

City of Sanctuary Sheffield

2025/26

Annual Report



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Introduction

As I reflect on last year I am drawn to next year. To Sanctuary 27.

2027 will be 20 years since Sheffield became the first City of Sanctuary in the UK. We plan to celebrate and, crucially, **reaffirm** our city-wide commitment to being a place of sanctuary through a programme of events, interventions and social action across 2027. A programme we're calling Sanctuary 27.

I speak to next year as I reflect on last year because **I see the work encapsulated in these pages as a model of how to live out our shared vision.** A model of what Sanctuary 27 is calling for.

Our services that support people to navigate the system of asylum and refuge delivered with care and commitment, with deep listening at their core. Our systemic change work that raises the voices of the community and does not allow them to be silenced. Our remarkable volunteer team which is the beating heart of all that we do. Our partnerships with many extraordinary organisations and individuals across Sheffield doing truly remarkable work.

This is what it takes to provide safe and welcoming spaces in such turbulent times.

As we set out next year to vocally and joyfully reaffirm our city-wide commitment to sanctuary; we will be doing it from a foundation that is rooted in the day-to-day practice of sanctuary detailed in this report.

And how strong those roots are.

With love,

Tom



Our Work

The Sanctuary



"When I come here, I can breathe again."

Psychology Team



"This is where I feel safe."

Experts by Experience Team



"Even when they are busy, they listen."

Advocacy & Systems Change



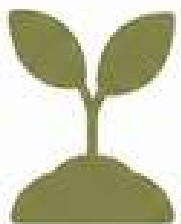
"Someone is finally speaking up for us."

Volunteering



"Volunteering gave me purpose again."

SPRING Project



"The people I trust when I don't know what to do."

Communications & Fundraising



"They take our experiences seriously."

The Drop-In



"They explain the truth, even when it's hard."

Our Vision & Mission

City of Sanctuary
Sheffield's vision is for Sheffield to be a **place of safety and welcome** for people seeking sanctuary

Build Spaces of Safety and Welcome

We build physical spaces of safety and welcome like The Sanctuary and the Multi-Agency Drop-In centred on care, community, and support.



Fight for System Change

We amplify the voices of people seeking sanctuary and fight for long-term systemic change of the asylum system.



Provide Support and Advice

We provide direct support and advice, helping people navigate a complex asylum system, and work collaboratively to ensure people receive support and justice.





The Sanctuary

"When I walk in here, my body relaxes." -

A service user describes what The Sanctuary means to them

The Sanctuary is far more than an information resource. For many people, it is **a place of safety** ("the only place I feel safe"), **calm** ("where I can rest my mind"), and **belonging** ("like my second home"). From the beginning, we created The Sanctuary as a vital space for advocacy, advice and solidarity. It reflects the safe and welcoming Sheffield we are working towards.

On our busiest days, we welcome more than 100 people seeking sanctuary. From Monday to Thursday, we work alongside local organisations to offer activities including English classes and conversation clubs; sewing, poetry and singing groups; and a weekly community meal with Open Kitchen Social Club.

The Sanctuary also helps **improve equitable access to services by reducing structural barriers and providing clear, accurate information.** We signpost people to partner organisations for employment support, digital inclusion and other specialist services. The Sanctuary also acts as a gateway to COSS's internal programmes, including SPRING, the Multi-Agency Drop-In, and advocacy campaigns. It is a space of belonging, learning and collective strength.

More than 60% of our volunteers have lived experience of seeking sanctuary. This peer support brings invaluable lived and community knowledge that helps people navigate the UK asylum system and wider structural barriers. It also makes The Sanctuary a trusted and welcoming space, rooted in shared experience, connection and ownership.

The Know Me Research Project, led by our Experts by Experience (EbE) team, highlighted the importance of providing **a calm oasis in the city centre where people feel seen, heard and supported.** The research also reinforced The Sanctuary's vital role in helping people understand and navigate the asylum system.

Over the past year, we **expanded our programme of women-only activities** through weekly Zumba sessions and an International Women's Day celebration attended by 86 people. Following improvement works in early 2025, the basement space at The Sanctuary now hosts a growing range of regular and one-off activities, including English classes, sewing groups, film and documentary screenings, and televised sports events, further strengthening connection and community.



