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Refugees and asylum seekers volunteering in the UK

A report based on case studies of ten organisations  
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Refugees and people seeking asylum often volunteer within their own communities, or with the refugee organisations they know and trust. But fewer take part in more mainstream volunteering initiatives. This report presents case studies of ten organisations outside the refugee sector that are successfully involving refugees and people seeking asylum as volunteers.

“This research not only provides practical advice and guidance, its clarity and simplicity will help support organisations who want to positively encourage volunteering by asylum seekers and refugees.”

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“These case studies show what can be achieved... The Refugee Council welcomes this publication and its recommendations.”

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