

# Asylum Link Merseyside

- Offering practical support and friendship to refugees and asylum seekers -

So what is it that Asylum Link does?

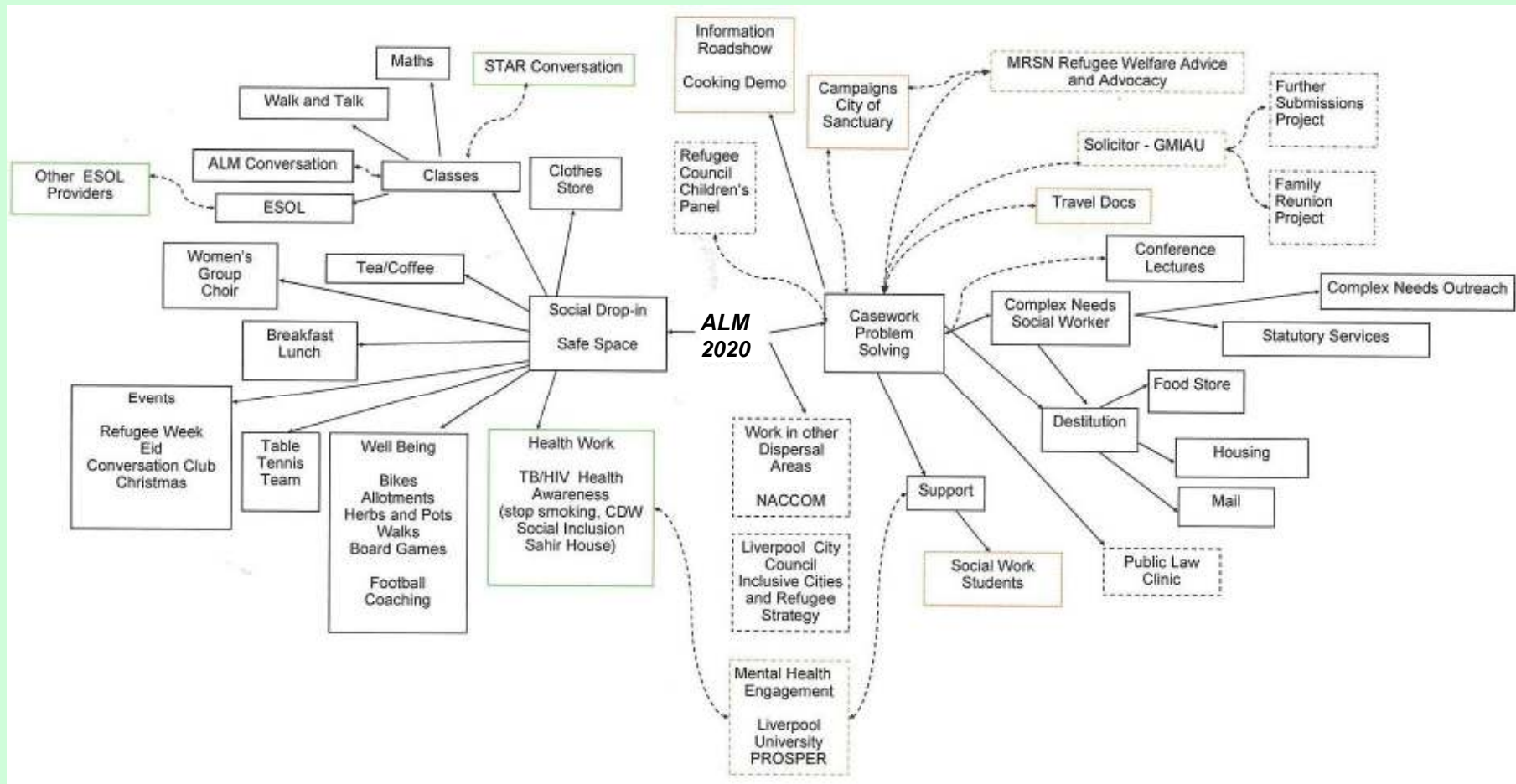
A place of safety for people to meet

A safe place to meet, talk and share a coffee with other things to do: table tennis, bar football, bike projects, cookery classes, allotments and gardening as well as social gatherings and celebrations



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What do we need to feel valued?

Can ALM provide this

<b>What's missing</b>	<b>Our Substitute</b>
Work	Volunteering
Decent income	Volunteer expenses?
Decent House	Advocacy
Good Health	Gateway to health Services
The occasional holiday	Hmmm? Days out – space to relax
Good neighbours	Advocacy again

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Volunteers – it could be you!

Problem solving – intervention and advocacy

Health issues – access to services – finding out about the system

Destitution – where to go, how to survive – accessing our food, housing and support



The complex needs caseworker – accessing statutory support.

What else is out there – we are not the best at everything – public reps: MPs and the Ombudsman

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The need to provide both social and technical help

Just surviving is not enough. We need to be valued and treated with respect.

The Destitute exist on many levels at the same time.