The Sanctuary

Case studies

A volunteer with lived experience of seeking asylum

A woman in her seventies attended an International Women's Day celebration organised by City of Sanctuary Sheffield. Originally from Sudan, she had felt disconnected from her culture since being displaced and resettling in the UK. Despite building a new life, she often felt lonely and missed the strong sense of community she once knew.

At the event, she shared that her home in Sudan had been known as "the sanctuary," where friends, neighbours and newcomers gathered for meals, advice and support. She spoke about how much she valued creating a welcoming space for others and how deeply she missed the sense of purpose and belonging it gave her.

The celebration helped her reconnect with women from similar cultural backgrounds, share experiences and join activities celebrating identity, resilience and community. Staff and volunteers saw her confidence grow as she joined conversations, laughed with others and shared memories.

Building a new life of service

“ *I am from Nigeria. When I was in my 20s my dad died and the people who should have been there to help me just wanted to take advantage of my situation. The experience taught me that the most important thing is to live a life of service, sharing and volunteering your time to help others.*

"I arrived in the UK in October 2025 as a student, and the first thing I wanted to do was to volunteer, which is how I found City of Sanctuary. The Sanctuary is like a home from home to me. When you come here, you feel part of a family, there is no discrimination, no tribal barriers. Wherever you are coming from, exhausted from your day, you can find a glass of water, some food, or someone to listen to you.

"My passion is caring for children with special needs, giving them the support that they need. I want to make their lives better, which means that I go the extra mile with love, tolerance and patience. These are all qualities that I hope I also bring to my volunteering so that I can give the best to the people who come through the door. If you let your life be one of service, you are fulfilled because you are passing those values on to the people you support."



The Drop-In

The Multi-Agency Drop-In service has seen major changes over the past year and continues to grow. We still see high visitor numbers, reflecting ongoing demand for face-to-face support. **Across 50 sessions, nearly 5,000 visits were logged, with more than 3,500 people accessing help** on issues including housing, legal processes, healthcare, and destitution. The barbershop also remains popular, with **volunteers providing over 600 haircuts** during the year.

We received the EBE Know Me Report and have used this to shape our development and implement informed changes - both big and small. **We have enhanced our signage creating clearer pathways and multilingual displays**, as well as rethinking our use of space to better welcome families and support their access to services. Our children's area is proving especially popular, and the Family Hubs Team, Independent Midwife and family dentists have all been fantastic additions to this growing area of support.

To ensure all our service users feel safe and secure, we increased our security team in response to the increasingly hostile environment and some concerning incidents at Drop-In. We now have a strong team who work together to protect and support our visitors, volunteers, and

"When they explain things, I finally feel less afraid of making a mistake." - A person with lived experience who used the Drop-in services.

agencies alike. Reflecting on our safeguarding processes, we also took the decision to close our Sanctuary space during Drop-in hours. This provides us with access to additional private and quiet spaces for anyone requiring additional support away from the crowds of Victoria Hall.

The Drop-In relies on an incredible team of volunteers, **more than 75% of whom have lived experience of the asylum system**. We now have **more than 20 volunteer interpreters supporting sessions in 18 community languages and dialects**. Their compassion, skills and commitment shape the service each week, while their feedback continues to inform its development. In partnership with ASSIST, we have delivered specialist training to equip volunteers to provide trauma-informed, culturally grounded support in visitors' own languages.

Looking ahead, we are continuing our drive to create a safe, welcoming and productive space where people can access the advice, services and community they need, in the spirit of the City of Sanctuary. We are also working closely with our Experts by Experience team to develop regular visitor feedback sessions, ensuring the Drop-In continues to grow and evolve alongside the community it serves.

