com/Gatwick-Detainees-Welfare-Group
Twitter: twitter.com/GatDetainees
Address: The Orchard, 1-2 Gleneagles Court, Brighton Road, Crawley, RH10 6AD

Migrants' Rights Network

The network works and campaigns in support of migrants in the UK. They promote policy analysis, partnership and debate for the rights of all migrants. Sign up on their website to receive their regular newsletter and get all the latest updates on migration issues.

Telephone: 020 73369412
Email: info@migrantrights.org.uk
Website: www.migrantsrights.org.uk
Facebook: facebook.com/migrantsrights
Twitter: twitter.com/migrants_rights

Salvation Army

If you suspect that someone is the victim of modern slavery or if you are a victim you can get advice from the Salvation Army on their 24 hour confidential helpline.

Telephone helpline: 0300 3038151

Website: www.helpforvictims.co.uk/content/G90.htm

Refugee Action

Refugee Action can help with homelessness and asylum support applications.

Telephone: 020 79521511

Email: info@refugee-action.org.uk

Website: www.refugee-action.org.uk

Facebook: facebook.com/RefugeeAction

Twitter: twitter.com/refugeeaction

Refugee Council

The Refugee Council works with refugees and people seeking asylum in the UK. They offer practical support and advice for adults and separated children.

Telephone: 020 73466700

Website: www.refugeecouncil.org.uk

Facebook: facebook.com/refugeecouncil

Twitter: twitter.com/refugeecouncil

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

UNHCR leads and co-ordinates international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and wellbeing of refugees. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise their right to seek asylum and refugee in another State, with the option to return home voluntarily, integrate locally or to resettle in a third country. It also has a mandate to help stateless people.

Website: www.unhcr.org.uk

Facebook: facebook.com/unhcr.uk

Twitter: twitter.com/UNHCRUK

Local organisations supporting refugees, asylum seekers and migrants

Brighton Voices in Exile

Brighton Voices in Exile provides support, assistance and advice to asylum seekers and refugees. They offer free destitution support and free immigration and legal advice.

For clients who are destitute, have no income due to their immigration status, or who are in transition between asylum and refugee status, a Brighton Voices in Exile caseworker will provide access to food and toiletries and financial support. They will also provide long-term integration support, helping with housing, benefits, education and employment

Brighton Voices in Exile Level 2 accredited legal advisor provides information and advice to people in need with: family reunion applications, applications for humanitarian protection, case resolution support, applications for permission to work and travel document applications .

Brighton Voices in Exile runs drop in sessions on Tuesdays, 10.00am-12.00pm at St Mary Madgalene's Community Centre, 55 Upper North Street, Brighton, BN1 3FH. Sessions include: advice, casework support and a hot meal

Telephone: 01273 328598
Email: contact@bvie.co.uk
Website: www.brightonvoicesinexile.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/brightonvoicesinexile
Address: St Mary Madgalene's Community Centre, 55 Upper North Street, Brighton, BN1 3FH

Black and Minority Ethnic Community Partnership

The Black and Minority Ethnic Community Partnership offer a drop in service for refugees and asylum seekers every other Friday, 11.00am-2.00pm. It is a great opportunity to meet other refugees and migrants. Welfare benefits and advice, help to apply for documents such as naturalisation and travel, and information about hate crime is also available. Call the centre to find out which Friday's the drop in takes place.

Telephone: 0300 3031171
Email: resourcecentre@bmecp.org.uk
Website: bmecp.org.uk
Address: BMECP Centre 10A Fleet Street, Brighton, BN1 4ZE

Doctors of the World

Doctors of the World provides a free and confidential health care drop-in service every Tuesday, 2.00pm-6.00pm, at Brighton Voices in Exile, 55 Upper North Street, Brighton, BN1 3FH.

They can help you to register with a local GP or clinic, access specialist services, receive medical advice, and apply for free prescriptions, eye tests and dental care. You can call them to book an appointment.

