



Refugee Support
Devon

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I am so grateful to all the tutors. My scores are owing to their help, support, encouragement, understanding and faith in me. I really appreciate everything you've done for me.

Anna, a Ukrainian cardiologist on our RAMP programme

Miso is a wonderful ambassador for refugees! She came on one of our training courses for creating and managing events, and she participated fully, was always cheerful, resourceful and a joy to be around. She was supportive to other members of the training course, and helped out in so many ways. Miso's delightful attitude, even though she is facing all sorts of uncertainty in her life, is so inspiring, and I do hope that she gets settled status ultimately, and I'm sure it shines through that she'll be such an asset to the local and wider community.

Sue Haswell, Consultant, Coach and Therapist on one of the hotel residents

My life changed the day I came to RSD conversation classes. When they found out that I was a long distance runner, they connected me with another runner from my country. I also joined the Refugees Rock programme and I was given free gym membership. My English is improving and I have more English friends now. All these connections helped me get out of my loneliness and depression. I am more confident in speaking English and engaging with my community.

RSD client

Thank you for all the help. I'm really happy because this community (RSD) is friendly and polite and kind. Refugee Support Devon are the best in the world.

Navid, RSD client

I recently passed my UK citizenship test. I attended RSD online classes for at least 2 years. My teachers are the reason I attended the classes because they were so helpful and encouraging. My time with RSD was essential to my success.

RSD resettlement client

I started volunteering with the (RSD) ESOL team in April assisting English teachers. The ESOL team helped me to put in a university application. RSD provided a computer at the hotel, and I used it for my application. I was offered a place at Sheffield University to study BSc Psychology. RSD's support continued through my application journey, they arranged IELTS lessons for me and others and they paid for our transportation to the exam centre in Bristol. I am genuinely grateful for all the support and advice I have received (from the RSD team).

Pamela, RSD client

Letter from the Chair

Last year I ended my report saying that “fast-moving events are likely to continue for the foreseeable future” and indeed they have.

Emergency hotels for asylum seekers have opened and closed in various locations. Manager Rupert Blomfield has led the way in successfully overseeing these unpredictable changes with great agility, justly earning the confidence of local authorities. Our thanks also go to Outreach Co-ordinator, Jury Arevalo, who played a key role in developing protocols for this new area of work until she left us in September to become Assistant Manager in a large asylum hotel in Bristol. Our resourceful Resettlement Co-ordinator, Souad Fadel, has been able to carry on in Jury's footsteps with the support of Ella Marsh whom we were pleased to welcome to our team in November.

RSD's drop-in and immigration advice services have continued to grow under the able leadership of Kiven Emmanuel, who joined the team in May following Neli Montes de Oca's departure. During the six years Neli was with us, she was instrumental in developing our immigration advice service to OISC Level 2 with the support of volunteers Tony Griffin and Alex Goodman who continue this important work together with Kiven.

The resettlement programme (UKRS) continues on a reduced basis, now that most of the families have left the scheme after five years of support. Two new families arrived in Devon under this scheme during the year.

Our education and employability project has continued to evolve, and we are thankful to Jen Schoen for steering our English language provision through

new developments. Jen left the UK at the end of March, but continues to keep in touch with us. The Refugees as Medical Professionals (RAMP) programme under Denise Parker's direction has enabled several professionals to gain the specific English qualifications they need to continue their careers in this country. Anne Conway, herself a medical professional, joined the team in November to develop pathways for these professionals to undertake the clinical aspects of their training.

In March we were sad to say goodbye to Nick Floyd, who for over six years had underpinned the charity's administrative work, including producing a regular newsletter and assisting us with fundraising initiatives.

As for our trustees, we were devastated to lose Kev Hunter, who died from cancer in May. We were pleased to welcome Michelle Lambourne as our new Treasurer also in May. Our thanks go to John Green and Edie Fassnidge, who stepped down in August and March respectively. Since then we've been fortunate to welcome Emma Marshall, an ex-staff member, who joined the board as our fundraising trustee.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks go to our amazing volunteers, our many supporters and donors without whom we would not be able to carry on with our crucial work.