The Drop-In

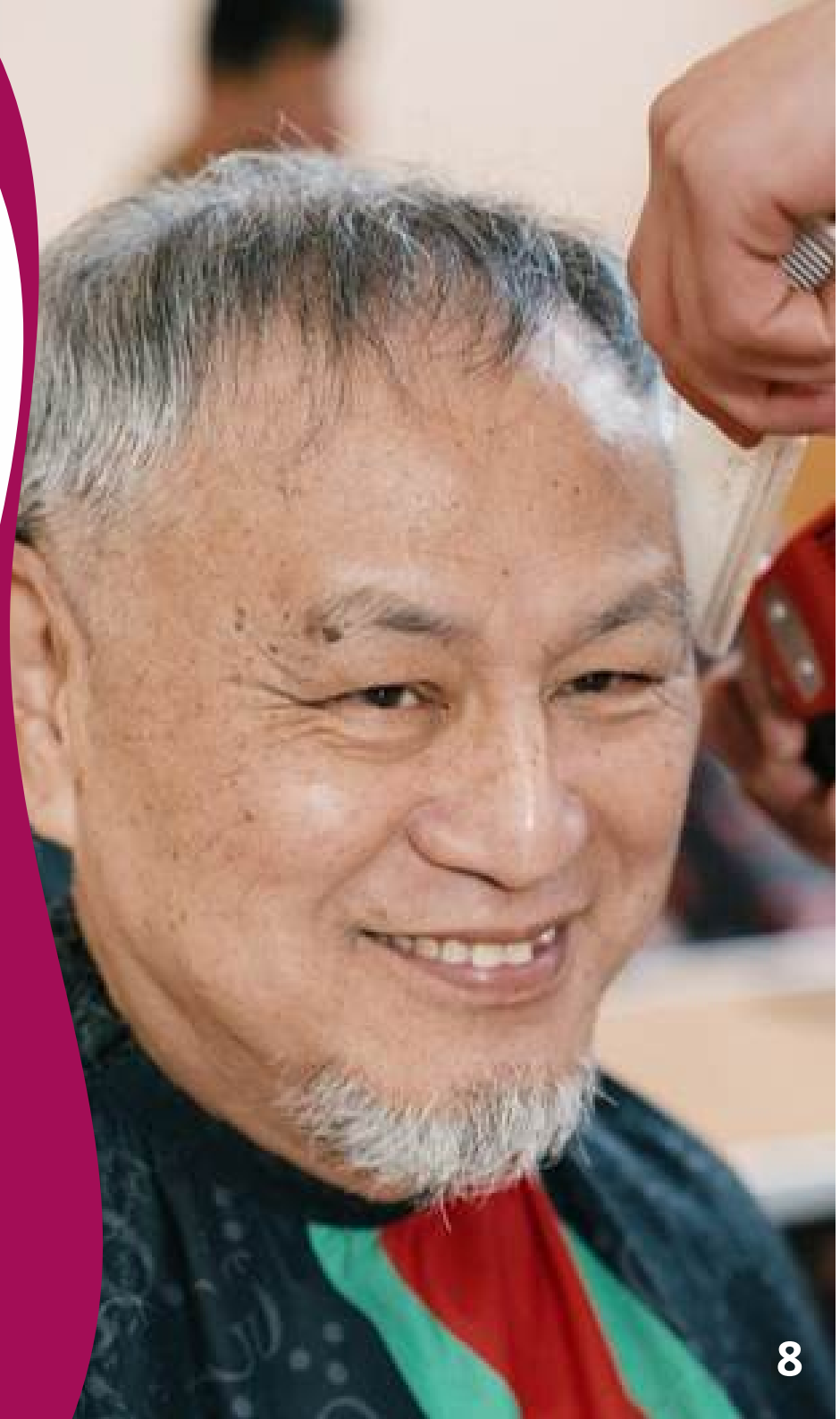
Case study

A volunteer interpreter with lived experience

“Volunteering at the Drop In has been a very positive and meaningful experience for me. It has given me the opportunity to support refugees and asylum seekers in a practical and human way, while also helping me build confidence and feel more connected to the community.

“One of the most important parts of my role is interpreting and helping people communicate with organisations such as the Red Cross, Citizens Advice, and visa support services. Many people arrive feeling stressed, confused, or unable to express themselves in English, so being able to speak their language and help them feel understood makes a big difference.

“Through this volunteering experience, I have improved my English, communication, and confidence greatly. It has also shown me the importance of kindness, patience, and creating a welcoming environment where everyone feels respected and supported, regardless of their background.”





“They see me as a person, not a case.” - A SPRING service user on the help they received.

Sheffield Project for Refugee INtegration and Growth



SPRING is a citywide partnership supporting newly granted refugees to settle safely, confidently and sustainably in Sheffield.

Working alongside six core partners and more than 70 organisations, we deliver trauma-informed, person-centred support grounded in our core values: **Clarity is Kindness, Joy and Justice, and Empathy and Courage.**

At the heart of our work is the SPRING Vision: **'for all new refugees to be able to lead full lives, free from the need for specialist services'.**

From April 2025 to March 2026, SPRING supported **696 newly granted refugees**, provided ongoing integration support to **764 existing clients**, and delivered **1,808 structured interventions**, including benefits support, ID documentation, safeguarding action and multi-agency referrals. We held 763 essential-needs meetings and delivered 1,222 homelessness-prevention interventions, reflecting the continued housing pressures in Sheffield.

