

**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.

**Immigration Advice & General Casework**

We provide Asylum advice at OISC level 3 as well as referral to solicitors. We also have a general casework service for housing problems, missed NASS payments, accessing GPs etc

**Furniture and Clothing.** We provide free second-hand clothing, furniture and other essential household goods.

**English Classes.** We provide ESOL through our volunteers classes and Liverpool Community College have classes on site.

**Destitution support.** We have a limited budget for meeting the emergency needs of asylum seekers and refugees.

**Befriending/Volunteering.** There are many opportunities to volunteer at the centre and befriending is at the heart of all Asylum Link's Services.

**Social Support.** There are a series of Well Being programmes which include Healthy Eating and Cooking, Allotments and Gardening, Oral Hygiene sessions and Bike repair and Cycle club. We also hold social events for occasions such as Refugee Week, Eid, Christmas and Newroz. We have Table Tennis, Bar Football and Caroom equipment.

All our services are free and confidential. We aim to create a friendly environment for asylum seekers and refugees of all faiths and cultures.

So why don't you come and visit us!

**Our History**

Kensington Welcome, an informal organisation of be-frienders based in Kensington, was set up some years ago 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.

ALM continues to grow rapidly and are constantly expanding and adapting to meet current demands.

**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 is run by a centre manager with the assistance of one full time administrator and two part time assistant managers, one full time and one part time case worker, one part time houskeeper, and one full time, "time together" mentoring manager, and over forty volunteers.

The trustees have legal and financial responsibility for the organisation. The chair of the trustees is Chas Raws.



# Asylum Link Merseyside



*Welcome, Support and Friendship for Asylum Seekers and Refugees*

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## Why should we help?

Asylum Seekers are one of the most disadvantaged groups in our society.

- They are not permitted to work
- £40 per week for food, clothing & transport
- They are subject to reporting restrictions
- They live in a climate of fear and disbelief created by politicians and the tabloid press.
- Their chances of success are 1 in 4.

Almost everyone has an opinion about Asylum Seekers but very few people have ever met one. If you would like to help or find out more, please get in touch.

## How to find Us

We are situated between Upper Parliament Street and Picton Road, near St. Anne's School (close to the Taskers DIY Store)

We can be reached by 79 Bus from Picton Road. Get off near Wavertree Police Station  
or

the 86 Bus from Upper Parliament Street.  
Get off near the Power House  
or

the 26/27 Shiel Road circular from Tunnel Road.  
Get off at Edge Hill Railway Station

The closest Motorway is the M62 which follows on to Edge Lane

