



Bristol Refugee Rights

Membership Eligibility

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Bristol Refugee Rights' members are people currently in the UK asylum process or who have recently been granted refugee status. We call Bristol Refugee Rights' service users "members" because we want to show our solidarity with them and want them to feel part of a community.

The following people may become members of Bristol Refugee Rights (BRR), and may access our services including the Welcome Centre.

Asylum Seekers who:

- are waiting for a decision on a current asylum claim;
- have made an asylum claim, but have been refused;
- have, or may have been victims of trafficking;
- are considering making an asylum claim, or wish to make a claim for asylum but have not yet done so.

Refugees who:

- have been granted refugee status, or leave to remain within the past year, or if new to Bristol, those who have had refugee status for up to two years;
- have had their leave to remain expire, or revoked, but are still vulnerable and want to make a fresh claim.

Children who:

- are unaccompanied minors and between their 16th and 18th birthdays (provided their carer has given permission);

Please note that members' pre-school children (aged 0 to 5 years) can be accommodated in our Early Years Project while they are accessing BRR services. However, members' children older than 5 years are not normally allowed to accompany their parents while accessing BRR's services.

Children under the age of 16 cannot become BRR members. Unaccompanied children (i.e. not part of a family, or a family's asylum claim) can under some circumstances access BRR services, however they must attend the Welcome Centre with their foster parent.

Spouses of refugees already in the UK seeking family reunion who:

- were married before they fled to the UK and have arrived under refugee family reunion within the last year, or if new to Bristol arrived in the UK in the last two years.

If you are looking to refer someone to BRR and are unsure if they are eligible to become members please bring them to the Welcome Centre.

People in need of support who do not meet the above criteria (including overstayers and illegal entrants), and who are therefore not eligible to become BRR members, may also seek the support of BRR. Currently this access is offered on a one-off basis (and without being given membership); however, in the long term BRR is exploring whether our services can be expanded to accommodate these people.