Telephone: 07511 664415
Email: brighton@doctorsoftheworld.org.uk
Website: www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/DoctorsoftheWorldUK
Twitter: www.twitter.com/DOTW_UK

Migrant English Project

The Migrant English Project provides free English lessons for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. They run a drop in every Monday, 10.30am-4.30pm at The Cowley Club, 12 London Road, Brighton, BN1 4EJ. The morning session (10.30am-1.30pm) prioritises refugees and asylum seekers. The afternoon session (1.30pm-3.30pm) also welcomes migrants who are not necessarily refugees or asylum seekers.

Telephone: 01273 696104 (Mondays only)
Email: mepbrighton12@googlemail.com
Website: mepbrighton.com
Address: The Cowley Club, 12 London Road, Brighton, BN1 4EJ

Sussex Interpreting Services

Sussex Interpreting Services offers a range of support services which are free to all refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. These services include community interpreting, bilingual advocacy, a health promotion project, and translation.

Telephone: 01273 702005
07811 459315 (for emergencies, always open)
Email: info@sussexinterpreting.org.uk
interpreting@sussexinterpreting.org.uk
translation@sussexinterpreting.org.uk
Website: www.sussexinterpreting.org.uk
Facebook: facebook.com/sis.interpreting.services
Twitter: twitter.com/sussexinterpret
Address: Community Base, 113 Queens Road, Brighton, BN1 3XG

Local organisations taking action for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants

Brighton and Hove Sanctuary on Sea

City of Sanctuary is a national network made up of local groups, businesses, community organisations and individuals with the aim of welcoming those seeking sanctuary. It aims to be the umbrella organisation for local refugee and asylum seeker organisations. Its steering group is made up of some of the other organisations included in this directory

Email: brightonandhove@cityofsanctuary.org
Website: brighton-and-hove.cityofsanctuary.org
Facebook: facebook.com/BrightonandHoveCityofSanctuary
Twitter: twitter.com/Brightonsanct

Brighton2Calais

Brighton2Calais are organising convoys of essential supplies from Brighton to refugees in the camp in Calais.

Email: info@brighton2calais.com
Website: www.indiegogo.com/projects/brighton2calais#/story
Facebook: facebook.com/Brighton2Calais
Twitter: twitter.com/brighton2calais

Brighton Migrant Solidarity

Brighton Migrant Solidarity is a community and campaign group with the focus on freedom of movement and supporting migrants. They warmly welcome people with experience of fleeing conflict or seeking sanctuary to all their meetings and events.

Email: brimigsol@riseup.net
Website: www.brightonmigrantsolidarity.wordpress.com
Facebook: facebook.co.uk/brightonmigrantssolidarity
Twitter: twitter.com/brimigsol

Calais Action – Brighton

A grassroots giving movement which is supporting refugees in Calais and Europe.

Facebook: facebook.com/Calais-Action-Brighton-646481882121064

Calais and Beyond Crisis Crew – Brighton and Hove

A self-organising group of individuals who are supporting refugees in Calais and Europe.

Facebook: facebook.com/groups/867875729961186/

Calais and Dunkirk Refugee Camp Donors Group – Brighton and Hove

A group which is bringing together people from Bristol and Brighton who would like to help with donations to the refugee camps in Calais.

Facebook: facebook.com/groups/140271482981895

Children of Calais

Children of Calais are bringing aid, heated shelters, pop-up schools and nurses to refugee children and their families stranded in the camps and squats of Calais and Northern France.

Email: childrenofcalais@gmail.com
Facebook: facebook.com/childrenofcalais

Community Works

Community Works connects charities, volunteers and businesses. They help people who want to volunteer their time to find local opportunities. Their volunteer centre can help you find a volunteering opportunity with an organisation who is supporting or taking action for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.

Telephone: 01273 234826
Email: volunteercentre@bhcommunityworks.org.uk
Website: www.bhcommunityworks.org.uk/volunteering
Facebook: facebook.com/bhcommunityworks
Twitter: twitter.com/bh_cw
Address: Community Base, 113 Queens Road, Brighton, BN1 3XG

Euro-Mediterranean Resources Network

Euro-Mediterranean Resources Network specialises in news and information gathering, strategic research and training on environment, development, social justice and civil liberties in the countries across the Euro-Mediterranean region.

