Swansea City of Sanctuary
Abertawe Dinas Noddfa

'A Better Welcome to Swansea' newsletter for asylum seekers in Swansea – Autumn 2025

If you have any questions, please contact us.

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Welcome to Swansea!

New to Swansea or been here a while?



Welcome to Swansea – we are proud to be a City of Sanctuary and hope you will find friends here and feel at home. Please get in touch if you want any advice or information about groups, education, volunteering or anything else!

BME Outreach Project & Better Welcome to Swansea





Welcome to Swansea! We are Amber, Charlotte and Hannah

Charlotte and Amber **can help by connecting you with people and groups in Swansea - we have a team of volunteers who can show you around the city. We can also help you start volunteering or tell you about organisations who will help with different types of support from food to housing, English classes, Home Office letters, study and so on. We look forward to meeting you. Please call, or text or email us.**

Hannah's work **supports diverse communities to be empowered, to understand their rights and responsibilities in relation to keeping themselves safe and well, and how they can access health care services.**

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Free for everyone



Ethnic Minorities and Youth Support Team Wales | Tim Cymorth Lleiafrifoedd Ethnig ac Ieuenctid Cymru

SANCTUARY HUB



Asylum and Refugee advice and support

MONDAY to FRIDAY
10am - 5pm

ASPEN - Benefits - Universal Credit - NHS
Asylum support - Well-being - Work
Education - School - College - Volunteering

Coffee Morning	Mondays 10am – 12pm
English Class	Mondays 12pm – 1pm
Friday Space	Fridays 1pm – 4pm

EYST, 11 St Helens Road, Swansea, SA1 4AB
Tel: 01792 466980/1

Charity No: 1152486 - Company No: 06709767



SASS

Swansea Asylum Seekers Support

Join us for friendship, chat, support, games, learning English, healthy hot meals and more...



Friday drop-in

Every Friday 4pm – 7pm

at St James' Church Parish Centre, Walter Road, Swansea SA1 4QA

By Gower College (Llwyn Y Bryn campus)



Saturday drop-in

Every Saturday 12pm – 3pm

at York Place Baptist Church, York Street, Swansea SA1 3LZ

By VUE Cinema (in town)

For more information, **contact us:**

vol.sbassg@gmail.com

www.sass.wales

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George: 07719 876193
Ruth: 07707 850895
Diana: 07707 850900
Sue: 07707 850898



Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) Outreach Programme

Engagement Team



Come to Chai & Chat!

We are here to help our diverse communities to access health services across Swansea and Neath Port Talbot

Get in touch to find out how we can support you:

