

IMPACT REPORT

APRIL 2024 – MARCH 2025

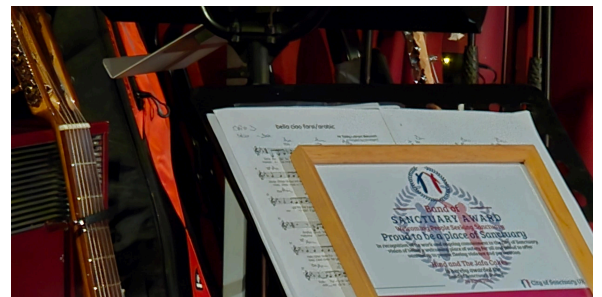
MEMBERSHIP

During this financial year we gained **31** new member organisations and **127** individual supporters. This represents a **35%** increase in members and an **82%** increase in supporters, or a **62%** total increase in our membership.

PLACES OF SANCTUARY

Two new member organisations became Places of Sanctuary during this financial year: **St. Augustine's CE School**, in Halifax, and **Hind & the Jafa Cakes**, a band formed out of St. Augustine's Centre, which became the **first Band of Sanctuary** in the UK!

In addition, one organisation was re-accredited as a Place of Sanctuary for a further three years: **Hebden Bridge Picture House**, which is the **first Cinema of Sanctuary** in the country.



TRAINING SESSIONS

Our training sessions for member organisations continued to prove very popular. During this financial year we ran training sessions for **5 members**, reaching approximately **60 people**.

REFUGEE WEEK

Refugee Week 2024 was our biggest Refugee Week to date, with events on nearly every day of the week. The landmark event was a series of performances with Q&A of a contemporary dance piece, *Refuge Island*, which was held at Ryburn Valley High School and reached around **600 pupils** aged between 9 and 13.



OTHER PROJECTS

Outside of Refugee Week, we took part in **1 research project** and at least **9 community events**, the biggest of which was the Yorkshire Integration Festival in September 2024.

We created **300 BraveBoxes of Sanctuary**, a resource for newly arrived children and young people, with the help of EdShift, Lightcliffe CE Primary School, Rotary Club of Brighouse and St. Augustine's Centre. Around **30 school children** and **10 community volunteers** took part in building the BraveBoxes.

We organised a community meeting with the MPs for Halifax and Calder Valley, which was attended by around **20 people** from community organisations, including several people seeking sanctuary.

We also wrote our own nativity play, *Jesus Was A Refugee*, by our Trustee Hana Gillani. The play premiered at St. Augustine's CE School and was performed by around **45 school children** and watched by an audience of around **30 parents, teachers and governors**.



THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS!