Telephone: 01273 251574
Website: www.euromernet.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/euromernet
Twitter: twitter.com/euromernetnews
Address: Community Base, 113 Queens Road, Brighton, BN1 3XG

Help refugees prosper - Brighton

This is a meetup group which is creating a local community of those working together to help refugees prosper. They are supported by prosper a community of digital workers collaborating to help refugees prosper in Europe.

Website: www.meetup.com/help-refugees-prosper-brighton/events/228344691

Human kind

Human kind is a small group of volunteers from Brighton and Hove who are transporting much needed supplies to refugees currently living in France.

Email: info@humankind.eu
Website: humankind.eu
Facebook: facebook.com/humankindcalais

Hummingbird Project

The Hummingbird Project – Calais and Dunkirk Solidarity and Aid is bringing aid to men, women and children living in the camps around Calais. They provide a weekly medical clinic, tea kitchens, safe space and shelter building groups. In Brighton they're involved in campaigning, welcoming refugees and undertaking art activism

Website: www.chuffed.org/project/thehummingbirdprojectbrighton

Facebook: facebook.com/HummingbirdUK

Twitter: twitter.com/hummingbirdbn

Refugee Radio

Refugee Radio provides a weekly support group around mental health, as well as outreach and advice. It also produces radio with refugees and asylum seekers for their stories to be heard.

Email: info@refugeeradio.org.uk

Website: www.refugeeradio.org.uk

Facebook: facebook.com/Refugee-Radio

Address: Community Base, Queens Road, Brighton, BN1 3XG

Sussex Refugee Solidarity

Sussex Refugee Solidarity is a local community support and action group for refugees, set up by parents in Sussex. It is a forum which aims to set out what we can offer to refugees resettling in East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton and Hove.

Website: www.sussexrefugeesolidarity.uk

Local services of interest to refugees, asylum seekers and migrants

Advocacy

[Sussex Interpreting Services](#)

Sussex Interpreting Services provide bilingual advocates who work with more vulnerable and isolated people. They take the time to appreciate people's views, needs, expectations and concerns and ensure they are heard, respected and acted upon.

Telephone: 01273 234016

Website: www.sussexinterpreting.org.uk/advocacy.asp

Education

Alnoure Academy

Alnoure Academy is an independent non-profit community Arabic school organisation for GCSE and A-level pathways. Students are from a range of communities and a wide variety of backgrounds including: Iraqi, Palestinian, Bangladeshi, Polish, Syrian and English. The school is renting Vardean School for their classes.

Email: academyalnour@gmail.com

Address: Vardean School, Balfour Road, Brighton, BN1 6 NP

Family tracing and family reunion travel assistance

[The British Red Cross](#)

The Red Cross supports refugees in a wide variety of ways, from offering emergency provisions to those facing hardship to giving orientation support and friendly advice to the most vulnerable. They can also help with family reunion and resettlement. This includes help to restore and maintain contact between families separated by conflict, migration or disaster. They can also pay for and arrange travel to reunite refugee families.

Telephone: 0800 0280831

Email: enquirieskentandsussex@redcross.org.uk

Website: www.redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/Refugee-support/Our-services-for-refugees

Address: Unit 7, St Joseph's Close, St Joseph's Business Park, Hove, BN3 7HG

Food

You need to be referred to most food banks you can't just turn up. If you are an individual in need, read the Brighton & Hove Food Partnerships [advice on what to do](#). If you are a professional and want to refer someone to emergency food, read the Brighton & Hove Food Partnerships [advice on what to do](#).

Health

Black Minority Ethnic (BME) Psychotherapeutic Counselling Service, Brighton and Hove Wellbeing Service

For a course of treatment, clients need to be referred to the counsellor through their GP. However, the BME counsellor is happy to have an informal and confidential chat about options. You may wish to talk about yourself, or a friend, or a family member. Professionals

may wish to find out more about the service too. To arrange to meet the counsellor please contact the Black and Minority Ethnic Community Partnership, BMECP Centre, 10A Fleet Street, Brighton, BN1 4ZE or call 0300 303 1171 or email resourcecentre@bmeccp.or.uk

Telephone: 0300 002 0060

Email: BICS.brighton-and-hove-wellbeing@nhs.net

Brighton Housing Trust's Health and Wellbeing Service

Brighton Housing Trust's Mental Health and Wellbeing Service aims to support people to improve and maintain positive mental health and wellbeing. They offer a variety of activities to help people to learn ways to cope with the challenges and changes they face.