Over **70% of SPRING volunteers** have lived experience of the **asylum system**, ensuring support is relational, culturally grounded, and delivered with deep empathy and courage.

Key Achievements

- Prevented homelessness for hundreds of newly recognised refugees through rapid escalation and partnership working.
- Embedded **“Clarity is Kindness”** across assessments and casework - ensuring clear and consistent communication.
- Celebrated **five SPRING volunteers moving into paid employment**, demonstrating the power of community-driven pathways into confidence, skills, and independence.
- Strengthened volunteer development and wellbeing, fostering a culture shaped by **Joy and Justice** in community building, problem solving, and advocacy.

SPRING

Case study

Preventing a crisis before it happens

This year SPRING supported a highly vulnerable woman who received an incorrect eviction notice, placing her at risk of homelessness. The situation caused significant distress, worsening existing vulnerabilities and her mental wellbeing. As a newly recognised refugee with limited support, she faced losing both her accommodation and access to vital services.

Using a trauma-informed and person-centred approach, SPRING acted quickly to provide reassurance, advocacy and practical support. Staff ensured communication was clear, accessible and compassionate, helping the client understand her rights and the support available. SPRING worked closely with housing providers, safeguarding teams and partner organisations to challenge the incorrect eviction notice and escalate the case appropriately.

Through evidence-based advocacy, multi-agency engagement and compassionate casework, the eviction was successfully prevented, the client's support reinstated, and her housing situation stabilised. Throughout the process, SPRING prioritised both the practical and emotional impact of the crisis, recognising the serious mental health implications linked to housing insecurity and fear of homelessness.

This case reflects the wider impact of SPRING's citywide partnership model and demonstrates how our values of Empathy and Courage, Joy and Justice, and Clarity is Kindness shape our work.



SPRING

Case study



Avoiding homelessness through advocacy and partnership

This year SPRING supported a refugee who faced an unexpected eviction from temporary accommodation shortly after receiving a positive asylum decision. Due to language barriers and limited understanding of the housing system, he was unable to resolve the situation independently and arrived at SPRING after spending a night homeless. Using interpreter support and a person-centred approach, SPRING reviewed his circumstances and identified barriers to accessing housing support.

SPRING quickly contacted the accommodation provider, Migrant Help, and MEARS to investigate why he had been evicted. A communication gap was identified regarding an extension letter confirming his right to remain accommodated until a later date. SPRING gathered evidence, escalated the issue, and advocated on his behalf to ensure the correct information was shared.

Within hours, the extension was verified and the service user was successfully reinstated in his accommodation. This case demonstrates how SPRING's compassion, collaboration, and proactive advocacy help prevent homelessness and create stability for people facing complex barriers.





“Have you tried to live on £8.86 per week? I would like you to try. Then you will understand.” - **Campaigner with lived experience addressing a local MP**

Advocacy and Systems Change

Whether participating in rallies against hatred and division, campaigning for unity across Sheffield, or standing in solidarity with those affected by systemic injustice, the Advocacy and System Change team has continued to support people seeking sanctuary. As hostility and systemic barriers persist, our work remains urgent. We work alongside people seeking sanctuary to influence policy, strengthen grassroots networks, and promote collective action and justice.

Over the past year, we escalated more than 250 cases where the asylum system failed individuals and families. We raised concerns with the Home Office, Sheffield City Council, MEARS, and others on issues including trafficking, homelessness, safeguarding failures, mental health crises, unsuitable accommodation, and inaccurate age assessments that wrongly treated children as adults.

We also witnessed the devastating human cost of the asylum system through the deaths of Pious — a doctor, father, and valued community member — and another young person who died by suicide in asylum accommodation. These tragedies reflect the harm caused by a system that too often isolates and dehumanises people seeking protection.

Alongside individual advocacy, we worked to address wider systemic barriers. In partnership with MEDACT, Refugee Council, ASSIST, and people with lived experience, we co-produced a report on barriers to healthcare for people seeking asylum in Sheffield, alongside recommendations for a more inclusive and accessible system.

