

BAME, Migration and Culture

Asylum Aid

Advice and assistance to refugees on their applications for asylum in the UK, conducting appeals against refusal or asylum, providing advice on related areas such as welfare rights and housing.

0207 354 9264 <http://www.asylumaid.org.uk> info@asylumaid.org.uk

Asylum Support Appeals Project (ASAP)

Access to free competent legal advice and representation concerning asylum support appeals at the Asylum Support Tribunal against decisions by the UK Border Agency decisions to stop or refuse support. Must be referred by an advice agency.

0207 729 3042 - advice line for advisers only Mon, Wed Fri 2 pm - 4 pm <http://www.asaproject.org>

BandBazi

BandBazi provides support for young people aged 11-25, with a focus on young refugees and asylum seekers. Award-winning Brighton-based multicultural performing arts company and charity that gives a voice to disenfranchised groups, and challenges stereotypes through its productions, education workshops and community projects. Provides workshops for community and school groups in trapeze, circus skills, drama and creative writing.

01273 245584 <http://www.bandbazi.co.uk> mail@bandbazi.co.uk

Black and Minority Ethnic Community Project

BMECP offers a wide range of services for Black and Minority Ethnic groups. Current projects and services include:

- Elders Activities - This is a project for Elders 50+ who often find themselves isolated. The group aims to give these elders the opportunity to meet regularly with other elders in a safe and welcoming environment.
- One-Stop-Shop - This project is aimed to help refugees and Asylum seekers to provide them with improved access to services.
- Diverse Community Groups - BMECP works with diverse BME community groups supporting them in various ways.
- Representing BME Issues - BMECP represents the interests of BME communities and groups at various local, regional and national forums and consultations.

0300 303 1171 <http://bmeecp.org.uk/> resourcecentre@bmeecp.org.uk

Black and Minority Ethnic Young People's Project

A youth-led organisation, which aims to provide support and empowerment for Black, Asian, Arab and Mixed Heritage young people aged 11 to 25 in Brighton and Hove and the surrounding areas. BMEYPP run different activities and projects and workshops: parties, cultural, media and arts, sports and trips organised by young people.

<https://www.facebook.com/bmeypp/> bmeyppp@gmail.com

Black Information Link (Blink)

Black Information Link provides all the latest news and information concerning ethnic minorities living in the UK. Regardless if you were born in the UK or immigrated there for whatever reason, BLINK can provide all the news and other useful information needed to guide and inform you concerning minority communities.

<https://www.blink.org.uk/>

Brighton and Hove Black Women's Group

Works to meet the needs of Black women, their families and communities by promoting anti-discriminatory practice; providing advice and advocacy; capacity building Black organisations and staging cultural activities such as Black History Season.

01273 698036 blackwomensgroupbh@tiscali.co.uk

Brighton and Hove Chinese Society

Aims to serve Chinese people and to preserve and promote Chinese culture by arranging cultural events and workshops. Enhancing Chinese Community's relationship with other like groups.

01273 721723 www.brightonandhovechinesesociety.com/ bandhchinesesociety@gmail.com

Brighton Voices in Exile

Brighton Voices in Exile provide Advice, advocacy and support for people who are seeking asylum, refugees and those with no recourse to public funds. Advice on legal matters, accommodation, health, education and employment. Food, clothes, toiletries and assistance for those who are destitute. Events include a weekly drop-in clinic providing free immigration and integration advice, cookery group and destitution service.

01273 328598 <http://brightonvoicesinexile.co.uk/> bvie@hotmail.co.uk

CEDP Chinese Centre

Building cultural links between China and the UK. The Chinese Educational Development Project (CEDP) addresses the disadvantages faced by individuals of Chinese origin in accessing existing educational, training and employment opportunities or participating in community activities, due to barriers posed by cultural differences and/or active discrimination.

<http://www.cedp.org.uk> 0844 8007292 Fax: 01273 323750 info@cedp.org.uk

The Eastbourne Ethnic Minority Society

The Society's aims and objectives are to primarily help focus the need to address the under-representation of service and provision for Africans and Caribbeans in Eastbourne.

weareteemson@hotmail.co.uk <https://www.eastsussex1space.co.uk/Services/1442/The-Eastbourne-Ethni>

Ethiopian Women's Group at Threshold

Interpreters and crèche available. Threshold also offers a women only, free counselling service.

01273 622 886 threshold@bht.org.uk

Freedom from Torture

Supports adults, children and young people who have survived torture and organised violence including therapy, group work and the writing of medical reports to back up asylum claims

0207 697 7777 <http://www.freedomfromtorture.org>

Friends, Families and Travellers

FFT works on behalf of all Gypsies and Travellers regardless of ethnicity, culture or background. In Sussex, services include outreach and health and wellbeing teams

01273 234777 <http://www.gypsy-traveller.org> fft@gypsy-traveller.org

Gujarati Cultural Society

A society for the Gujarati community in Brighton and Hove, delivering cultural and community support.