Telephone: 01273 929471

Email: wellbeing@bht.org.uk

Website: www.bht.org.uk/services/mental-health-and-wellbeing

Address: 27-29 North Street, Brighton, BN1 1EB

Specialist Health Visiting Team for BME and Traveller families

Health Visitors are qualified nurses with training in public health. In this team they visit families with insecure immigration status, asylum seekers and newly arrived refugees as well as Travellers. They assess children's development and provide information on a range of health issues and local services for all family members.

Telephone: 01273 296531

Email: candy.barrett@nhs.net or Amanda.brooks3@nhs.net

Address: Moulsecoomb Children's Centre, Hodshrove Lane, Brighton, BN2 4SE

Healthwatch Brighton and Hove

Healthwatch Brighton and Hove is a local watchdog and consumer champion for health and social care. It can support you to influence the design, delivery and improvement of local health and social care services. It can also enable you to make informed choices about your health and wellbeing by assisting you when you have concerns or complaints about these services.

Telephone: 01273 234040 (helpline, 9.30am-12.30pm, Monday-Friday)

01273 234041 (office, for general enquiries)

Email: help@healthwatchbrightonandhove.co.uk (helpline)

office@healthwatchbrightonandhove.co.uk (office, for general enquiries)

Address: Community Base, 113 Queens Road, Brighton, Bn1 3XG

Facebook: facebook.com/healthwatchbrightonandhove

Twitter: twitter.com/HealthwatchBH

Sussex Beacon

The Sussex Beacon provides a range of specialist HIV treatment and support services.

Telephone: 01273 694222

Website: www.sussexbeacon.org.uk

Facebook: facebook.com/thesussexbeacon?ref=ts
Twitter: twitter.com/sussexbeacon
Address: 10 Bevendean Road, Brighton, BN2 4DE

[Sussex Interpreting Services – Health Promotion Project](#)

Sussex Interpreting Services' volunteer linguists reach out to isolated people and excluded communities to explain what services are available and how to access them. They support people to make appointments, understand correspondence, fill in simple forms and appreciate health information. They also act as a reference group for local planners to improve understanding of service users' needs.

Telephone: 01273 234016

Housing

[Brighton Housing Trust](#)

Brighton Housing Trust offers a range of specialist housing advice to those in need through its Brighton Advice Centre.

Telephone: 01273 234737
Email: advice@bht.org.uk
Website: www.bht.org.uk
Address: Community Base, 113 Queen's Road, Brighton, BN1 3XG

[East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service \(ESFRS\)](#)

ESFRS provides free visits to your home to give advice and information about fire and home safety, and can fit free smoke alarms if needed.

Telephone: 0800 177 7069
Email: Homefire.Safetyvisits@esfrs.org
Website: www.esfrs.org
Facebook: facebook.com/eastsussexfireandrescue
Twitter: twitter.com/EastSussexFRS

Language services

[Sussex Interpreting Services](#)

Sussex Interpreting Services provides community interpreting. Their community interpreters work face to face to ensure access to services for people with language support needs.

Telephone: 01273 702005, Monday-Friday, 9.00am-5.00pm
07765 315822, for emergencies any day or time
Email: interpreting@sussexinterpreting.org.uk
Website: www.sussexinterpreting.org.uk/booking.asp

Sussex Interpreting Services also provides translation services. Their community translators are experienced in translation of a wide range of written information and documentation, including: letters, reports, leaflets, newsletters, websites, medical records and passports, birth and marriage certificates.

Telephone: 01273 702005
Email: translation@sussexinterpreting.org.uk
Website: www.sussexinterpreting.org.uk/translations.asp

Vandu Language Services

Vandu Language Services provide cost effective, culturally intelligent interpreting and translation services in Sussex.

Telephone: 01273 473986
Email: info@vlslanguages.com
Website: www.vlslanguages.com
Address: 36 St Nicholas Lane, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 2JZ

Legal advice

There are a number of agencies in the city who are regulated by the Office for the Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC). This means that they can give basic advice on immigration applications within the rules and help clients to complete standard forms. For more complex immigration issues, an immigration solicitor or specialist caseworker is needed.