Campaigning

Empowerment and leadership remain central to our work, particularly for women and girls seeking sanctuary who are disproportionately affected by exclusion and inequality. Throughout the year, team members with lived experience contributed to local and national discussions and helped shape more inclusive policies through engagement with MPs, SYMCA, and grassroots groups.

Lift the Ban

Our Lift the Ban campaign has continued to grow nationally, gaining support from political parties, businesses, faith groups, trade unions, and community organisations. Locally, monthly meetings now bring together more than 70 participants, including councillors, MPs, grassroots groups, and people with lived experience.



Advocacy and System Change

Alongside fundraising and awareness-raising events, we produced research, submitted questions at Sheffield City Council meetings, and met with senior councillors and MPs in London to build momentum for change.

Bus Pass Campaign

This year, the team collected research and case studies on the transport barriers faced by people seeking asylum in Sheffield. Living on less than £10 a week makes public transport unaffordable for many, limiting access to appointments, healthcare, English lessons, and opportunities for connection and integration.

We are now building regional support through engagement with councillors, SYMCA, and partner organisations across South Yorkshire.

Sheffield Legal Advice Solidarity Project

In partnership with South Yorkshire Refugee Law and Justice (SYRLJ) and ASSIST, we continued developing the Sheffield Legal Advice Solidarity Project to improve access to humane, accessible legal advice.

A key focus has been co-production through the Experts by Experience group, ensuring people directly affected by the asylum system shape the work. Through workshops and volunteer meetings, community insight informed practical next steps and strengthened sector collaboration.

Community Building

Building community is central to our work. Over the past year, the team supported communities affected by conflicts in Iran, Syria, and Sudan, created spaces for dialogue and compassion, marched against the far right, and coordinated discussions on asylum and migration policy.

Case studies

A young survivor of trafficking finds safety

A 15-year-old girl, victim of female genital mutilation, sexual abuse, modern slavery and severe trauma, was asked to sign a declaration form when she arrived in the UK, in which she accepted being over 18 years old. According to the service user, she had already told them, with the help of an interpreter, that she was 15.

Without any English and without understanding the situation, she was accommodated in a hotel with adults. Many protocols failed to support her.

After a lot of advocacy and partnership work on a highest level, the girl was placed with a British family, where she received the support, she needed.

Finding strength through helping others

“*I have been in the asylum system for more than ten years after fleeing my country to save my life. During this time, my health and my spirit were broken by the system. I was in a lot of pain from what happened to me and feeling alone.*

Then, I met Melinda and her team at the hotel and started volunteering with them.

They helped me a lot. Now, I feel strong, and my life has meaning. I want to fight, and now, I tell other women at the hotel not to worry. I've been there. We will fight together”.





Communications & Fundraising

"Running among so many people and hearing their encouragement gave me strength...In that moment, I felt less alone and more connected."

A runner with lived experience reflects on the Sheffield Half Marathon fundraiser.

City of Sanctuary Sheffield **featured in national and local media throughout the year**, helping raise our profile and highlight our work to create a safe and welcoming city for all. Coverage in outlets including *The Guardian* and the *Sheffield Star* profiled our community-building efforts, participation in protests, and solidarity campaigns, such as Lift the Ban and Free Bus Travel.

Working with partner organisations, we contributed to **joint statements and open letters opposing hostile immigration policies** and calling for stronger protections for diverse communities. We also issued press statements on local issues, including discriminatory housing proposals and concerns about rising suicide rates among people living in asylum hotels.

More than a dozen interviews across print, radio and television provided opportunities for people seeking sanctuary to share their experiences in their own words. Our co-founder, Rev. Inderjit Bhogal, appeared on *BBC Radio Sheffield* advocating for faster, fairer asylum decisions and the right to work while claims are processed. He also featured on BBC1's *Songs of Praise*, which showcased the Sanctuary, its volunteers, and the Multi-Agency Drop-In.

To strengthen our outreach, we launched **a new communications strategy** focused on clear messaging and personal storytelling. We refreshed our newsletter, expanded our social media content, and increased video production. As a result, **our Instagram and Facebook followings more than doubled within five months**, with



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many new supporters going on to volunteer, fundraise or engage more deeply with our work.

We **continued to support community fundraising efforts**, from church collections and Christmas carol singing to Sheffield University's 1,400-mile charity hitchhike to Belgrade. Together, these activities helped advance our vision of a city where everyone can belong.