Hannah Sabatia
Swansea CVS
07538 105650
hannah_sabatia@scvs.org.uk

Shadan Roghani
Neath Port Talbot CVS
07542 275368
shadan@nptcvs.org.uk

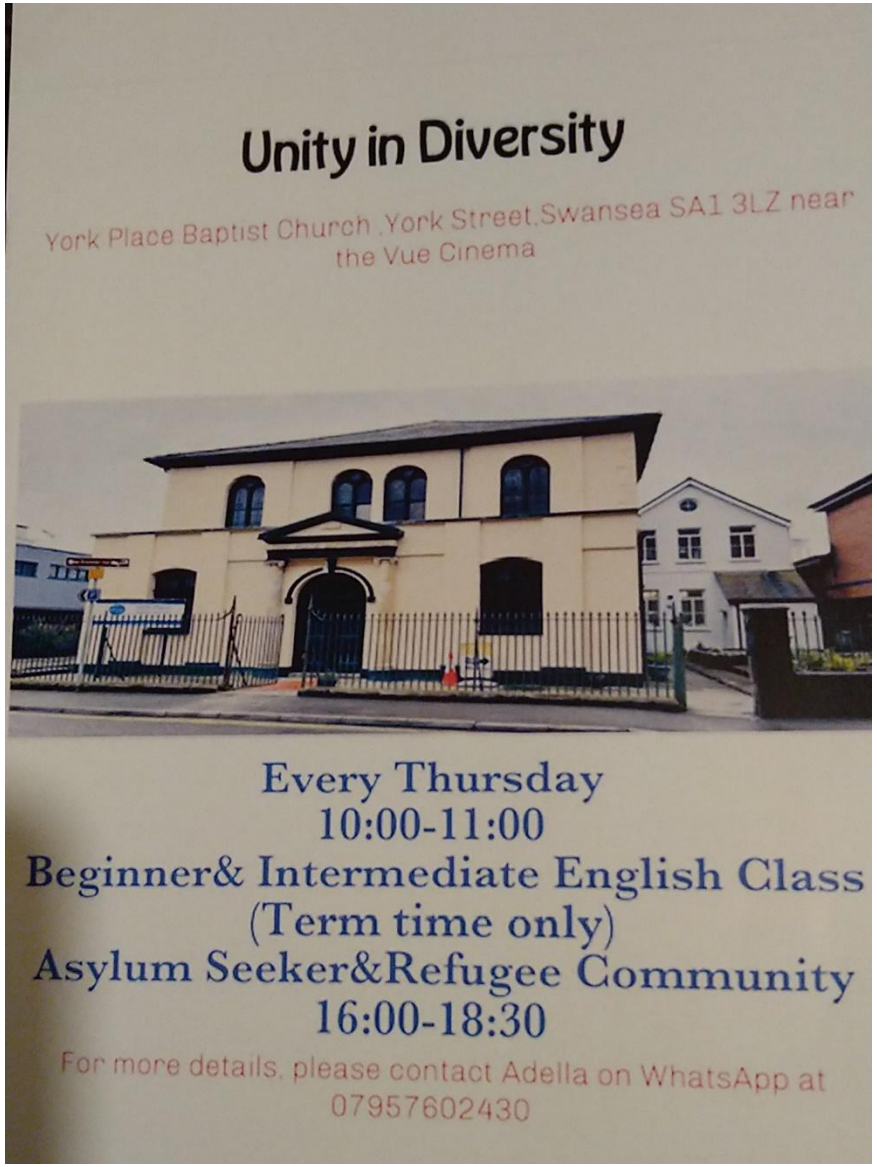
