

- **Asylum Link Merseyside** is a charitable organisation helping asylum seekers and refugees in Merseyside. Most services are accessed on a drop in basis and the centre is open from Monday to Friday, providing tea, coffee and a place to meet. Services include
- **Advocacy and advice** across a broad area and Immigration advice (OISC2) and support, including student placements
- **Alleviation of destitution** through the provision of **food, clothing and housing**, with access to **complex & further submissions** advisors.
- 80 places for English classes across the week
- Access to 2nd hand **clothing, shoes and other donated items**, daily except Wednesday.
- Encouragement to asylum seekers and refugees to **become volunteers** and to engage with their new community.
- **Social events** to encourage integration: Refugee Week, Christmas, trips and visits to other venues, cycle programmes and hill walks and access to football initiatives.
- **Well-being projects:** bicycle repair, gardening and allotments, cooking demonstrations with other local groups. A Women’s group and a Choir run on Thursdays. **Action Asylum** projects actively place Asylum Seekers in volunteering roles with non-asylum organisations including beach/park cleans, tree planting, creative writing projects, indoor climbing and arts projects. We now work in 5 other cities with this programme.
- Music Therapy via **Nordoff Robins**
- Input from other agencies including the NHS Community Inclusion Team .The **Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit GMIAU** and **Merseyside Refugee Support Network MRSN** have offices onsite
- **Information and Research** opportunities, the Asylum Information Roadshow, School Presentations and Social Work Training.

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Our History

Kensington Welcome, an informal organisation of be-frienders based in Kensington, was set up in 2000 to offer friendship, practical support and, where possible, advice. As demand grew it became clear that a more professional service was required. In response, Asylum Link Merseyside was formed in March 2001 and was based in St Anne's, the disused priory building next to St Anne's Church in Overbury Street.

Since then ALM has grown into a multi-disciplinary provider, with a broad range of expertise. We are described as “one of the greatest operating charities in the north-west.”

Our Vision is to challenge discrimination and injustice in the treatment of asylum seekers and refugees through befriending, advocacy, direct assistance and education.

Our Aim is to enable asylum seekers and refugees of all faiths and cultures to live in dignity, participating fully in the life of their local communities and contributing to their diversity and enrichment.

Staff and Trustees

ALM is a voluntary organisation run by 9 paid staff, mostly part time, and over 100 volunteers. The Charity is overseen by a board of Trustees with legal and financial responsibility for the organisation. The chair of the trustees is Denia Kinkade. ALM has 3 Patrons. Baroness Caroline Cox; Lord David Alton ; Dame Louise Ellman



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Welcome, Support and Friendship for Asylum Seekers and Refugees

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Membership

As a member, your support will enable Asylum Link Merseyside to continue providing welcome, help and support to asylum seekers and refugees, and campaigning for their rights. The current subscription is £20 a year (£5 unwaged or low waged) This entitles you to vote on ALM business.

I would like to become a **Member** of ALM

I enclose a cheque/standing order for £..... payable to Asylum Link Merseyside (**it is very helpful if you can pay by standing order**)

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GDPR Statement ALM will never pass on your details to other organisations. Your personal details will be kept on file only for the purposes stated. Please notify us if at any time you wish to be 'forgotten' ie all your details to be removed from ALM records.

Standing Order

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