This year, we also launched *Live Together, Run Together*, our first sponsored half-marathon initiative. The project paired local fundraisers with people seeking asylum, enabling participants to run side by side. Thanks to generous donations of running shoes and sportswear from Sheffield's running community, many sanctuary runners were able to complete their first half marathon; helping them to feel part of the city they now call home.

Case study

Our co-founder Rev. Inderjit Bhogal spoke to BBC Radio Sheffield about his vision for communities built on welcome, compassion and safety

"It's not really about the asylum policy. For me, it is about the kind of society we want to be and to build. How we want to be with each other, with all our diversity and difference. Policies that treat people as temporary, which is where we are now, weakens trust and fuels division, and makes it harder for people to work together and build relationships."

"So let's treat all people as human beings with stories and potential and their place in society and value the safety and stability of us all. It's about building a better world for us all. You know, Martin Luther King used to say, back in the 60s, no one is free until everyone is free."



Psychology Team

The psychology team comprises **three clinical psychologists and two psychotherapists** who volunteer with COSS. COSS staff and volunteers support, advocate for, and campaign on behalf of people seeking asylum and refugees, **many of whom have experienced trauma**. Without adequate support, the emotional demands of this work can lead to **stress, burnout, and mental health problems**.

The psychology team fosters **self-care and mutual support** by creating space for open dialogue about the emotional challenges of the work and promoting resilience. Over the past year, this has included **individual and group reflective practice** for staff and volunteers.

An informal assessment service is available for volunteers and service users in crisis, enabling referral to appropriate services.

"The Psychology Team are a remarkable and important part of CoSS....I strongly believe that what we do collectively is pioneering and I am truly grateful to the team for the expertise they continue to provide."

Tom Martin, Executive Director of City of Sanctuary Sheffield

In 2025–26, one team member trained to provide full psychological assessment reports for legal processes affecting some people seeking asylum. A team member also attends the weekly drop-in session, offering support. In addition, the team delivered **a monthly training programme** covering Trauma-Informed Working, Mental Health Awareness, Maintaining Boundaries, and Managing Crises.

Importantly, the psychology team supports staff and volunteers to counteract the **psychological impact of the hostile environment and government policy** changes affecting asylum seekers and refugees. The team also undertakes and oversees research to **evaluate, improve, and refine** the work of City of Sanctuary Sheffield.



Psychology Team

Case study

A refugee with mental health challenges receives the support he needs

The Psychology team support staff and volunteers to deliver trauma-informed work, with a significant impact on people accessing the service. A refugee with a history of trauma, torture, mental ill health and long-term homelessness was referred to City of Sanctuary Sheffield. Years of rough sleeping and instability contributed to trauma-related psychosis, chronic pain and repeated mental health crises. Language barriers, substance use and a finding of intentional homelessness left him without statutory housing support during extreme vulnerability.

Through consistent, trauma-informed engagement in a safe, non-judgemental environment, we gathered information that supported advocacy for his mental health needs. Working with his GP, Adult Social Care and other agencies, we ensured his trauma history was recognised and health needs addressed.

Through sustained advocacy and multi-agency collaboration, he was reconnected with services, moved to safer accommodation and given a coordinated support plan. Most importantly, he no longer felt abandoned by the system and began to see a pathway towards recovery and stability.



"They are the people who make it feel less official and more like a community." - A service user reflects on his interactions with volunteers at The Sanctuary.

Volunteering

Volunteers are at the heart of what we do at City of Sanctuary Sheffield. There are nine core teams at COSS and none of them could run without the many volunteers who give up their time week in week out to support the work we do. We currently have **143 active volunteers**, over **60% of whom have lived experience of the asylum system**.



Volunteering can play a crucial role in peoples' lives, providing purpose, reducing isolation, supporting mental health creating opportunity for personal growth. Here at COSS, **99 people were inducted as volunteers** in the 2025/26 financial year.

Currently we offer:

- **Monthly volunteer wellbeing sessions**
- **A monthly volunteer pizza brunch, generously supported by a local restaurant**
- **One-to-one check ins with the volunteer co-ordinator around wellbeing, support, training and progress.**
- **Bi-annual get-togethers and away days**
- **A tailored programme of training opportunities both internal and external**

In addition, we are working closely with the Experts by Experience (EbE) team to implement the findings of their recent 'Know Me' report. This includes creating a regular volunteer forum where volunteers can come together to discuss important issues, share ideas, suggest improvements, and have a voice in the running of COSS.