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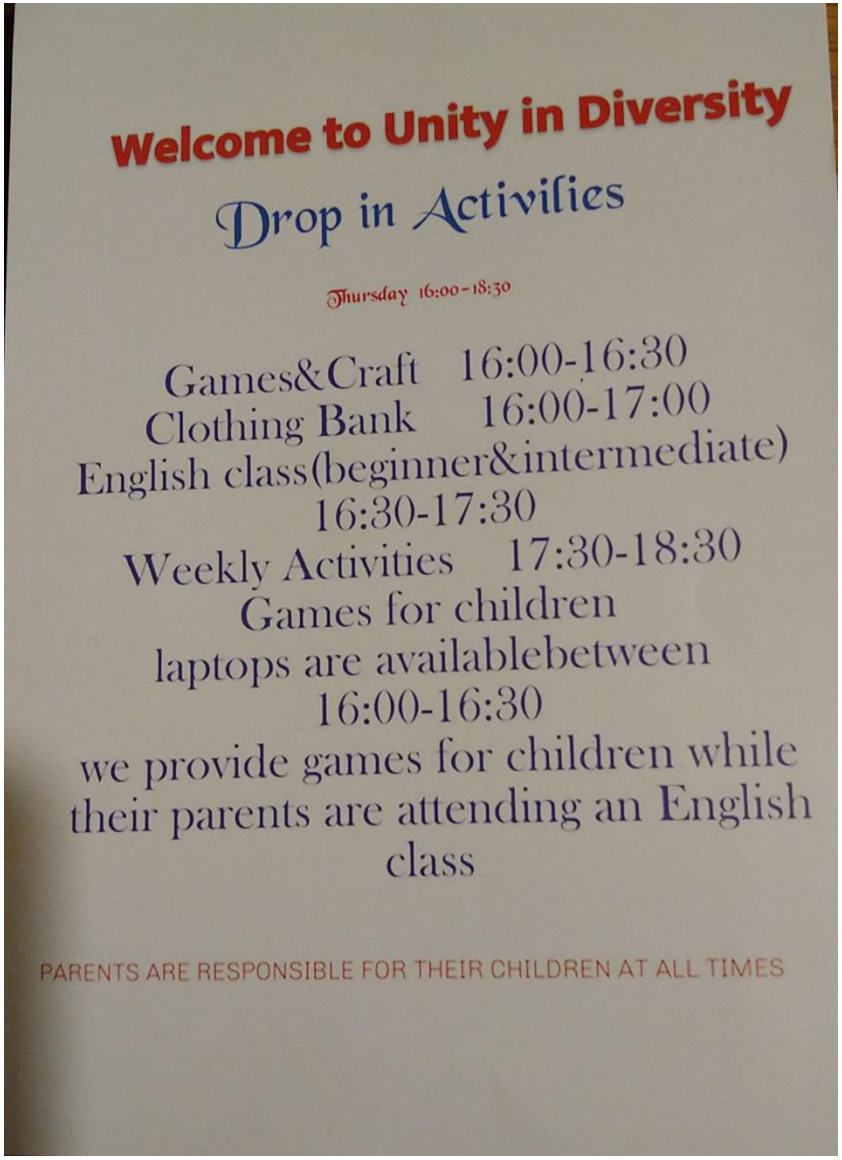
GIG CYMRU NHS WALES
Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Bae Abertawe
Swansea Bay University Health Board