Jenny Longford, RSD Chair, Board of Trustees



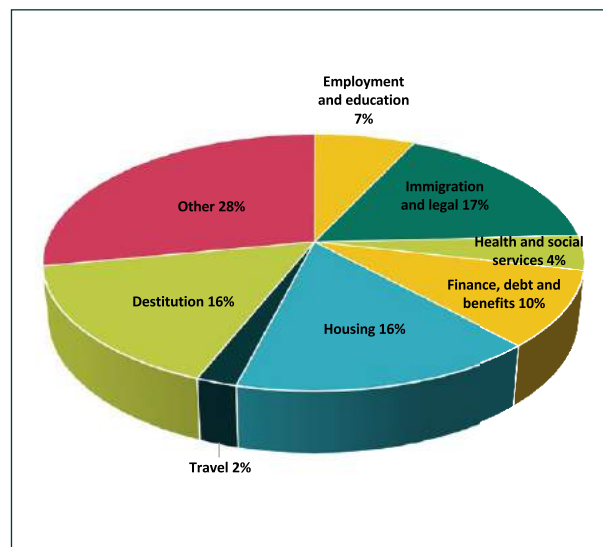
Drop-In Service

Led by our wonderful team of volunteers and staff, our drop-in clinic offers a safe space for clients to raise their issues/concerns and to connect with a variety of other organisations and services.

We were sad to say goodbye to Neli after six years of her trailblazing work, especially in developing our immigration advice service to OISC (Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner) Level 2. We were delighted to welcome her successor, Kiven to the team in May. Kiven has worked in a range of international development roles, including running drop-in clinics. He's also accredited by OISC to provide Level 1 immigration advice.

Demand for our drop-in services keeps soaring, partly because the hotel residents also need casework support. We helped 205 clients, up almost by a third compared to last year's visitors. 119 of the visitors were asylum seekers, 54 were either refugees or had a refugee background, eight were British citizens and 24 had complicated immigration status. See the pie chart for a breakdown of why people came to see us.

Drop-In Services used April 2023 - March 2024



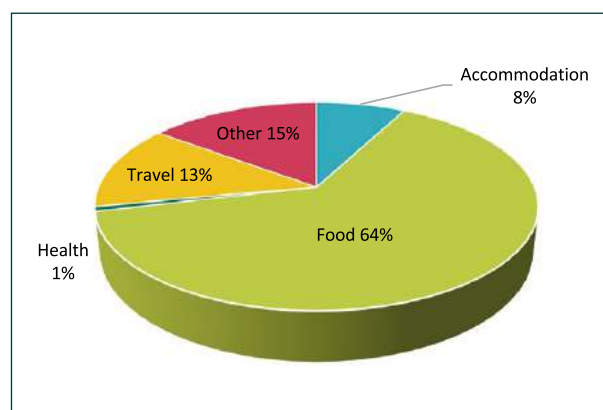
Destitution Project

We're able to give small amounts of money to clients in financial crisis through this project.

We supported 52 individuals during the course of the year. This is a big jump from the 27 people we helped in the previous year. It perhaps reflects the nation-wide crisis of destitution among asylum seekers, and Devon was no exception. The 52 people made a total of 186 claims between them and we gave them a total of just under £5700. View the pie chart to see what the emergency fund provided support with.

We're extremely grateful to our amazing supporters who make regular and one-off donations to us, as well as to those who fundraise on our behalf. Without them, we would not have this critical fund to support destitute clients.

Emergency Fund 2023-24



Awrang's Story...

Awrang considers himself lucky. Even though he made the long and harrowing journey by himself from Afghanistan in his early twenties, he made it to the UK in 2022, relatively unscathed. A few people he met on the way were not so lucky and they perished at sea.

"I knew nothing about the culture, the people, the language in the UK. All I knew of Britain was what I had seen about it on the TV back home.

I was brought to Exeter and I stayed in a hotel with other men like me. We were in the hotel for about a month when we found out about RSD. Their people came to see us and helped us with so much. We didn't have proper clothes and shoes and they gave them to us. I was eager to learn English and they taught it to us. We had many problems and they helped us to resolve them. They also cared about our wellbeing and reconnected us to our hobbies.

I love cricket and I used to play it regularly in Afghanistan. Rashid Khan is a famous cricket player and I have played cricket with him. RSD helped to introduce my friends and me to the Devon Cricket Foundation and Exwick Cricket Club. Playing with them helped us to forget about our stresses and even Rwanda! I am now better at the game even though I suffered from serious injuries during my travels."

Awrang and the other men at the hotel became part of different communities by dedicating themselves



I would now like to find work and study journalism. I also want to be a good cricketer and learn other languages.

