

Brushstrokes Community Project

Asylum Guide Volunteers

Do you want to be part of a team that empowers asylum seekers to take control of their asylum journey?

What is the role?

Our clients are asylum seekers who have recently arrived in Sandwell, seeking safety after fleeing conflict and persecution in their country of origin. In order for asylum seekers to be granted protection, they need to understand the complex asylum system.

Brushstrokes is delivering this project in partnership with Refugee Action and will match up Asylum Guide volunteers with people and families claiming asylum in Sandwell. Meeting at key stages of the asylum process, they will offer guidance and information. The aim is to increase **legal literacy** – empowering people to navigate and better engage with the complex asylum system.

Do you have?

- A positive approach to working in a multi-cultural and multi-racial setting;
- Basic IT skills
- A commitment to empowering other people and promoting independence.
- Willingness to develop new knowledge and skills
- Other language skills are helpful but not essential;
- Approx. 5 hours a month to meet your client/s.

Brushstrokes will provide:

- In depth, specialist training on the asylum process (Provided by Refugee Action)
- Induction, and ongoing support / supervision
- Travel expenses and other incurred expenses relating to the role.

How do I apply?

To register your interest please contact: martin@brushstrokessandwell.org.uk; 0121 565 2234

For further role specific enquiries please contact: blanka@brushstrokessandwell.org.uk; 07572 762 233

An Asylum Guide TRAINING SESSION will be held on Friday the 11th of May at 9.30 am at SAFS, Windmill Community Centre Messenger Road, Smethwick, B66 3DX where further information about the role and the work of Brushstrokes and Refugee Action will be provided.