<https://www.gcs-brighton.org.uk/>

Hastings Kurdish Welfare Association

A local organization committed to helping Kurds in the East Sussex area who came to this country as refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. Aiming to assist people to integrate into the local community. Based in Hastings town centre, offering general help and support by providing assistance with language related problems.

<http://rojbas.webs.com/>

Help, Open, Protect & Empower (HOPE) BME Women and Girls

HOPE is a multi-lingual group of Black and Minority Ethnic women who are trained to raise awareness of domestic violence and abuse among women in BME communities across Sussex. They offer facilitated sessions to community groups. HOPE protect BME women and girls who are victims/survivors of violence against women and girls by providing help, advice, support and information on national and local available services with the aim of breaking the barriers which result in BME women being excluded. HOPE empower BME women and girls who have been affected by violence and abuse by providing capacity building, training and development which will enable them to become more than just survivors.

07494330011 (Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) hanan@hopesussex.org.uk

Karma Nirvana

Supporting victims of honour-based abuse and forced marriage. National charity supporting men and women.

<https://www.karmanirvana.org.uk/> 0800 5999 247

Lewes Group in Support of Refugees and Asylum Seekers (LGSRAS)

To promote awareness of issues relating to refugees and asylum seekers. Membership is open to all. Responding to local issues and campaigning on behalf of refugees and asylum seekers. Regular meetings, workshops, visiting speakers and a bi-monthly newsletter.

lgsraslewes@gmail.com

Mediterranean Resources Network

Provide support and information to individuals from the Mediterranean countries and their neighbourhood countries. Gather Information about the needs of people from the Mediterranean countries and their neighbourhood countries, living in Brighton and Hove, and campaign for civil justice. Organise multi-cultural events.

01273 234040 info@mernet.org <http://euromernet.org/>

Migrant English Project

Free English lessons for asylum seekers and refugees age 16+ every Monday. Free vegan lunch provided. Unfortunately, the venue has no accessible toilets.

<http://mep.brighton.com>

MOSAIC Black and Mixed Parentage Family Group

Community-based organisation of Black and mixed parentage families and individuals providing safe, anti-racist and culturally diverse environments. Activities include: bring-a-dish social events, under-5s club, newsletter, advocacy etc.

01273 234017 <https://www.mosaicbrighton.org.uk> info@mosaicbrighton.org.uk

No Recourse to Public Funds Officer

In some cases, the Local Authority may have responsibility to accommodate and support an asylum seeker, refused asylum seeker or someone with insecure immigration status. They will need to be assessed to establish whether they have a community care need.

01273 294 640 NRPF@brighton-hove.gov.uk

The Starling Project

A therapeutic support space for asylum seeking and refugee young people (13-18yrs), framed around an arts-based group. The space will be run by HCPC registered art therapists and practitioners experienced in working with young people on the move, who have been forced to find safety in Europe and the U.K. due to fleeing political conflict, persecution and social upheaval at home. The team work in collaboration with young people to bring art forms in to the group that are relevant and interesting. The group offers a place to build resilience and realise potential, as well as work through difficult experiences and symptoms linked to this such as low mood, stress, sleeplessness, anger, low self-esteem, grief.

brighton.referrals@hummingbirdproject.org.uk <https://www.facebook.com/thestarlingprojectsussex>

Sussex Community Development Association – Sompriti

Sompriti supports diverse communities across East Sussex. We work with individuals from a range of different backgrounds and heritage. We organise community events, celebrate important traditions and provide interpreting and translation services. Sompriti runs lots of different activities and groups.

<http://sussexcommunity.org.uk/advice-services/sompriti/>

01273 519142 sompriti@sussexcommunity.org.uk

Sussex Indian Punjabi Society

To introduce Punjabi food and culture to our children and the host community by organising two events, Basakhi in April and Diwali in November. To develop good working relationships with other local ethnic organisations, especially with Gujarati Cultural Society, Brighton Malayalee Association and Indian Students Society of University of Sussex.

<http://sussexindianpunjabisociety.com>

Sussex Interpreting Service

Provides community interpretation and translation services for people with language needs within Black and Minority Ethnic, Refugee, Asylum Seeker and Migrant communities. Wheelchair access.

01273 702005 info@sussexinterpreting.org.uk <http://www.sussexinterpreting.org.uk/>

West Sussex Ethnic Minority & Traveller Achievement Service

The EMTAS team works with West Sussex schools to raise the attainment of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME), Gypsy Roma Traveller (GRT) and bilingual pupils. Support for bilingual learners, BAME pupils at risk of under-achievement, and GRT pupils at risk of under-achievement.

BME and EAL queries (EMAT): 033 022 22111 emat@westsussex.gov.uk Traveller Education queries (TES): 033 022 22155 tes@westsussex.gov.uk <http://schools.westsussex.gov.uk/Services/3381>