

Resources for Community Sponsorship in Cornwall

Local Organisations

Bude Refugee Support Group

Bude Refugee Support Group are a registered charity that has had an active Community Sponsorship programme since 2017. The organisation also collects donations for refugees overseas. Please visit their [website](#) or [Facebook page](#) for more information.

Cornwall Islamic Community Centre

Cornwall Islamic Community Centre based in Truro is the only other Mosque and Islamic Centre in the area outside of Plymouth. The organisation supports SVPRSs and can provide more information on where to find Halal meat in the county. Click [here](#) to see their website.

Cornwall Refugee Resettlement Network

Cornwall Refugee Resettlement Network is an organisation supporting and promoting refugee resettlement in Cornwall resettlement, as well as campaign on behalf of refugee related issues within the county. Please click [here](#) for more information. You can also visit [Cornwall: A Million Acts of Sanctuary](#), another Cornish refugee support initiative.

Dor Kemmyn

Dor Kemmyn is a faith-based community organisation providing support for a Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (SVPRS) in Truro. They also welcome volunteers for their resettlement initiatives. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Plymouth Based Organisations

[Students and Refugees Together](#), the [Red Cross](#) and [Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support Council](#) offer a range of services to refugees and asylum seekers in the region. Visit their respective website for further information. [Open Doors International Language School](#) offer ESOL classes for refugees and asylum seekers, as well as training for teachers and community interpreters. [Piety](#) is an Islamic centre and mosque offering various services located in Plymouth.

National Organisations

At a national level, several charities offer information, support and guidance for Community Sponsorship: [Reset UK](#), [For Refugees](#), [Sponsor Refugees](#) and [Charis](#) (South West). [Refugee Action](#) and [Refugee Council](#) (who manage the Syrian Grant Fund) support Community Sponsorship as well.

Aid Collections

There are a number of organisations operating in Cornwall that collect/ take donations or offer support to refugee causes in Europe: [ASHT](#), [OHOB](#), [Wadebridge Cornish Refugee Aid Project](#), [One and All Aid](#).

[Essential Services](#)

Jobline Staffing

Jobline Staffing are the only organisation providing fully qualified Arabic/English interpretation and translation services in the county. They are a private company. Please see further information [here](#) and contact details [here](#).

JobCentres

It is likely that families will initially be claimants of Universal Credit or one or more other benefits, meaning regular appointments at a JobCentre at one of the following locations: [Truro](#), [Liskeard](#), [Penzance](#), [Bude](#), [Penryn](#), [Redruth](#), [St Austell](#), [Plymouth](#), [Launceston](#) and [Bodmin](#).

Penreath LTD

Penreath Ltd have a Community Development Worker project supporting specifically BAME (Black Asian Minority Ethnic) people within the county with mental health issues. For more information please visit their [website](#) or contact dean(at)pentreath.co.uk.

ESOL Lessons

[Cornwall Council](#) provides English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) in education centres throughout Cornwall. Currently they are available in: Camborne, Falmouth, Penzance, Bodmin, Bude and Liskeard.

Work Routes

Along side Job Centres and [National Careers Service](#), Work Routes is a programme that can help people find employment. There are several providers of this programme in the county, click [here](#) to find out more on their website.

Childcare funding

You can check eligibility and apply for [Two Year Old Funding](#), [Free Early Education for 3-4 Year Olds](#), and [Early Years Pupil Premium](#) in Cornwall using the links.

Devon and Cornwall Police Diversity

The police force in the region has a limited number of staff working directly on issues of racism and hate crime. Please visit [their site](#) for contact details.

[Online Resources](#)

Community Sponsorship Guidance Documents

You can read about the process of Community Sponsorship in these two guides, [Community Sponsorship Mini Guide](#), [Community Sponsorship: Guide for Prospective Sponsors](#), and the governments official Community Sponsorship documents by clicking [here](#) and [here](#).

ESOL Online Resources

[English My Way](#) provides lots of resources for teachers/tutors leading classes for adults with low or no level of English, and resources for teacher's development as well. The British Council [ESOL Nexus](#) has free website with resources for every level of ESOL learner. [Teaching Refugees](#) has a number of resources for learners with little experience of formal education.