

# Stockport City of Sanctuary

## *Partner Pack*

Building a culture of welcome across Stockport

## About Stockport City of Sanctuary

Stockport City of Sanctuary is a community network working to ensure refugees and people seeking sanctuary are welcomed with dignity, compassion, and inclusion. We bring together community groups, schools, faith organisations, charities, businesses, and public partners to strengthen welcome across the borough.

Our work forms part of the national City of Sanctuary movement, which promotes cultures of welcome across towns and cities throughout the UK.

## Why Partnership Matters

Creating a welcoming community requires collaboration. No single organisation can achieve this alone. Through partnership, we can share knowledge, coordinate activities, and ensure that people seeking sanctuary have access to the support, opportunities, and community connections they need to rebuild their lives.

## How Organisations Can Get Involved

- Promote a culture of welcome within your organisation.
- Host or support community events and awareness activities.
- Provide opportunities for volunteering or community engagement.
- Share information and resources that support people seeking sanctuary.
- Work collaboratively with local partners to strengthen support across Stockport.

## **Becoming a Place of Sanctuary**

The City of Sanctuary Awards programme recognises organisations that actively demonstrate a commitment to welcoming refugees and people seeking sanctuary. Organisations can become recognised as Places of Sanctuary by learning about refugee experiences, embedding welcoming practices, and sharing their commitment with the wider community.

## **Benefits of Becoming a Sanctuary Organisation**

- Demonstrate leadership in inclusion and community cohesion.
- Strengthen relationships with local communities and partners.
- Promote positive understanding of refugee experiences.
- Contribute to building a welcoming borough for everyone.

## **Examples of Sanctuary Organisations**

- Schools of Sanctuary
- Faith Groups of Sanctuary
- Libraries of Sanctuary
- Local Councils of Sanctuary
- Businesses of Sanctuary
- Community Organisations of Sanctuary

## Ways to Partner with Stockport City of Sanctuary

Partnership Area	Examples of Activities
Community Events	Host Refugee Week events, cultural celebrations, community discussions
Awareness & Education	Film nights, talks, workshops, storytelling initiatives
Volunteer Engagement	Encourage staff or members to volunteer locally
Sanctuary Awards	Begin the journey towards becoming a recognised Place of Sanctuary

### Get Involved

If your organisation would like to partner with Stockport City of Sanctuary, explore becoming a Sanctuary organisation, or support our initiatives, we would love to hear from you.

### Contact

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Together, we can build a welcoming Stockport where people seeking sanctuary belong.