

Suggested DBS status: Child and Adult Workforce with a check against the child barred list.

### **Responsible to**

Parish priest, parish safeguarding representative.

### **Role purpose**

The group exists to provide a safe meeting place to support and offer practical advice to asylum seekers and refugees within the parish, who have been placed temporarily in the area by the Home Office pending resettlement.

### **Main responsibilities**

- 1) To provide practical support to enable asylum seekers and refugees to feel welcomed within the community.
- 2) To work with individuals and family groups (including children and young people of all ages). It is also possible that some of those seeking asylum may be unaccompanied children.
- 3) To engage and supervise children and young people in recreational activities.
- 4) To provide basic education in assisting asylum seekers and refugees with reading, writing and conversational English.
- 5) To constructively interact with asylum seekers and refugees, ensuring that they are respected and welcomed.
- 6) To distribute toiletries from donations received as the need arises.
- 7) To respond to any safeguarding concerns in line with Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service (CSSA) Procedures.

### **Person Specification**

- a) To create a welcoming and supportive environment with a culture of trust so that beneficiaries have the confidence to access and interact with the project.
- b) To have an awareness of the issues facing, and the needs of, asylum seekers and refugees, particularly those who have experienced trauma.