

Overview & Scrutiny - Coordinating Committee

CITY OF SANCTUARY POLICY STATEMENT 2018-22

Progress update – September 2021

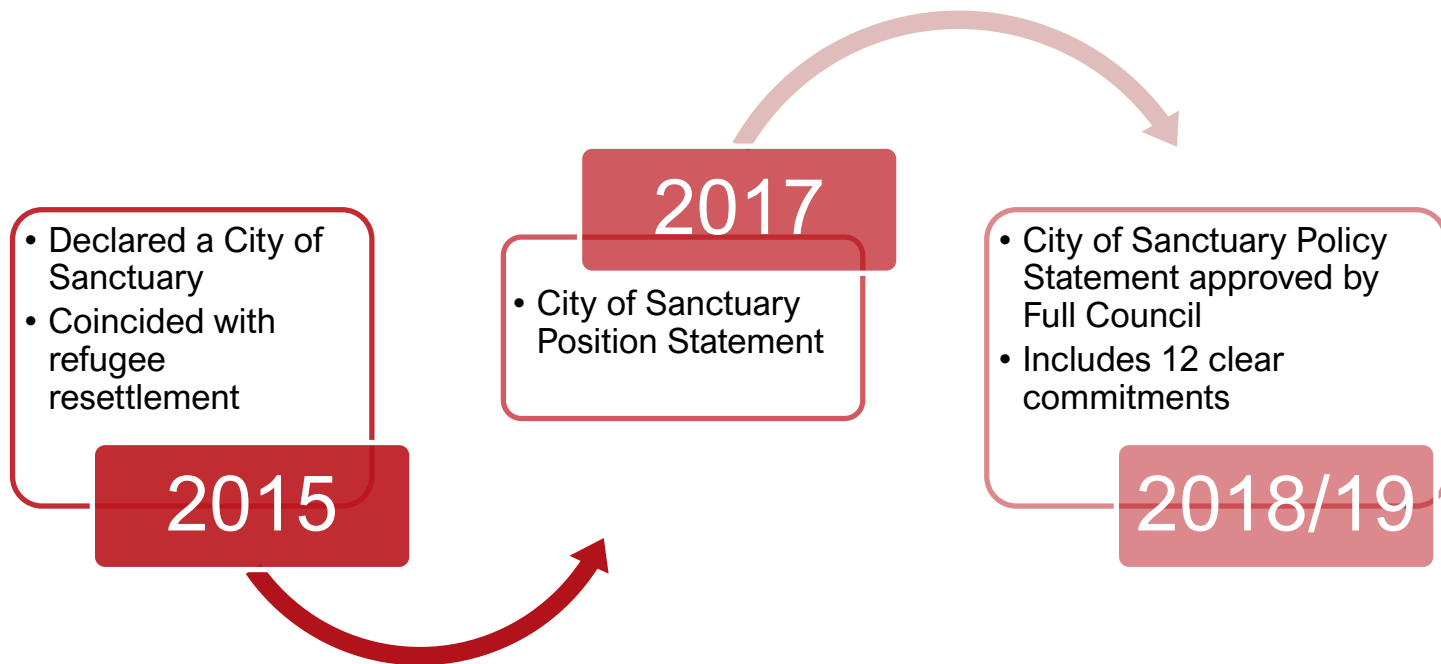


THIS PRESENTATION

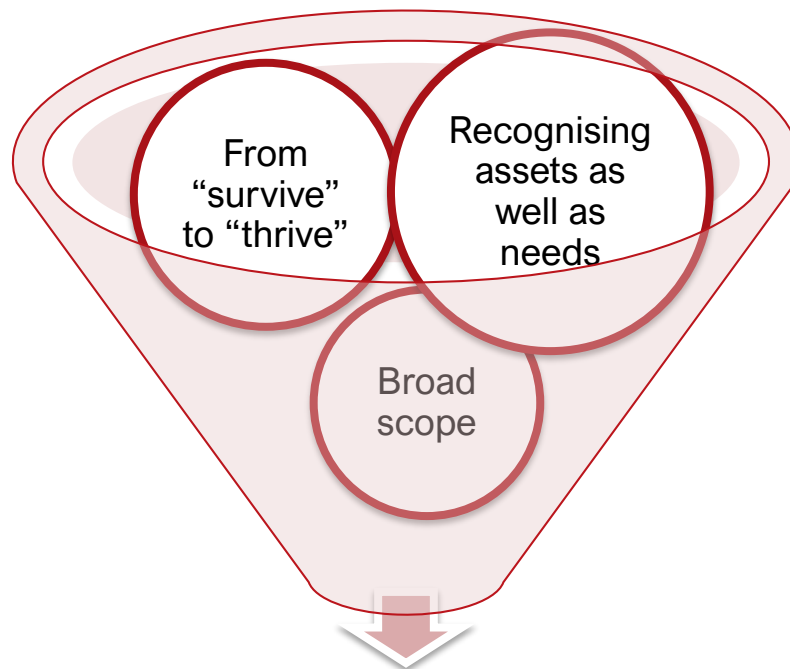
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City of Sanctuary Policy Statement 2018-22 – vision and commitments

PROGRESS AGAINST THE COMMITMENTS

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welcome

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I: A place of welcome

- Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme
- UK Resettlement Scheme
- Dispersal area for accommodation for destitute asylum seekers
- Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children and the National Transfer Scheme
- EU Settlement Scheme
- Hong Kong BNO visa



II: How we work with our partners and stakeholders

- Birmingham Migration Forum
- City of Sanctuary Partnership Board
- Working Groups aligned to delivery of programmes and projects
- West Midlands Funders Network
- West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership



III: Awareness of and access to rights and services

Spotlight:
**Immigration, welfare and
housing**



Foundation for Integration project

- “Move-on” information and advice pathway for newly granted refugees on exit from the asylum system, including housing and welfare;
- Information and advice pathway for non-EU migrants specialising in where immigration influences housing and welfare;
- Awareness raising with frontline staff – statutory and VCS
- Incorporates BCC Neighbourhoods Advice & Information Service

IV: Focus on specific challenges with partners

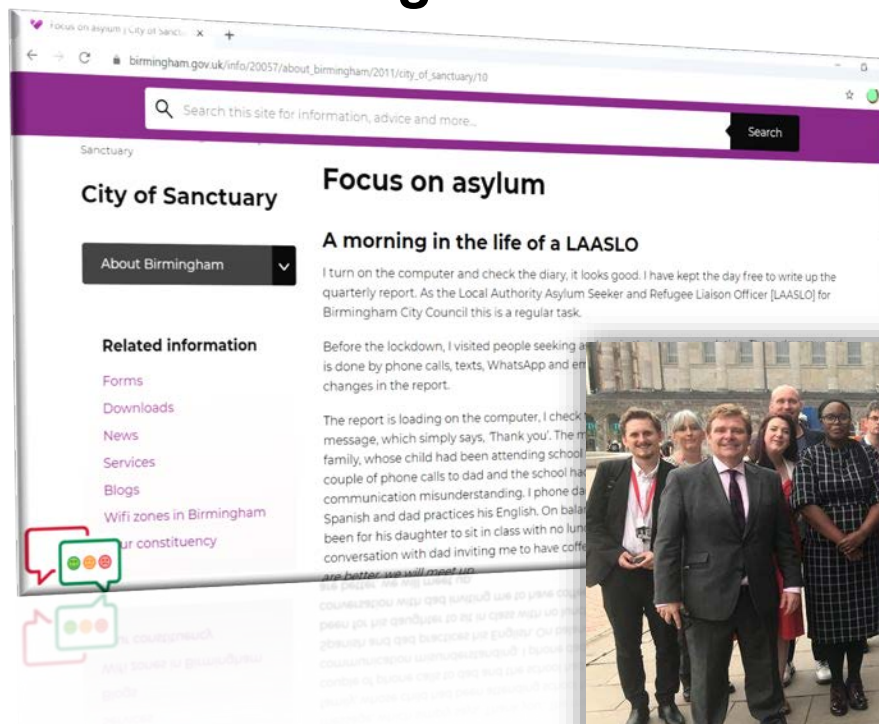
Health Champions

- 18 Champions from migrant communities trained
 - Basic, universal Public Health messaging
 - Service availability and access
 - Rights and entitlements
 - Addressing myths and misinformation
 - Information re. Covid-19
- In partnership with BCC Public Health, the Refugee & Migrant Centre, and Coventry University
- A range of nationalities
- Helped disseminate messages and feedback issues
- Now taking steps to form Community Interest Company