Since we were founded, our aim has been to provide volunteers with the best experience possible, while recognising their complex needs and often challenging circumstances. Ultimately, it is our volunteers who make City of Sanctuary Sheffield the place of joy and community it is today.

Volunteering

Case Study

A family of volunteers with lived experience of displacement

“ I was first told about the Sanctuary by a support worker about a month after I arrived in Sheffield, to help me find my feet in a new place. I was feeling very hopeless, being here with my three boys but without their father. At COSS, I found a new family, one that supported me to be myself and grow in self-confidence.

“It was only a few weeks later that I decided I wanted to volunteer because I used to work as a customer service advisor in my country, and I wanted to be useful. Working on the reception in the Sanctuary, my English improved very quickly, I tried to offer the same support to people coming through the door that had been offered to me when I arrived. I think it's important that the first person a new arrival meets is a smiling face, especially one who understands their situation.

“I feel so happy at CoSS and now my two eldest sons are also volunteers here. One of them has also started volunteering with Red Cross and the other wants to be a doctor. The youngest is coming here to do his year 10 work experience. It's like a family business!”





Experts by Experience Team

“Here, I felt like my experience mattered, not just my opinion.”

Researcher taking part in EbE’s Know Me project.

This year, the **Experts by Experience (EbE)** team played a central role in keeping lived experience at the heart of City of Sanctuary Sheffield’s work. Through engagement, reflection, and shared leadership, they helped shape learning, influence practice, and strengthen the organisation’s commitment to dignity, safety, and inclusion. A major achievement was the publication of **Know Me**, a co-produced research project led by Dr Ibtissam Al-Farah with the EbE team.

Designed and delivered with people who have experience of the asylum system, **Know Me** engaged **more than 60 participants**, including people seeking sanctuary, volunteers, and staff, through interviews, focus groups, workshops, and collaborative analysis.

EbE members helped shape the research, conduct interviews, co-facilitate focus groups, review findings, and reflect on their experiences as researchers. This participatory approach built trust,

recognised **lived experience as expertise**, and produced richer learning.

The research highlighted the importance of **welcome, safety, dignity, and human connection**. Participants described City of Sanctuary Sheffield as a place where they feel listened to and less alone, while also identifying pressures linked to demand, space, communication, and emotional strain. These findings provide stronger evidence for **future planning and service development**.

Through **Know Me**, the EbE team demonstrated the value of **lived experience as expertise and leadership**, helping City of Sanctuary Sheffield listen more deeply, learn more honestly, and strengthen sanctuary in practice.



Experts by Experience Team

Case study

A volunteer researcher working on the Know Me project



Taking part in the Know Me research project as an Expert by Experience researcher was a valuable and rewarding experience. It gave me the opportunity to speak with service users, volunteers, and staff, and to hear their experiences directly. Through these conversations, I gained a deeper understanding of the importance of listening to people's stories and recognising each person as an individual with unique experiences, strengths, and needs.

Being involved in the research helped me develop my confidence and communication skills. Conducting interviews allowed me to build connections with people from different backgrounds and to create a space where they felt comfortable sharing their views. I learned new skills in research, active listening, and gathering information, which I believe will be useful in both my personal and professional development.

What I appreciated most was knowing that the voices of the people we spoke with would help shape and improve services. As someone with lived experience, it felt meaningful to contribute to a project that values people's perspectives and promotes understanding, inclusion, and dignity. I am proud to have been part of the Know Me project and grateful for the opportunity to contribute to positive change.

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We extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible community that surrounds and supports City of Sanctuary Sheffield. This year, we've faced complex challenges and made bold changes. Through it all, the strength and generosity of our community have carried us.

To our volunteers and staff: thank you for your commitment, care and skills. Your dedication makes our work possible. To our partners across Sheffield and beyond: thank you for standing with us in solidarity and shared purpose.

To our supporters and funders: your generosity and belief in our vision sustains us. This year's Sanctuary redesign fundraiser stands as a reaffirmation of our shared values and the collective care Sheffield has for people seeking sanctuary. Without your generous donations and support our work would not have been possible.

Sheffield has shown that together we are strong. Together, we are building a city that is safer and more welcoming for people seeking sanctuary. A city that centers dignity, justice and joy. To everyone who has contributed to our work this year, thank you. We are proud to be in community with you.

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