NEATH PORT TALBOT CVS
CASTELL-NEDD PORT TALBOT

Charity no. 1063242

Charity no. 1064450


Unity in Diversity
York Place Baptist Church ,York Street,Swansea SA1 3LZ near the Vue Cinema
Every Thursday
10:00-11:00
Beginner& Intermediate English Class
(Term time only)
Asylum Seeker&Refugee Community
16:00-18:30
For more details, please contact Adella on WhatsApp at 07957602430



Swansea Libraries are Free, warm, have Free access to WIFI and you can also get FREE sim cards there – just explain you are an asylum seeker.

Come to Swansea Central Library to check out our new books in different languages



Find us at the Civic Centre on Oystermouth Rd.
01792 636464

ABERTAWE SWANSEA
Llyfrgelloedd Libraries

Cyngor Abertawe Swansea Council

Information for Children and families



If you need school uniform for your children, you can sometimes apply for a grant to cover the cost:, Please call Charlotte or Amber if you need help completing the form:

https://www.swansea.gov.uk/schooluniformgrant?lang=en



Y-HUB

YOUTH GROUP
GRWP IEUENCTID

Open access youth group for 11-25 year olds
Hot food, music and weekly workshops!

Friday | 6PM - 8PM | YMCA Swansea

Grŵp ieuenctid mynediad agored am pobl ifanc 11-25 oed
Bwyd poeth, cerddoriaeth a gweithdai wythnosol!

Dydd Gwener | 6YH - 8YH | YMCA Abertawe

Get in touch/ Cysylltwch:
Matt@ymcaswansea.org.uk | 07535 811189

Scan for more info!