Awrang

not just to cricket, but many also played football, and participated in a climbing club called Refugees Rock. When the hotel was closed down and the residents dispersed, many of them, including Awrang, vowed to return to Exeter because that's where they felt at home and it was where they'd made human connections. True to his word, Awrang came back to Exeter when he was granted leave to remain by the Home Office, even though he was made homeless. We have now helped him find a room. He's reunited with his cricket family at Exwick Cricket Club and is playing cricket for them.

Immigration Clinic

As an OISC Levels 1 and 2 accredited organisation, we continued to support clients with various needs around their leave to remain status. These needs revolved around indefinite leave to remain, spouse visas, leave to remain as parents, naturalisation applications for adults, as well as registrations for children as British citizens. We also applied for fee waivers for those struggling to pay home office application fees.

We supported 54 clients in the reporting period. A couple of examples include helping a client who faced a substantial legal aid bill because they'd been let down by their legal aid solicitor. Our immigration team was able to assist the client in submitting additional documents, and the bill was reduced by 75 per cent! A

very relieved client wrote to our immigration adviser, "Thank you so much for everything. You are such a nice person. From long time you are helping me. I really pleased to you." (sic)

We helped another client who is a single parent with a child who is now seven years old and born in the UK. Her asylum claim was refused, but we helped her to obtain leave to remain. This enables her and her daughter to study, work, obtain better accommodation, and engage fully in her life in the UK for the first time.

Our support, although limited, is ever more essential where debates around immigration are increasingly hostile.

Reem and Hasan's Story...

Reem, Hasan and their three children are Palestinians from Iraq and they came to the UK recently under the UK Resettlement Scheme. Here are their first impressions:

HASAN:

"When we first set foot in the UK, I was frightened and suffered from anxiety for my family's future. We had spoken with other families who had come through the same scheme and had been settled outside Devon. They hadn't received much help when they came here and it took them a long time to register their children in schools and register with their GP and to discover how everything works in this country."

REEM:

"Our experience was completely different. It was obvious to us that Souad and others had done a lot of preparation for our arrival. As soon as we arrived, she gave us a bus pass, SIM cards, she took us to the job centre, registered us immediately with a GP and our children were able to start school straight away! Very quickly we knew where to go food shopping, where our mosque and college (to learn English) are."

Initially, someone from RSD rang us every day to check that we were okay. The support we have received has been so wonderful. We are happy, we feel settled, our children are at school, we have met nice people at the mosque and I have even tried talking to my neighbour, but I didn't understand her!"

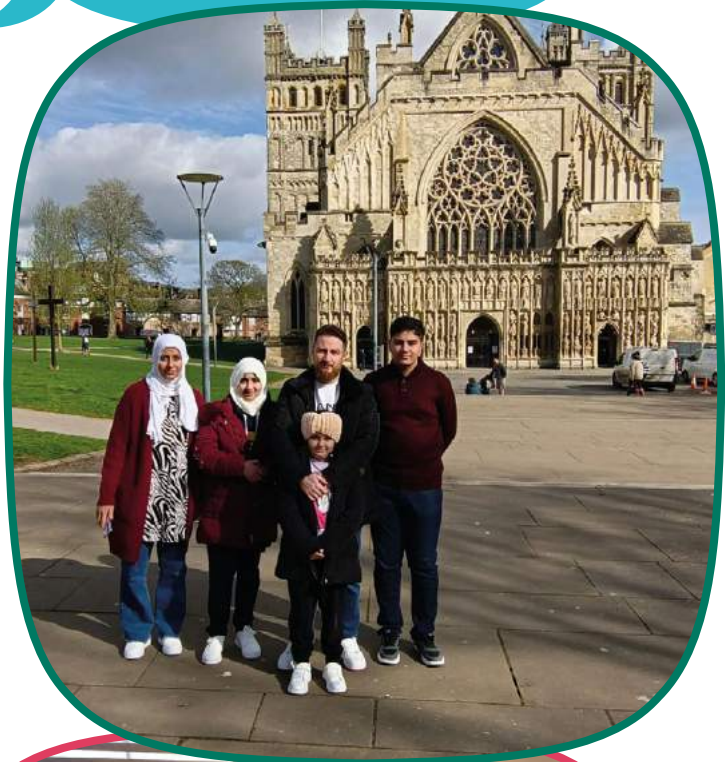
Both Reem and Hasan are keen to learn English as they realise that's the key to them integrating in the community. Hasan was a journalist back home and also volunteered with a charity that supported Palestinians. He's keen to train and find a suitable job. Reem's passion is arts and crafts and in particular crochet and painting on ceramics. Her dream is to make a living out of it again.

