

*"I sit in my room it's like a prison of stress and worry. I'm very happy today, thank you so much"*

Sanctuary seeker at a Welcome Day

*"It was heart-warming seeing the community coming together to give all the families such a warm welcome."*

Volunteer from Brecon

*'What you all do really makes a difference. The positive impact on our group, asylum seekers and refugees alike, is immeasurable.'*

Volunteer from Swansea

***Please join us...***

***...there's so much more that we can do!***

**Hay, Brecon & Talgarth Sanctuary for Refugees**

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**Hay, Brecon & Talgarth**  
**Sanctuary for Refugees**

In September 2015 our group was formed in response to the refugee crisis in Europe. We wanted to help those less fortunate, and show we cared. Now we are needed even more, with deadly Channel crossings, the rise in hate crimes and the war in Ukraine.

We are a charity, are all volunteers, and organise many activities. **HBTSR** exists to show and promote support for people forced to seek sanctuary because of violence and persecution (asylum seekers and refugees), and we try to show them that they are welcome and safe here.



## Our aims

- **We support** people seeking sanctuary
- **We raise money** to help people seeking sanctuary in a variety of ways
- **We lobby** our elected representatives about the need to show humanity towards those less fortunate.

## What we do

- **We are affiliated to City of Sanctuary** and work closely with sanctuary seekers support groups in Swansea, Newport and also with Ukrainian people living in our area.
- **We offer regular Welcome Days** in our peaceful and beautiful area for groups of up to 100 people seeking sanctuary (those living locally and from our nearby cities) and many local supporters, providing transport, food, activities, sports and entertainment, but above all friendship and welcome. We have held more than 100 days, which are always popular both with our guests and the local communities who are hosting the event.
- **We work with local schools** encouraging them to raise awareness about people seeking sanctuary, and becoming recognised as *Schools of Sanctuary* - a welcoming safe place for all that raises awareness of the experiences of people seeking safety, and plays a key role in building a culture of kindness and compassion.
- **We offer the hand of friendship for moral support** to people who are attending immigration tribunals and Home Office interviews.

- **We help people seeking sanctuary** to join in the day to day activities of their local communities – providing football tickets, sporting activities, bicycle repair workshop, sewing machines, and small payments for special hardship such as having no money for food or footwear.
- **We collect donations** of household goods, computers, phones, toiletries, sewing machines and bikes to distribute in Swansea, Newport and, if needed, local Ukrainian residents.
- **We raise funds** to pay for all our activities, to support other like-minded groups, and to maintain a Hardship Fund which helps individuals with urgent needs.
- **We work with Hay Literary Festival and other events/groups** to raise funds and invite people seeking sanctuary to join in our local volunteering opportunities.



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