

# REFUGEE LODGINGS



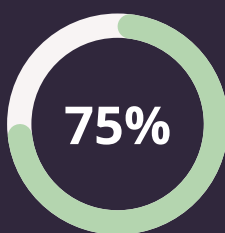
## PROJECT OVERVIEW

### BACKGROUND TO OUR PROJECT:

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NEWLY GRANTED REFUGEES PRESENTED HOMELESS IN LONDON IN OCTOBER 2023

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OF DECISIONS MADE BY THE HOME OFFICE IN 2023 RECORDED UP TO SEPTEMBER WERE POSITIVE GRANTS OF PROTECTION WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL IS RECOGNISED AS HAVING FLED VIOLENCE OR PERSECUTION [REFUGEE COUNCIL](#)

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE RECOVERING FROM DISTRESSING SITUATIONS ARE GIVEN TIME AND SUPPORT TO FIND EMPLOYMENT AND ACCOMMODATION TO HELP THEM FEEL SAFE AND STABLE

#REFUGEESWELCOME

A 36% INCREASE FROM SEPTEMBER 2023

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### WHY NEWLY GRANTED REFUGEES ARE AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS & NEED SAFE ACCOMMODATION SOLUTIONS:

DAY 1  
BRP CARD RECEIVED AFTER REFUGEE STATUS GRANTED\*

\*NEWLY GRANTED REFUGEES NEED THEIR BRP (BIOMETRIC RESIDENCE PERMIT) TO HELP THEM ACCESS HOUSING AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES

28 DAYS

DAY 28  
EVICTION FROM ASYLUM ACCOMMODATION



NEWLY GRANTED REFUGEES HAVE 28 DAYS TO FIND ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION AND FIND EMPLOYMENT OR ACCESS BENEFITS TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES FINANCIALLY



THEY FACE ADDITIONAL BARRIERS TO HOUSING, INCLUDING LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL NEEDS, SOCIAL ISOLATION, NO FINANCIAL OR EMPLOYMENT HISTORY IN THE UK (HAVING HAD NO RIGHT TO WORK AS AN ASYLUM SEEKER) IMPACTING RENTING ELIGIBILITY

IN PRACTICE, SOME PEOPLE ARE GIVEN AS LITTLE AS 7 DAYS NOTICE TO LEAVE THEIR ASYLUM ACCOMMODATION, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND A JOB AND A HOME IN THIS TIME

### HOW REFUGEE LODGINGS WORKS:

#### REFERRAL

A NEWLY GRANTED REFUGEE WHO IS AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS IS REFERRED & ACCEPTED WHEN CRITERIA IS MET. FOR EXAMPLE, LOW SUPPORT NEEDS

#### MATCHING

THE LODGER AND LANDLORD WILL MEET OVER ZOOM AND IF BOTH ARE HAPPY, HOUSING JUSTICE WILL ARRANGE A HOME VISIT & MOVE-IN

#### ONGOING SUPPORT

HOUSING JUSTICE WILL SUPPORT THE PLACEMENT AND REVIEW REGULARLY, HELPING BOTH REFUGEE LODGER AND RESIDENT LANDLORD AS REQUIRED

#### MOVE-ON

WITH SUPPORT FROM HOUSING JUSTICE, AS WELL AS STABILITY AND TIME GAINED FROM THE PLACEMENT, THE LODGER WILL PREPARE TO MOVE-ON AFTER 6 MONTHS

### BENEFITS TO REFUGEE LODGER



HOMELESS PREVENTION & A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE



TIME AND STABILITY TO ADAPT TO LIFE IN THE UK



SUPPORT TO BUILD EXPERIENCE TO MOVE INTO PRIVATE RENTAL MARKET

### BENEFITS TO RESIDENT LANDLORD



RENT HELPS WITH COST OF LIVING - EARN UP TO £7500 PER YEAR TAX FREE



MEANINGFUL WAY TO HELP REFUGEES & PREVENT HOMELESSNESS



CHANCE TO BRING PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES TOGETHER



HOUSING JUSTICE WILL SUPPORT RESIDENT LANDLORDS TO DETERMINE AN APPROPRIATE RENTAL CHARGE FOR THEIR ROOM AND CREATE A LODGER AGREEMENT



A PLACEMENT SUPPORT BUDGET IS AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH GETTING ROOMS READY TO WELCOME A REFUGEE, COVER ANY GAPS IN RENTAL INCOME DUE TO BENEFIT DELAYS/ TRANSITION TO EMPLOYMENT, COVER ANY UNEXPECTED COSTS TO RESIDENT LANDLORDS

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