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We expected to be lonely, depressed and scared when we came here, but we are actually happy, settled and at peace, thanks to RSD.

Reem

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Without RSD's support we would be drowning now.

Hasan

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Resettlement Schemes

Since 2016, we've supported 34 refugee families who've come to Devon through VPRS (Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme), now renamed UKRS. Souad, our experienced Resettlement Co-ordinator, recounts the work that starts well before each family arrives here.

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Six weeks before they arrive, Devon County Council hands us the house key. We ensure that everything is in good working order. We buy the family a microwave and a TV (with two months' licence). We buy fresh Halal food and enough grocery items to feed the family for at least a week.

When the family arrives, a volunteer and I meet them at the airport and take them to their new home. We give them a welcome pack, a SIM card and a two-month bus pass. We give them a hot dinner for their first night. For the first fortnight, I'm also available by phone 24 hours a day for emergencies.

The first few days are the most disorientating for the family. They have many questions so I and/or a volunteer visit them regularly. We show them how to use public transport and we familiarise them with their local town. We accompany them on their initial appointments to the DWP, their GP surgery, school and bank. We also register them on English language courses.

Families then embark on their own journey – a few gain confidence and become relatively independent quickly, a few need high levels of help for a variety of reasons. We provide tailor-made support to each of them and we also run a clinic twice a week in our office for the families.

Over time, most families' reliance on us decreases as they stand on their own feet. They become more integrated in their communities by going into education, volunteering, getting jobs or involving themselves in their communities.

We feel privileged to be supporting these families, all of whom have faced untold challenges and who are doing their best to overcome them and who work tirelessly for a safer and more secure future for themselves.

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Our grateful thanks go to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Exeter, Devon Cricket, Exeter Mosque, Ottery Refugee Response Group, Southcombe Barn and of course the local communities for their wonderful support.

Support for Initial Accommodation Hotels

We supported residents in two emergency hotels in or close to Exeter: one hotel housed around 70 single male asylum seekers and the other had around 325 single women and family groups. People moved in as suddenly as they were moved out by the Home Office, so it wasn't easy to keep tabs on the exact numbers of residents at any given time. Our work was in close partnership with and funded by Devon County Council, Exeter City Council and East Devon District Council.

Jury, and then Souad and Ella with their volunteers provided the day-to-day support to the residents of the hotels. They organised activities, donations of clothes, shoes, mobile phones, SIM cards and other essential items, signposting to services, providing asylum advice and support, and trying to secure legal advisers to help them with asylum applications.

As the quality of food in these hotels is dubious at the best of times, we've tried to create as many events as possible around people being able to cook their own food. The most enduring and popular are the cooking sessions at Park Life Café that groups of clients go to every week to cook up a storm and practise their English with the volunteers who help them in the kitchen.

The Home Office closed the hotel housing the 70 residents in September. We managed to secure solicitors for nearly all of them before they were moved to other places. It was sad to say goodbye to them as we'd worked with many of them for around nine months. It was encouraging, however, to hear that many received positive decisions on their asylum claims and have since returned to Exeter to start their new lives here. You can read Awrang's story on page 5.

Our work with the single women, children and families in the hotel in a remote location, far from shops and other services, remains a challenge, but also immensely rewarding for our staff and volunteers who support them. We're extremely proud of all of them – and in particular, Jury, Souad and Ella – for providing a consistent and reassuring presence in the hotel which has seen seven changes of hotel managers during this period. They've shown that they genuinely care for the welfare and futures of the residents. We're also hugely grateful to our Council partners, as well as the NHS, schools, and a wide range of community, voluntary and faith sector organisations for making the families feel safe and supported under difficult living conditions.



Habib's Story...

Habib, an ebullient 17-year old, and his family were forced to flee their country suddenly because the police had discovered that the family had converted to Christianity.

“We had to leave everything that was dear to us – our extended family, our friends, all our possessions, including my much-loved computer.

When we finally arrived in the UK, I was crying all the time because we had lost so much. I thought it would be really awful here and that people would treat us badly. However, most people were kind and they helped us. In my country, everyone is focussed on their own problems and so we are not always nice to each other.