Local charities offering immigration legal advice

Citizens Advice Brighton and Hove

Citizens advice Brighton and Hove provides free and confidential advice. They can give basic advice on immigration applications and help clients to complete standard forms. They run a drop in Monday-Thursday, 8.45am-10.30am at Bartholomew House, Bartholomew Square, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 1JA. They also run an email advice service. To access this go to: www.brightonhovcab.org.uk and complete the online web form.

Telephone: 01273 223951,
Monday-Thursday, 9.30am-12.30pm,
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 1.30pm-3.30pm
Tuesday 4.00pm-6.30pm
Website: citizensadvice.citizensadvice.org.uk/brightonhovcab.htm

Brighton Housing Trust's Immigration Legal Service

Brighton Housing Trusts Immigration Legal Service can provide advice only for those with legal aid funding eg asylum cases, some specific cases involving domestic violence or human trafficking

Email: immigration@bht.org.uk
Website: www.bht.org.uk/services/brighton-advice-centre/#immigration-legal-service
Address: Community Base, 117 Queens Road, Brighton, BN1 3XG

[Brighton Voices in Exile](#)

Brighton Voices in Exile Level 2 accredited legal advisor provides information and advice to people in need with: family reunion applications, applications for humanitarian protection, case resolution support, applications for permission to work and travel document applications .

Brighton Voices in Exile runs drop in sessions on Tuesdays, 10.00am-12.00pm at St Mary Madgalene's Community Centre, 55 Upper North Street, Brighton, BN1 3FH. Sessions include: advice, casework support and a hot meal

Telephone: 01273 328598
Email: contact@bvie.co.uk
Website: www.brightonvoicesinexile.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/brightonvoicesinexile
Address: St Mary Madgalene's Community Centre, 55 Upper North Street, Brighton, BN1 3FH

[Money Advice Plus](#)

Money Advice Plus helps people who are experiencing difficulty managing their money or financial affairs. They can give debt and benefit advice and help apply for documents such as naturalisation and travel. As part of their money handling services they are able to distribute money to people who are not entitled to benefits but the council has a duty to support. They run a drop-in session at the BMECP Centre, 10a Fleet Street, Brighton, BN1 4ZE every fortnight on a Friday, 11.00am-2.00pm.

Telephone: 01273 664000
Email: info@moneyadviceplus.org.uk
Website: www.moneyadviceplus.org.uk
Facebook: facebook.com/Money-Advice-Plus-156960874327636/timeline
Twitter: twitter.com/MoneyAdvicePlus
Address: 24 Old Steine, Brighton, BN1 1EL

[Local commercial firms offering immigration legal advice](#)

(We accept no responsibility for, nor do we endorse the services offered by these firms.)

Afshaan Hena, Barrister

Telephone: 020 73537742/07551 969570
Email: afshaan.hena@10kbw.co.uk
Website: www.henalaw.co.uk
Address: 10 Kings Bench Walk, Temple, London, EC4Y 7EB

Irving & Co Solicitors

Telephone: 01273 311177
Address: Premier House, 11 Marlborough Place, Brighton, BN1 1UB

Paul Ward Solicitors

Telephone: 01273 602783

Address: James & Co, Premier House, 11 Marlborough Place, Brighton, BN1 1UB

Money

[Moneyworks Advice Line](#)

It provides free, independent advice to residents of Brighton and Hove on a whole range of money issues, including dealing with debt, maximising income and paying for fuel.

Telephone: 0800 988 7037

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10.00am-4.00pm

Wednesday, 5.00pm-8.00pm

Friday, 10.00am-2.00pm

Website: www.advicebrighton-hove.org.uk/services/moneyworks

[Money Advice Plus](#)

Money Advice Plus helps people who are experiencing difficulty managing their money or financial affairs. They can give debt and benefit advice and help apply for documents such as naturalisation and travel. As part of their money handling services they are able to distribute money to people who are not entitled to benefits but the council has a duty to support. They run a drop-in session at the BMECP Centre, 10a Fleet Street, Brighton, BN1 4ZE every fortnight on a Friday, 11.00am-2.00pm.

