



Volunteer Interpreter

Interpreters are vital to every part of BRR's work. We rely on volunteer interpreters, many of whom are members of BRR to help ensure everyone is able to participate in the community here as well as accessing services. Without interpreters we could not deliver effective Advice or get new families signed up to our Early Years Project.

We are looking for two types of volunteer interpreters: those able to offer a day or a morning a week and help with a range of tasks in the drop in; and those able to be booked to work on a sessional basis for 121 advice appointments.

We are looking for someone who:

- Is friendly and professional
- speaks English and another relevant language to a good degree of fluency (Pashto, Arabic, Kurdish (Sorani), Farsi/Dari, Tigrinya, Urdu, Punjabi or Bengali)
- has good attention to detail
- understands the role of an interpreter
- understands the importance of boundaries and is able to work within BRR's boundaries and safeguarding policies
- is emotionally resilient and copes well under pressure

Volunteers need to be:

- Available to volunteer either on Wednesdays 9:30am to 2:00pm or Thursdays 9:30am to 2:30pm
- Able to make 6 months' commitment to the role
- Able to attend the Compulsory induction training on **Wednesday 21st October 2026 or Thursday 22nd October 2026 from 9.30am to 2.30pm.**
- Available to attend role specific training on 28th April 2026 from 10am to 1pm
- 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
- Experience of interpreting in a well-respected community organisation

What we provide:

- An induction, community interpreter training 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 more information, please contact Risper Gikonyo, Volunteer Coordinator

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