Partneriaeth Rancarthol Gwlferen Morgannwg | West Glamorgan Regional Partnership

YMCA | Here for young people Here for communities Here for you | Yno i bobl ifanc Yno i gymunedau Yno i chi



RAINBOWS

Baby & Toddler Group

0's – 3's

Thursdays

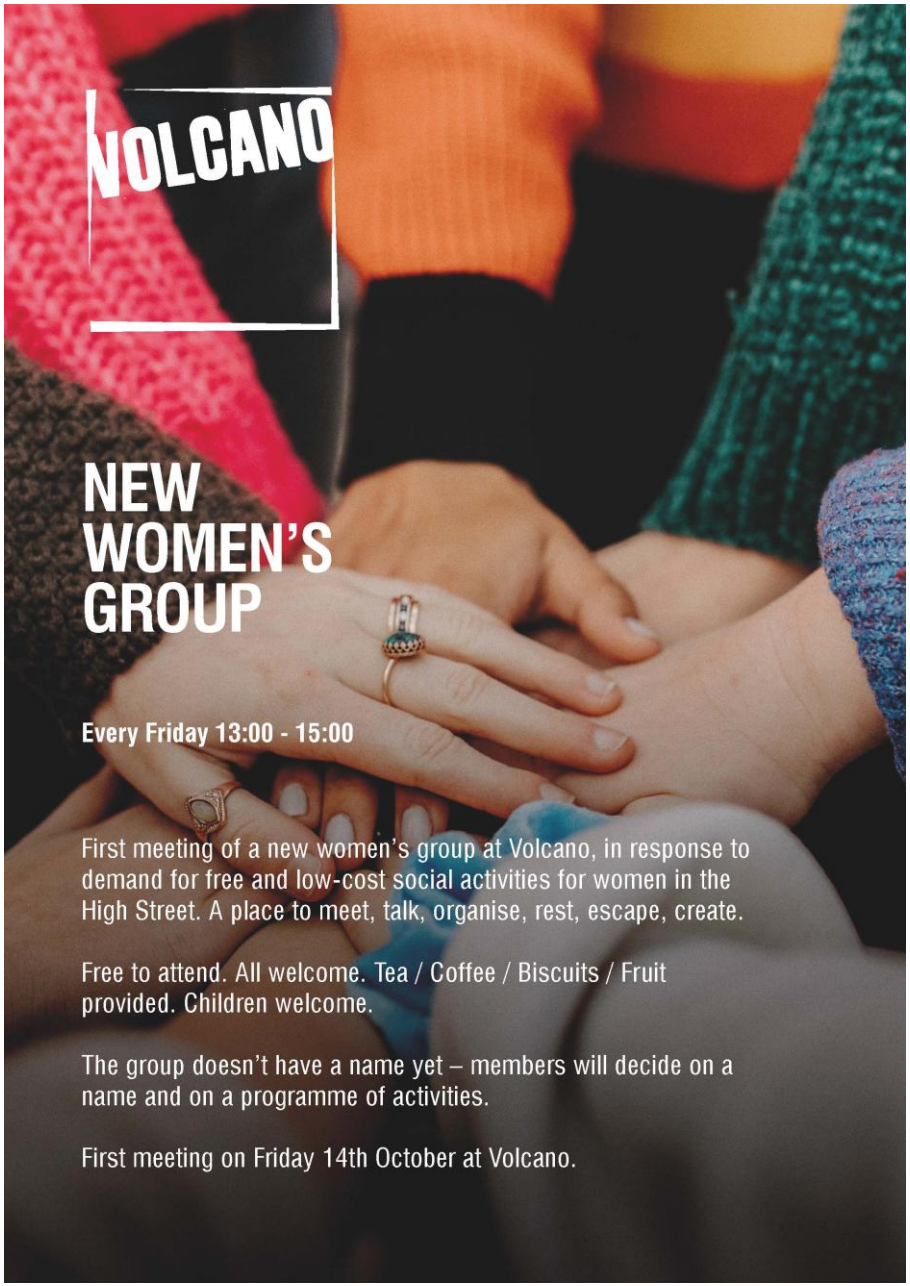
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@ The HUB

City Church Swansea
SA1 1QQ

Groups just for Women





Groups just for Men



Are you interested in studying?

College – ESOL and beyond!