Telephone: 01273 664000

Email: info@moneyadviceplus.org.uk

Website: www.moneyadviceplus.org.uk

Facebook: facebook.com/Money-Advice-Plus-156960874327636/timeline

Twitter: twitter.com/MoneyAdvicePlus

Address: 24 Old Steine, Brighton, BN1 1EL

Support to organise community groups and activities

Community Works

Community Works connects charities, volunteers and businesses. They can advise and support you with all aspects of running a community group or charity.

Telephone: 01273 234023

Email: info@bhcommunityworks.org.uk

Website: www.bhcommunityworks.org.uk/members/advice-support

Facebook: facebook.com/bhcommunityworks

Twitter: twitter.com/bh_cw

Address: Community Base, 113 Queens Road, Brighton, BN1 3XG

[Resource Centre](#)

If your community wants to run its own activities, classes or gatherings, the Resource Centre can help with setting up and organising a community group. They can help you to raise

funds, keep track of your money, plan events and produce publicity materials. They also have equipment to hire.

Telephone: 01273 606160
Email: info@resourcecentre.org.uk
Website: www.resourcecentre.org.uk
Address: 6 Tilbury Place, Brighton, BN2 0GY

Violence and abuse

HOPE

Hope is a new Black & Minority Ethnic women's organisation which supports, educates, and empowers women and girls across Sussex in domestic violence and violence against women and girls. Hope provides a drop-in service every Monday (except on bank holidays), 12.00pm-2.00pm at BMECP Centre, 10a Fleet Street, Brighton, BN1 4ZE

Email: hanan@hopesussex.org.uk
Website: www.hopesussex.org.uk

Rise

Rise helps people affected by domestic violence and abuse. They offer practical solutions, shelter and support in Brighton and Hove, and Sussex. They run a drop-in every Wednesday, 10.00am-12.00pm at Hove Town Hall Customer Service Centre.

Telephone Helpline: 01273 622822
Website: www.riseuk.org.uk
Facebook: facebook.com/riseuk
Twitter: twitter.com/riseuk

Survivors' Network

Survivors' Network offers support, advocacy and counselling to survivors of sexual violence. They run a drop-in for female survivors of sexual abuse or rape, every Monday and Thursday, 7.00pm-9.00pm.

Telephone Helpline: 01273 720110, Wednesdays, 7.00pm-9.00pm
Email: admin@survivorsnetwork.org.uk
Website: www.survivorsnetwork.org.uk
Facebook: facebook.com/survivorsnet
Twitter: twitter.com/SurvivorsnetBtn

Welfare

Brighton Unemployed Centre Families Project

Brighton Unemployed Centre Families Project provides advice, welfare advice, practical support, food, educational and leisure activities, and an ofsted registered free playroom, to those who are unemployed, on low wages, experiencing food or fuel poverty and to families suffering disadvantage.

Telephone: 01273 671213

Email: info@bucfp.org
Website: www.bucfp.org
Address: 6 Tilbury Place, Brighton, BN2 0GY

CASE

The centre provides welfare rights advice and representation in Brighton and Hove. They offer low cost internet and free computer access, a vegetable shop, baby loan equipment scheme, toy library and provide free calls to benefit office, utility firms and solicitors. It is open Monday to Friday 10.00am-5.00pm.

Telephone: 01273 540717
Email: case_enquiries@yahoo.co.uk
Website: www.case-central.co.uk
Address: 4 Crestway Parade, Hollingdean, Brighton, BN1 7BL

Young people

Young People's Centre

The Young People's Centre is a free space for young people, a safe haven to come and relax, and chat to people and volunteers. They hold drop-ins every, Monday 4.00pm-7.00pm, Wednesday 3.00pm-6.00pm, Thursday 4.00pm-7.00pm. There is a specific session for refugees and asylum seekers, called Brighthaven. It happens fortnightly on Wednesdays from 6.00pm-8.00pm.