Spotlight:
**Working with health
partners to increase
access**



V: Taking pride in what we stand for and increasing understanding



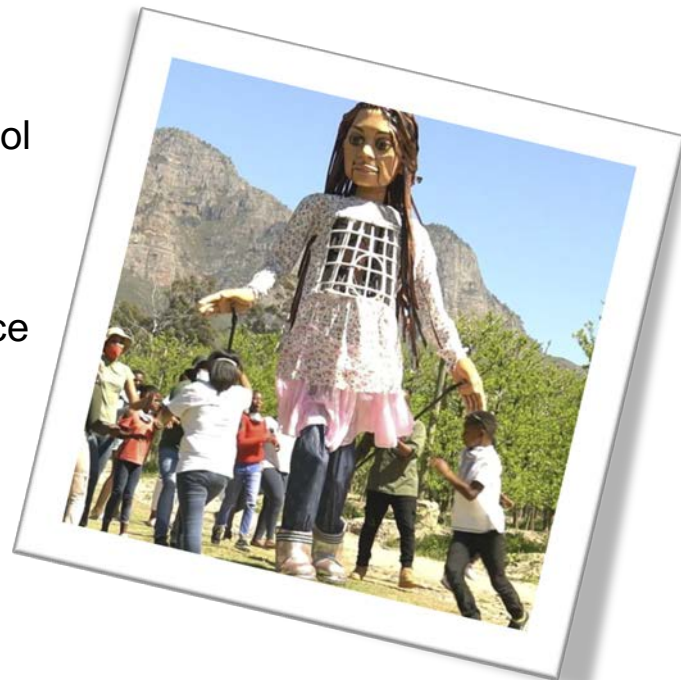
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Celebrating Sanctuary

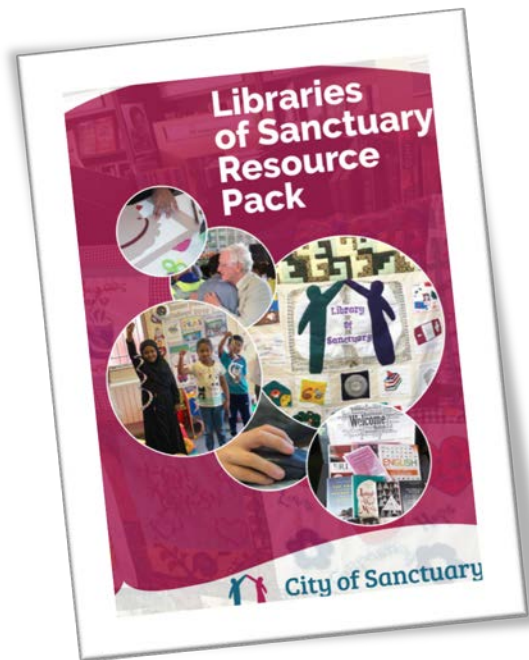
8 month community engagement project using arts as the tool to bring people together for community cohesion.

Benefits:

- Safe environment for engagement
- Incorporation of ESOL / informal English language practice
- Mixing between communities



VI: Embracing, embedding & mainstreaming



Libraries of Sanctuary

- Resource pack
- Training to staff
- Outreach to newly arrived communities
- Library of Sanctuary awards – LoB and community libraries

NEXT STEPS

Addressing gaps

Where progress is behind or insufficient

Furthering our progress

Where we are making good progress but could do more

Enhancing the existing statement

Where we may be able to go above and beyond