- Gower College offers course at A Level and GCSE – FREE for asylum seekers. Look through their website and choose the course you are interested in, then call the admissions office for that course. You **DO NOT** need to pay the £50 fee – but you have to speak to someone by phone to authorise this.

University Scholarships

- Swansea University currently offer one Sanctuary Scholarship for a postgraduate taught master's student. Please do keep an eye on their website for details of the scholarship opening for the next academic session: https://www.swansea.ac.uk/money-campuslife/sanctuary-scholarship/.

- The STAR network's database of scholarships here, these are all over the UK, so you might not be able to apply depending on your Home Office situation. Please speak to EYST, WRC or your lawyer to check. https://star-network.org.uk/access-to-university/scholarships/.

- The Open Futures Sanctuary Scholarship provides the opportunity for new, UK-resident students who have been displaced from their homeland or place of residence for political, economic, ethnic, environmental, or human rights pressures, to study for free. Sanctuary Scholarship | Open University

Poetry, performing arts & creativity.

Exiled Ink
magazine

Opportunity for all refugee and migrant writers (stories, poetry) - for more information read down!

- Please now send your poetry or short stories or novels or play extracts to Exiled Writers Ink. exiledwritersink@gmail.com

FREE English groups

FAN – Friends and Neighbours

...Bringing people together
to meet, listen and talk...

In-Person FAN Groups

Monday 10.30am York Place Baptist Church
(1 York Street, Swansea SA1 3LZ - opposite The Vue Cinema)

Monday 10.30am Gendros Baptist Church
(Penrhos Place, Gendros, Swansea SA5 8BS)

Monday 1pm Lifestyle Centre, Sketty
(55 Gower Road, Sketty, Swansea SA2 9BH)

Wednesday 10am Swansea Central Library
(Civic Centre, Oystermouth Road, Swansea SA1 3SN)



Wednesday 2pm St Thomas Library
(Grenfell Park Road, Swansea SA1 8EZ)

Thursday 11am GROW Cymru
(Unit 12 St David's Shopping Centre, Swansea SA1 3LG)

Friday 10.30am Café Ark
(32 Oxford Street, Swansea SA1 3AN)

Friday 1pm Morriston Library
(Treharne Road, Morriston, Swansea SA6 7AA)

Friday 5pm – SASS FAN (Swansea Asylum Seeker Support)
(Part of the 'Drop-in' at St James Church, Walter Road, Swansea SA1 4QF)

Saturday 1pm – SASS FAN (Swansea Asylum Seeker Support)
(Part of the 'Drop-in' at York Place Baptist Church, 1 York Street, Swansea SA1 3LZ - opposite The Vue Cinema)

Online FAN Group (using Zoom)