I met Miss Souad and she was so kind to me. When she found out that I love working on computers, she invited me to RSD so that I could work there. I've already registered for an online cyber security course, which is my big passion. RSD have even lent me a laptop now, which makes me so happy. I've always enjoyed computers and I know that that is going to be my career and my path.”

Habib and his family have now been offered a home in another city and they're all excited about starting a new life there. Habib is also a bit apprehensive that people in their new city may not be “helpful like RSD is” or that he may not understand their accents or that he may not like the city. However, he realises how lucky he and his family are to be given this opportunity to finally settle down in a new community and feel safe in the knowledge that they will not be persecuted any more for practising their religion.



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Allotment

Our allotment which is run mainly by two wonderful volunteers, Mark and Ann, has been a hub of activity with more clients and volunteers now helping out. We had a couple of barbecues for our clients which were well attended and enjoyed by all. The live music added

an air of festivity too. We also used produce from the garden for the Shared Meal event in November (see page 12). Our heartfelt thanks go to all the volunteers and clients who manage this tranquil space on our behalf.



Volunteer Viewpoint

I picked an opportune time, five months ago, when I spontaneously asked RSD about volunteering opportunities. As it happened, Exeter would soon be welcoming two refugee families through the UKRS scheme (see pages 6 and 7). So RSD was in need of Arabic-speaking volunteers to help facilitate their arrival and settling in. As a fourth-year student of Arabic at Exeter University, I was recruited to the UKRS volunteer team along with fellow students Rawan and Yousef.

The first month of volunteering was spent in the office performing tasks such as registering the families with GPs and schools, setting up email accounts, and preparing welcome packs for the families. The latter proved to be complicated and time consuming, prompting me to update everything which should hopefully make the process more straightforward for future volunteers!

But administrative tasks weren't the only things that needed to be done before the families arrived in Exeter. Another important responsibility was raising money for the food and household items that would have to last the families during their initial weeks in the UK before they could claim universal credit. I proposed the idea of a musical fundraiser at the university's Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies.

With the help of STAR and Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies Society, we were able to put on a hugely successful musical event which raised over £600 for RSD. We were lucky enough to be joined by musicians performing songs from various cultures. There were songs in Arabic, Russian, Persian, English and Italian, the last of these being sung by RSD's very own Valentina. I sang a few myself, including one in Arabic by Fairouz! It was a memorable event which featured not only amazing music but also delicious Syrian food.

The two families arrived in March, and Rawan, Yousef and I supported Souad in helping the families settle in Exeter. This included showing the families around town, explaining how to use public transport, as well as interpreting for them. It was wonderful to apply my language skills in a practical context, something not all Arabic students are able to do. It has been a real privilege getting to know the families and I hope that I have given them a positive first impression of people from Devon!

Harry, Volunteer

Volunteers are the heartbeat of RSD. We are truly humbled by their contributions in all aspects of our work. They come from all walks of life and are involved in absolutely everything we do. We owe our success to their hard work, the skills they bring to the work place, their energy and their unwavering support.

Rupert Blomfield, Manager



RAMP (Refugees as Medical Professionals) Project

Our RAMP project – which supports refugees with a healthcare background to qualify to work in the UK – is progressing at a brisk pace. Our trained volunteers help refugee professionals through their English language proficiency tests, such as OET or IELTS. We're delighted that seven of our clients passed these demanding tests in the reporting period.

The next challenge is for them to take specialist exams in their professions. We're extremely fortunate to have medically qualified volunteers who mentor and prepare them for these exams. Anne, our new RAMP Co-ordinator, is also exploring with a local NHS Trust to provide our clients with clinical experience to boost their studies for their professional exams.

I would like to thank all the RSD team for the OET preparation course. I really appreciate everything you have done for me. I enjoyed the sessions so much. It was a great experience and pleasure! All of you are incredible people! I felt your support, understanding and encouragement all the time during my preparation.

RAMP client

We're privileged to have our wonderful volunteer teachers who run specialist English language classes, and volunteer medical professionals who mentor with patience and great insight. We believe that this culture of nurture will enable more medical professionals to pass their exams and gain employment in the future.