Telephone: 01273 887886
Email: ypc@impact-initiatives.org.uk
Website: youngpeoplescentre.org.uk
Address: 69 Ship Street, Brighton, BN1 1AE

Black and Minority Ethnic Young People's Project

The Black and Minority Ethnic Young People's Project is a youth-led project for young people aged 11 to 25. They provide safe space and opportunities for young people to access support, to learn new skills through informal educational, fun, social, sports and arts activities led by and for young people.

Telephone: 01273 609298
Email: info@bmeypp.org.uk
Website: www.bmeypp.org.uk
Address: Ground Floor, The Ironworks, 30 Cheapside, Brighton, BN1 4GD

Government services for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants

Citizenship

Advice is available from Brighton & Hove City Council on the process of applying for British Citizenship, including a checking service for application forms and the arrangement of citizenship ceremonies.

Telephone: 01273 292016

Email: citizenship@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Website: www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/community-and-life-events/births-deaths-and-marriages/nationality-checking-service

Education and schooling

The Brighton & Hove City Council Ethnic Minority Achievement Service provides support to children in schools, and home to school liaison for families if English is not their first language.

Telephone: 01273 292521

Email: emasadmin@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Website: www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/children-and-education/schools/emas-ethnic-minority-achievement-service

Address: Fairlight School, St Leonard's Road, Brighton, BN2 3AJ

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

There are a number of ESOL providers in the city offering a range of courses, some for free or low-cost, and some offered irrespective of immigration status or benefit entitlement:

- [The Friends Centre](#)
- [City College Brighton & Hove](#)
- [Varndean College](#)
- [Workers Educational Association](#)

Life in the UK test

You can arrange a life in the UK test online.

Website: www.gov.uk/life-in-the-uk-test/book-life-in-uk-test

Hate crime

Racist and religiously motivated incidents, disability hate incidents, transphobic and homophobic hate incidents and anti-social behaviour can be reported directly to a specialist casework service within a combined police and council team. Vulnerability and risk are assessed for each incident and the team will either directly support victims, or refer cases to appropriate agencies. The team can also provide advice and guidance regarding any hate incident or anti-social behaviour concern. Hate incidents or anti-social behaviour can also be reported directly to the police by calling 101 (or 999 in an emergency).

Telephone: 01273 292735

Email: communitysafety.casework@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Website: www.safeinthecity.info

Modern slavery and human trafficking

Modern slavery is a term used to describe human trafficking, forced labour, slavery and servitude. Human trafficking occurs when people are moved from one place to another with the use of force or deception for the purpose of exploitation eg in the sex industry, in organised crime or for forced labour. Victims of modern slavery are often migrants. This crime is hidden from view and there are many barriers to victims reporting what has happened to them.

If you suspect that someone is the victim of modern slavery, or if you are a victim, call the police on 101 (or 999 in an emergency). If the victim is a child, call the police or social services in the same way as you would [report another child protection concern](#).

Website: www.safeinthecity.info/getting-help/modern-slavery-and-trafficking

Or, you can get advice from the Salvation Army on their 24 hour confidential helpline.

Telephone helpline: 0300 3038151

Website: www.helpforvictims.co.uk/content/G90.htm

Social Care for those with no recourse to public funds

In some limited cases Brighton & Hove City Council may have responsibility to accommodate and support families, or single adults with care needs, who have no recourse to public funds and would otherwise be at risk of destitution. Referrals for assessment can be made directly or on a person's behalf.

For adults with no recourse to public funds

Telephone: 01273 295555 / 01273 294022

Email: prsduty@brighton-hove.gov.uk and alice.macnair@brighton-hove.gcsx.gov.uk

For children and their families with no recourse to public funds

Telephone: 01273 290400

Email: mash@brighton-hove.gcsx.gov.uk

Visas and Immigration

UK Visas and Immigration is a national government department which decides who has the right to visit or stay in the UK. They run the UK's asylum service which offers protection to those eligible under the 1951 Geneva Convention.

Website: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration

Voluntary returns service

If someone is in the UK unlawfully the Home Office can help them to return to their home country if they wish to do so. They can assist with travel documentation and arranging financial help to support resettlement in their home country.

Telephone: 0300 004 0202

Email: voluntaryreturns@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

Website: www.gov.uk/return-home-voluntarily