*Getting 'status'*

**Self-actualization**

morality, creativity, spontaneity, problem solving, lack of prejudice, acceptance of facts

*Volunteering*

**Esteem**

self-esteem, confidence, achievement, respect of others, respect by others

*Friendship*

**Love/Belonging**

friendship, family, sexual intimacy

*Somewhere to go*

**Safety**

security of body, of employment, of resources, of morality, of the family, of health, of property

*Destitution*

**Physiological**

breathing, food, water, sex, sleep, homeostasis, excretion



*Abraham Maslow*



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## What can people do to help



## Volunteering

Aside from casework, we need people to:



- help in the kitchen
- teaching
- sorting clothes and running the clothes sales
- taking the walks, the football or the table tennis
- repairing bikes or assisting with the rides
- helping on the allotment
- helping with the women's group
- taking part in the choir

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Get interested – find out more

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## WELCOME TO ASYLUM LINK MERSEYSIDE

Asylum Link is an organisation dedicated to assisting Asylum Seekers and Refugees in Liverpool and to raising public awareness around refugee issues. It is a welcoming and safe place for people from all countries to meet, relax and find out about the city they have arrived in.

**What does ALM offer?**

Asylum Link provides friendship, help and advice and encourages the participation of asylum seekers and refugees in the service. ALM needs your help to do this and we currently have an appeal in place for extra funding.



We offer a wide range of [services](#) for asylum seekers and refugees. Most services are provided on a drop in basis, with appointments available for specialist activities.

Every day, tea, coffee and biscuits are available

Open: **Monday - Friday 9am-4pm**  
St Anne's, 7 Overbury St.  
Liverpool, L7 3HJ  
Tel: 0151 709 1713.  
[info@asylumlink.org.uk](mailto:info@asylumlink.org.uk)  
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## Donating Clothes

We never turn clothes away and give items to the homeless, selling others cheaply to those still in support. Clothes not taken are recycled through an industrial rag firm in Manchester who collect once a week.



Clothes can be dropped off Monday to Friday, 9 to 5, or we can be contacted to make other arrangements

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Donating Food & Toiletries – basics for survival

How would you feel if you didn't know where the next meal was coming from



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## Providing Food

Our food store is a lifeline for many people and demand is steadily increasing. People can drop food at the centre Monday to Friday 9 to 5 or phone in to make arrangements

We need:

Sugar, tea, coffee, cooking oil, rice, tinned tomatoes, tuna, and corned beef.

Toiletries such as razors, shampoo, deodorant, female hygiene products and shower gel.

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## Donations

Standing orders

Membership

Gift Aid

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Why should we help?</b></p> <p>Asylum Seekers are one of the most disadvantaged groups in our society.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are not permitted to work</li> <li>• £40 per week for food, clothing &amp; transport</li> <li>• They are subject to reporting restrictions</li> <li>• They live in a climate of fear and disbelief created by politicians and the tabloid press.</li> <li>• Their chances of success are 1 in 4.</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How to find Us</b></p> <p>We are situated between Upper Parliament Street and Picton Road, near St. Anne's School (close to the Taskers DIY Store)</p> <p>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 25/27 Shield Road circular from Tunnel Road. Get off at Edge Hill Railway Station</p> <p>The closest Motorway is the M52 which follows on to Edge Lane</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Donations</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gift Aid Declaration</b></p> <p>Details of donor Title .....</p> <p>Forename(s) .....</p> <p>Surname .....</p> <p>Address .....</p> <p>Post Code .....</p> <p>I want <b>Asylum Link Merseyside</b> to treat</p> <p>the enclosed donation of £ ..... as a Gift Aid donation</p> <p>the donation(s) of £ ..... made on ...../...../..... as (a) Gift Aid donation (s)</p> <p>all donations that I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations</p> <p>all donations I have made for the six years prior to this year, (but no earlier than 6/4/2000) and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">*delete as appropriate</p> <p>Signature .....</p> <p>You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax that the charity recovers on your donations in the appropriate tax year (currently 28p for each £1 you give).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Donations</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Standing Order Mandate</b></p> <p>To ..... Bank</p> <p>Address .....</p> <p>Post Code .....</p> <p>Please pay The Co-operative Bank, PO Box250, Skelmersdale WN8 6WT, sort code 08-92-99, for the credit of Asylum Link Merseyside, account no. 65105157 the sum of</p> <p>£.....(amount in figures) .....(amount in words)</p> <p>commencing on the (date) ..... and thereafter every ..... (frequency) until you receive further notice from me/us in writing. Please quote the reference ..... (to be completed by Asylum Link Merseyside) and debit my/our account number ..... sort code ..... accordingly. Please cancel any previous standing order in favour of Asylum Link Merseyside.</p> <p>Signature(s) .....</p> <p>Title ..... Name .....</p> <p>Address .....</p> <p>Date .....</p> <p>Please return the form to the Membership Secretary, Asylum Link Merseyside, St Anne's Centre, 7 Overbury Street, Liverpool, L7 3HJ.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Donations</p>
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We are eternally short of funds and anything given is gratefully received



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## *Don't write Asylum Seekers off*

Many people have views on Asylum Seekers but very few have ever met one. People come here to ask for help, and enter a system where the chances of success are 50%. They are not allowed to work and kept in relative poverty.

Everyone needs to feel useful and everyone needs to belong, and that is where Asylum Link fits in.

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