When we came to UK, we were confused about how to get onto new things in this country. English language was on top of our worries. Fortunately we had chance to have this fantastic people (RSD staff and volunteers) coming to our hotel every week. We are not just learning English from them but also about UK culture and we could make very good friendship with them. Whatever we had problems with, they tried to prepare something for next week to work on our weakness in veterinary medicine or human medical terminology. Writing, listening, speaking and reading, they covered them all. I want to thank you about this wonderful opportunity for me and my friends. We all are very grateful for your help and support.

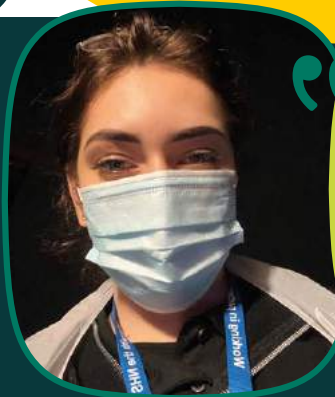
RAMP client

Arina's Journey

When I first arrived here two years ago because of the war in my country, Ukraine, I felt lost! My mum and I came together and stayed with our family friends, to whom we are still very grateful. We thought that we would be here for a couple of months only, but two years on, we are still here. Torbay is a wonderful area. We feel happy there enjoying the beautiful nature, the calming sound of water and the birds singing – they all distract us from bad thoughts.

My whole family, including my grandmother, works in medicine. So my career path was only going to go in one direction. I grew up with my parents working in a hospital and discussing medical topics at home. I had a great desire to be a gynaecologist-endocrinologist, but unfortunately this has to be put on hold for now.

Once I realised that we were going to be here for a while, I had to think about my career. I still wanted to find a job related to medicine and do what I like and enjoy.



I was scared to ask for a cup of coffee in a café, let alone having a conversation with someone.

Arina

By pure chance, I found out about RSD and decided to approach them. I realised that a lot depended on my knowledge of English which wasn't very good at the time. I diligently began to learn English and chose a job as a Health Care Assistant to improve my communication skills.

I'm very grateful to RSD for the big help that they've all given me. I now have teachers who help me prepare for my exams. I can finally see my career path ahead of me. After meeting Anne and Matt (a clinical director at the Torbay NHS Foundation Trust), my wings have grown and I'm finally hopeful for my future here. I know I still have a long way to go but I'm ready for it.

ESOL Project

It has been a busy year as we've seen more consistent and regular attendance in classes.

Students and teachers have developed a strong connection through our Book Club. We trained Exeter University student volunteers to participate as reading guides, which proved to be a huge success.

Our small group sessions and one-to-one tuitions have also been popular as students are able to go at their own pace and can reach goals set by themselves and their tutors.

Although it's been a challenge to find volunteers to lead our IELTS classes, our students have been successful in achieving the scores they've needed. We even had our first student receive the highest score of a 9 on one task!



“ I want to thank the members of the Book Club for their invaluable support in enhancing my reading skills. Before joining this class, I struggled with reading, speaking, and discussing what I read. Today, I find that I can read more effectively and have made significant improvements in my speaking abilities. I am so thankful to the guidance of my highly talented tutors and the dedicated time provided.

ESOL client

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“ I feel my English is improving all the time and I mix with my English friends through the Refugees Rock Programme. I don't feel so lonely any more.

ESOL client

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We've had to adapt our teaching at the initial accommodation hotel with its inconsistent internet connection, and new asylum seekers coming and then leaving just as suddenly, sometimes before we've even had a chance to put them on our system.

Refugees Rock is an incredibly successful collaboration with The Climbing Hangar. It's been a fun and engaging outlet, where volunteers partner up with our clients to help them through the climbing sessions. The energy and enthusiasm of the climbers is infectious and the sessions enable them to practise their speaking, listening and problem-solving skills.

Shared Meal Fundraiser

Together with community partners, Exeter Community Initiatives and St Sidwell's Community Centre, Valentina organised a shared meal event that was cooked by six asylum seekers, who also prepared the menu and curated the whole evening. Forty hungry diners participated in the joyous occasion. The cooks shared their different cultures, music and solidarity through food. We plan to run further events like this in the future.



Refugee Week

We were lucky to have our volunteer, Jeremy, and staff member, Valentina putting so much effort and creativity into celebrations marking Refugee Week 2023 in June. Valentina organised two film screenings at Exeter Phoenix on thought-provoking subjects around refugee issues. It was heartening to see a strong representation from the asylum seeking and refugee communities of Exeter at the events, which added so much depth to the lively discussions following the screenings.