Wednesday 2pm – Women's FAN

For all groups contact Philippa 07938978397

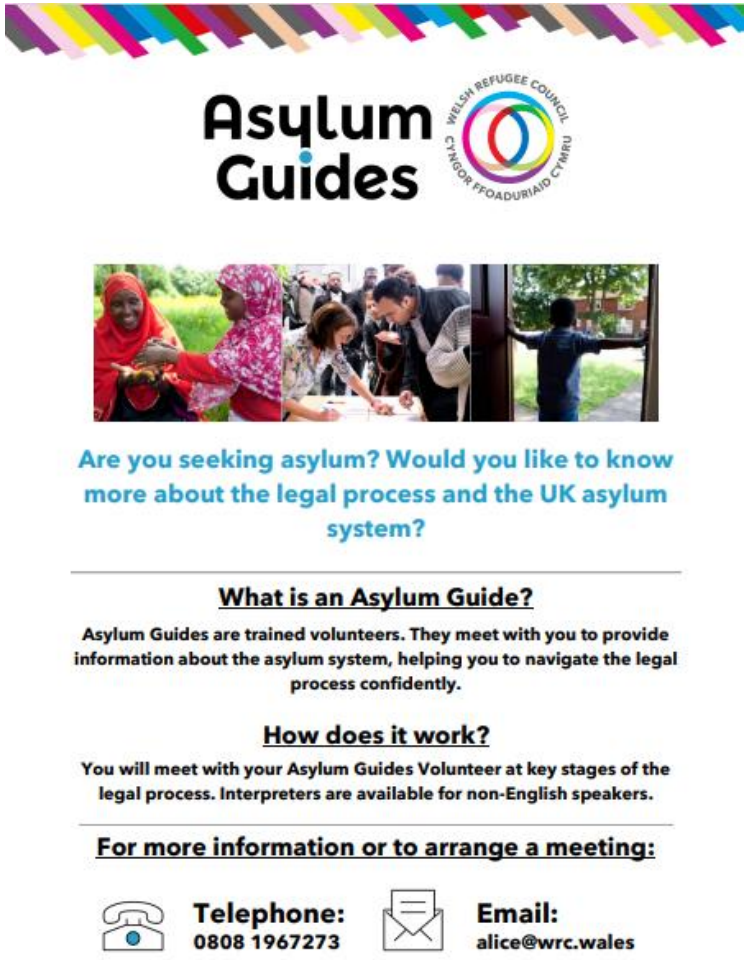
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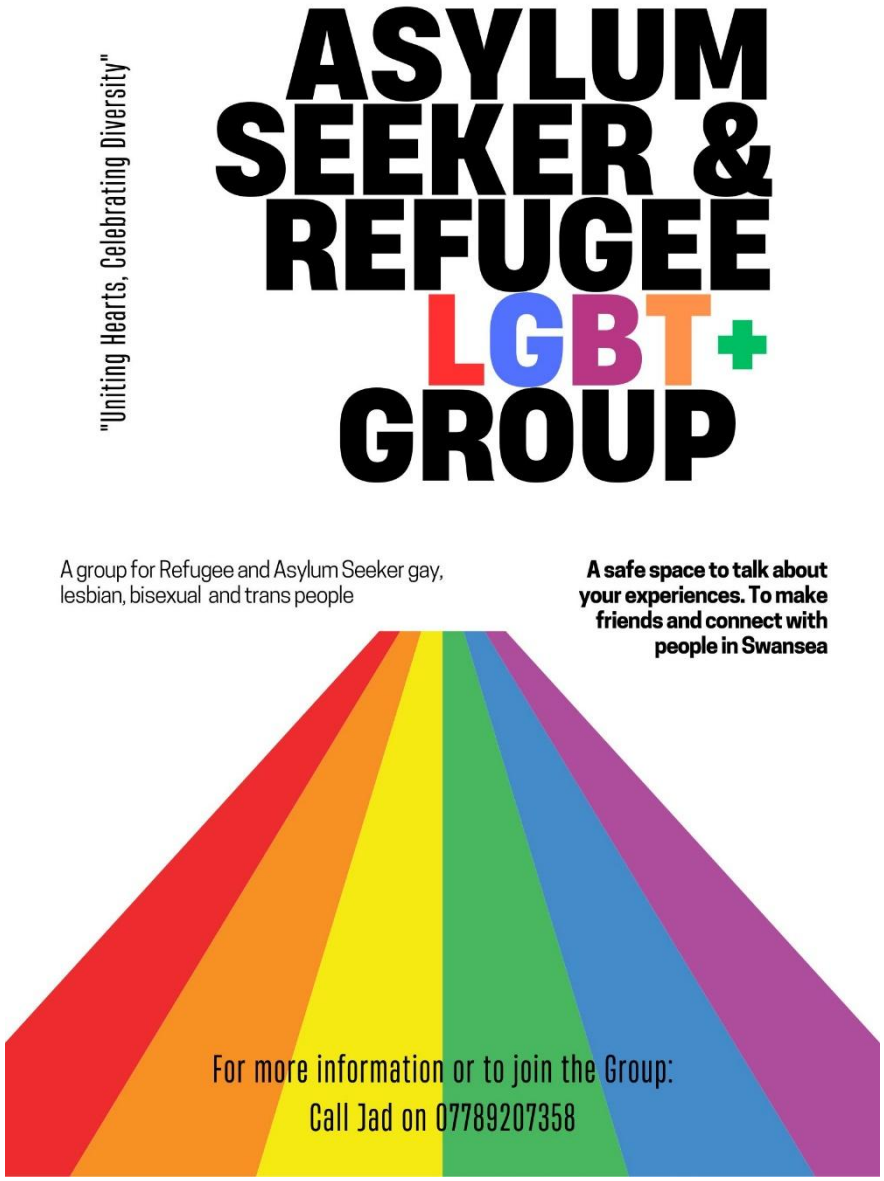
Do you need expert advice and support?



