

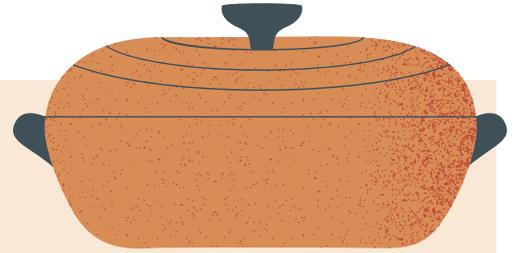


Welcoming Refugees

What can Churches do?

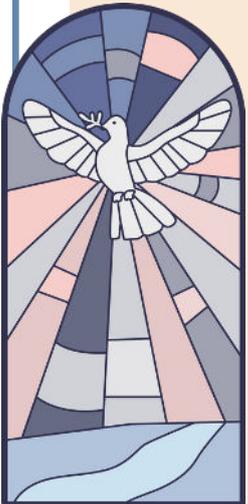
Open up your Kitchen

Many asylum seekers are housed in hotels where they have no access to a kitchen to cook traditional meals or are served meals which don't meet their dietary needs. By offering access to your church kitchen, you can provide a space where refugees can prepare food that is nourishing, both physically and emotionally. Please contact Nicole (nicole.mckeever@southwark.anglican.org) if you would like to know more.



Hold a Refugee Sunday Service

Refugee Sunday takes place at the end of Refugee Week (this year, on June 22nd), but you could hold one at any time. It is a wonderful opportunity to dedicate a service to the theme of welcome. Welcome Churches offers a collection of resources including Bible passages, stories, songs, and prayers. [You can access them here.](#)



Visit Refugees in Local Hotels

If you'd like to connect directly with refugees housed in hotels, we have guidance and practical tools available on our website to help you get started. [You can access it here.](#)

Welcome Asylum Seekers and Refugees to your Outreach Events

Do you run community meals, toddler groups, or other gatherings? Consider having your flyers translated into a range of languages and delivering them to local hotels where asylum seekers may be staying. It's a simple but impactful way to extend the invitation.

Reverse English Lessons

Flip the script by encouraging your church members to learn a language spoken by refugees or other members of your congregation. These "reverse" English lessons foster mutual respect, deeper relationships, and a sense of shared culture and community. It's a creative and meaningful way to show hospitality and honour the languages others bring with them.



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What can Individuals do?



Hear Real Stories of Welcome

Discover how others are opening their churches through powerful testimonies on our website. [You can access the stories of welcome here.](#)

Join Local Events

There are many events taking place across London and beyond. Check out our blog for up-to-date listings and ideas for getting involved. [You can access our blog here.](#)



Give Financially

Support refugees directly by donating via the Acts 435 platform, which includes a section dedicated to helping refugees and asylum seekers meet practical needs. Acts345 are a charity dedicated to ensuring that the Church can give straight to individuals who are in need. [You can access their website here.](#)

Learn a New Language

One of the most meaningful things you can do as an individual is to start learning a language spoken by refugees in your community. Even a few phrases can open doors to connection, show respect, and build trust. It's a powerful way to express welcome.

Offer Accommodation

Feeling called to do something bigger? Consider hosting an asylum seeker who has no access to housing, or offering a room to someone who has recently been granted refugee status but is still finding their feet. [You can find out more about the projects which are run and supported by Housing Justice here.](#)