Our gala event at Exeter Quay summed up our extraordinary year. The weather was glorious and over 250 residents from the two asylum hotels as well as many supporters attended this vibrant event with music, dance and an array of stalls, including those of other organisations and communities that support refugees and asylum seekers in Devon. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints provided delicious

food, our clients Iman made amazing Syrian food and Neama baked a wonderful cake.

We would also like to thank Azad Ozgur, Eduardo Merino Polo, Ludmila Centurion, and Giorgia Ciampi (the trio from Canta Nina), Shumba Arts, the Hong Kongers' dancers, the Ukrainian singers, the Extinction Rebellion samba band, the Kurdish children dancers group and several of our clients who performed songs and dances from their heritage throughout the day. Our grateful thanks also go to our friends at Devon County Council, who provided generous financial support, to our trustee Anna for support with organising the event, and to all the volunteers who lent a hand with the setup and logistics during the day. We believe that this splendid event sent out a clear and strong message of welcome from the city of Exeter to refugees and asylum seekers in our communities.



Staff

Rupert Blomfield	Manager
Annette Hughes	Finance Manager
Denise Parker	Education and Employability Co-ordinator
Jennifer Schoen	ESOL Volunteer Manager
Jury Arevalo	Outreach Co-ordinator (until Sep '23)
Kiven Emmanuel	Casework Co-ordinator (from May '23)
Neli Montes de Oca	Casework Co-ordinator (until Apr '23)
Nick Floyd	Administrative Assistant (until Mar '24)
Souad Fadel	Resettlement Co-ordinator
Trupti Desai	Administrator
Valentina Todino	Drop-in Co-ordinator

Trustees

Jennifer Longford	Chair
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Emma Marshall (from Jan '24)	
John Green (until Aug '23)	
Kev Hunter (until May '23)	
Ruth Grove-White	
Shehany Warnakulasuriya	

In Memory of Peter Bainbridge

We were very sad to hear that Peter Bainbridge, one of our wonderful trustees who volunteered tirelessly for us from 2014-2019, passed away in October 2023, after a bad fall from which he never regained consciousness.

Peter was an extremely lovely man with the very best of social and political aspirations for the world, and for fighting practically against injustices. He brought to the charity the widest experience of a travelled, thoughtful and dedicated mind. He ensured that everything possible was done to help asylum seekers in Devon get the hearing their journey deserved and to give support to those who were able to settle here.

Our gratitude is to Peter for the gifts he brought and for the happy times we shared with him.

Our Heartfelt Thanks

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all the individuals and community groups who raise much-needed funds for us every year. A highlight was Olivia, our youngest donor yet at seven years old, who sold her precious collection of toys and raised £7 for us. Way to go, Olivia! Delia Kennedy was our oldest fundraiser at 78 years who walked a fantastic 102 miles in September in support of our work. There were many others such as Fiona, Charlie and Jeni who ran, swam and walked to raise money for us. Our huge gratitude also goes to Exeter Philharmonic Choir for nominating us as their charity at their Christmas Carols in the Exeter Cathedral.

We're also indebted to all the organisations and charitable trusts which support our work: 29 May 1961 Charitable Trust, AB Charitable Trust, Access to Justice Foundation, Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust, Devon Community Foundation, Devon County Council, East Devon District Council, Exeter City Community Fund, Exeter City Council, Exeter Phoenix, Garfield Weston Foundation, Hilden Charitable Fund, Jamieson Bystock Trust, Justice Together Initiatives, Lloyds Bank Foundation, Marsh Charitable Trust, National Lottery Community Fund, National Philanthropic Trust, Newton Crisis Aid, Norman Family Trust, Ottery Refugee Response Group, Souter Charitable Trust, Sport England, St Edmunds and St Mary Major Charity, Steel Charitable Trust, South West Immigration Alliance, and Thomas Wall Foundation.

Last but not least, a special thank you to all our one-off and especially our monthly donors. Without your contributions we would not be able to provide services to our vulnerable clients. To you and all those who supported RSD... THANK YOU!

If you wish to organise a fundraising event for us or you wish to become a regular donor, then please visit our website for further information.

Accounts

	2023-24	2022-23
Income	£319,678	£232,585
Expenditure	£265,521	£229,869

Our full accounts will be ready to view at our AGM in October 2024.



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