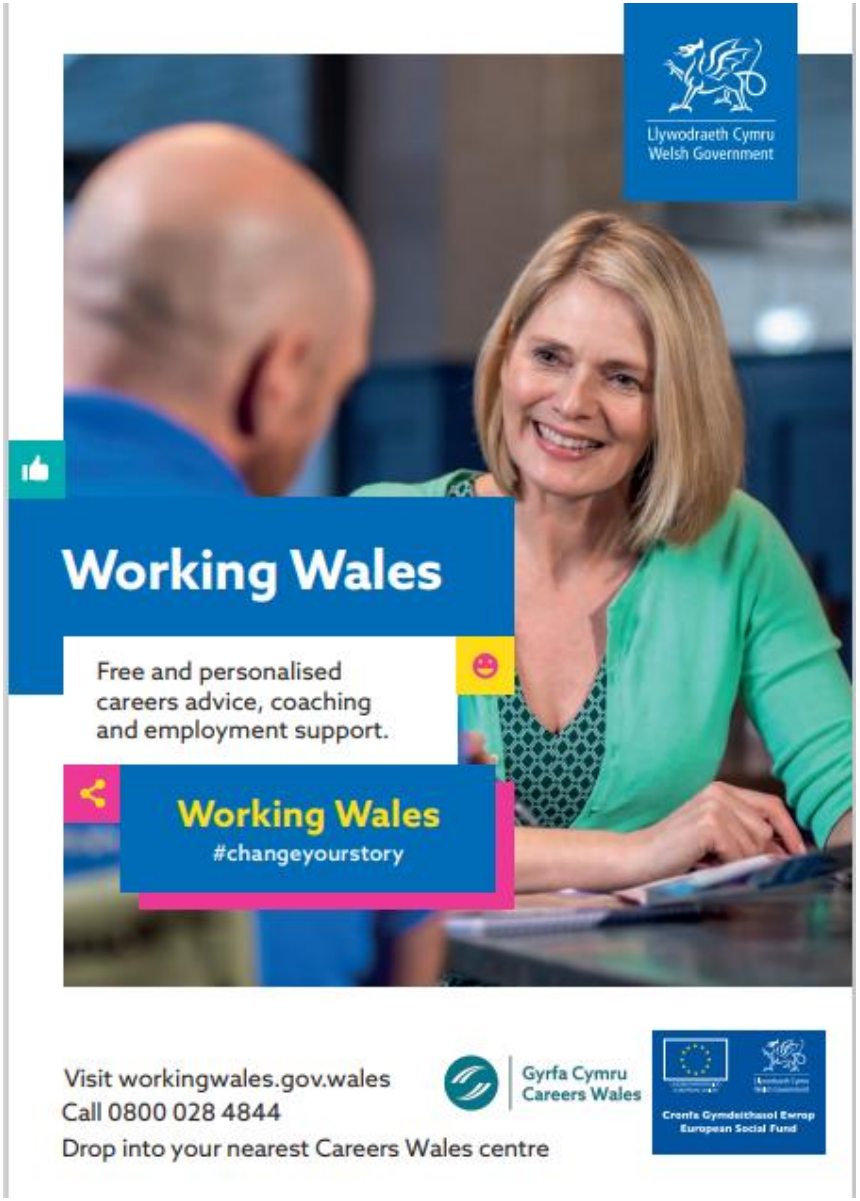


LGBTQ+


Queer tawe
queertawe@messupthemess.co.uk
01792824484 | 07451270720
Scan here for more info and to get involved.
Sganiwch fan hyn i gymeryd rhan.
Queertawe brings together the LGBTQI+ communities of Swansea in safe and inclusive creative workshops to celebrate themselves and their stories.
Mae Queertawe yn dod a chymunedau LHDTC+ o Abertawe at eu gilydd mewn gweithdai creadigol, cynhwysiol a diogel i ddathlu eu hunain a'u straeon.
Theatre Design
Dylunio Theatr
Movement
Symudiad
Creative Writing
Ysgrifennau Creadigol
Cabaret Performance
Perfformiad Cabaret
mess up the mess
GIG NHS WALES
Cyngor Celfyddydau Cymru
Arts Council of Wales
ARIENNIR GAN Y LOTERI LOTTERY FUNDED
SwanScene
URBAN FOUNDRY


"Uniting Hearts, Celebrating Diversity"
ASYLUM SEEKER & REFUGEE LGBT+ GROUP
A group for Refugee and Asylum Seeker gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans people
A safe space to talk about your experiences. To make friends and connect with people in Swansea
For more information or to join the Group:
Call Jad on 07789207358

Are you a Refugee?





WELSH REFUGEE COUNCIL
CYNGOR FFOADURIAID CYMRU

WELSH REFUGEE COUNCIL

SWANSEA SERVICES

NEED HELP AFTER GETTING YOUR REFUGEE STATUS?

Newly granted refugees have just 56 days to move out of their asylum accommodation. That's a short time to find a home, money, and a job. But no one need to face it alone.

Our Move On team is here to help you:

- ✅ Access housing support
- ✅ Open a bank account
- ✅ Know your rights and support services
- ✅ Discover job or study opportunities
- ✅ Access English and Welsh language sessions
- ✅ Build skills and confidence



Call us on our freephone number to book an appointment.

0808 196 7273

Migrant Help

New and improved webchat service

First Response Centre (FRC) available 24/7 & Eligibility, Advice and Guidance Line (EAGL) 8am - 8pm

Scan this QR code to access our 24-hour advice service

Use this service to receive advice and guidance or to report issues.

For more information please visit:
https://www.migranthelpuk.org/
Free asylum helpline:
0808 8010 503
@migranthelp

migrant help

URGENT

IF YOU ARE A REFUSED ASYLUM SEEKER, OR YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS

THERE IS HELP AVAILABLE

SUPPORT:

EYST Sanctuary Team, SA1 4AB
01792 466980
Advice / Rights

Share Tawe, SA1 4AB
07519 551192
Temporary Accommodation

Red Cross
01633 245759
Financial / Material Support

Swansea Asylum Seeker Support
07853 717017
Community Support / Food

Unity in Diversity
07531 294145
Community Support / Food

FREE FOOD:

Matthew's House, SA1 1LW
07708115903
Monday 11.30 - 13.45
Tuesday 11.30 - 13.45
Sunday 19.00 - 20.45

Zac's Place, SA1 4HH
Friday 11.30 - 13.00

Missionaries of Charity, SA1 2AW
01792 463107
Wednesday 15.00 - 16.00
Friday 15.00 - 16.00
Sunday 15.00 - 16.00

St Marys Church, SA1 3LP
01792 655489
Wednesday 09.30 - 13.00 (takeaway meal)

St Thomas Church, SA1 8BP
01792 455671
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday 10.00 - 13.00
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 09.00 - 13.00
Saturday 09.00 - 12.00

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