



Volunteer Barber

Bristol Refugee Rights run a weekly Welcome Centre at Wellspring Settlement on Thursday mornings to provide a place of safety and solidarity for asylum seekers and refugees in Bristol. This space is a welcoming and friendly community where people can relax, make friends, try out art activities, access computers and develop their IT skills and access practical help. At the Welcome Centre we also try to tackle the destitution that many asylum seekers face by offering a hot meal. In the past we have also offered members free haircuts from a Barber. Having your haircut is a luxury that some of our members cannot afford and can be a great way to relax and feel good.

The volunteer barber will set up and run a barber station at our Welcome Centre, providing members who come to the drop-in with free haircuts. We do not run a booking system so the number of members interested in getting a cut each week might vary. The volunteer barber will provide high quality haircuts free of charge whilst also making sure that they make members feel comfortable and appreciated during their cut.

We are looking for someone who:

- is an experienced barber who can provide us with at least one reference from a recognised barber in the UK
- can safely and hygienically provide a haircut to our members
- is friendly and welcoming
- has good communication skills especially with people whose first language is not English
- is non-judgemental and willing to treat all our members, no matter their background, with respect
- is passionate about welcome for asylum seekers and refugees and wants to be part of making people feel welcome and safe in Bristol
- will be led by our members

Volunteers need to be:

- Available on Thursdays from 9.30am – 2.00pm
- Able to make 6 months commitment to the role
- Able to attend the compulsory training on **Wednesday 22nd April 2026 or Thursday 23rd April 2026 from 9.30am - 2.30pm**
- Committed to attending ongoing role specific training and occasional meetings

Volunteers will get from this role:

- To play a key part in a vibrant and supportive community
- Work with Asylum Seekers and Refugees
- Knowledge of other services that exist to support asylum seekers and refugees in Bristol
- The opportunity to meet people from all over the world
- Develop skills and knowledge that you can take with you to other opportunities

What we provide:

- An induction and ongoing relevant training for your role.
- Regular volunteer meetings and supervision.
- References after six months of volunteering experience
- Expenses payments for costs incurred whilst volunteering

Many of our members are in extremely vulnerable situations because of their immigration status, trauma and other factors. Because of this we must take a cautionary approach to ensuring that the people working with them (both volunteers and staff members) are appropriate and safe.

All volunteer roles at BRR are, therefore, subject to both references, and a DBS check. For this role the level of DBS check required is: **Enhanced, Adult & Child Workforce**

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