



JRS UK

Accompanying, serving and
advocating on behalf of the
most marginalised people in
UK society – refugees



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Who are we?

JRS UK is a charity working to accompany, serve and advocate on behalf of the most marginalised people in UK society – refugees and other forcibly displaced persons.

- We are grounded in Catholic social teaching.
- We work with all refugees regardless of their faith.
- Our staff and volunteers come from many faiths and none.

We are proud to call people who came to our country in search of safety, our friends.

Support through the pandemic

When the first lockdown began in March 2020, we took the difficult decision to close our weekly Day Centre. Since then, we have been delivering services flexibly, in order to serve our refugee friends as effectively and as safely as possible. Thanks to a successful vaccination programme, we were able to start recommencing face to face support in June 2021 but continued to work in a hybrid mode with measures in place to mitigate the ongoing risks of the pandemic.

Front cover image: Adapting services during the Covid regulations

Right: JRS vaccine clinic for refugee friends

What do we do?

We work closely with refugee friends who become destitute during the asylum process, and those who are taken into detention. To support them, we provide:

- **Hardship support** including financial support, mobile phone top ups and food and toiletries
- **Advice and Casework** for those experiencing destitution. Connecting refugee friends to immigration advice and other specialist services.
- **Creative and therapeutic activities.**
- **A small hosting and accommodation project** for refugees who face homelessness.
- **A legal advice service,** specialising in cases that need longer-term research.
- **An outreach service for people in detention.**
- **Research for advocacy to policy makers.**

We also raise awareness of the reality facing asylum seekers and call for more just treatment.

Director's Message

As for the rest of the world, JRS UK had to adapt to the strange environment of three unexpected lockdowns due to the pandemic during this period.

Then the “Rule of six”, then London’s “Tier 4”, all new restrictions which dominated our service responses, and gave us a huge opportunity to rise to the challenge to find novel solutions and ways to help our refugee friends.

In the midst of this, we witnessed the increased hostility of the government’s refugee policies, specifically in the Nationality & Borders Bill which we threw ourselves into campaigning against, and the rise of phone seizures on arrival at our shores, another horrendous abuse of vulnerable refugees.

The second half of the year saw some green shoots in the reopening of JRS shop, in-person activities such as the first Kew Gardens visit, all offered in the context of robust health and safety protocols.

The majority of staff continued to work from home, as we had to be so careful not to spread the virus.

JRS celebrates 40 years

2020 was a milestone year for JRS UK. Along with more than 50 country offices around the world, we marked 40 years of the Jesuit Refugee Service accompanying refugees. Nevertheless, it is uncomfortable to celebrate this milestone: JRS exists because people continue to need to flee for their life. However, we give thanks for 40 years of friendship, solidarity and community.



Sarah Teather



Our vision

Our vision is of a world where all who have to flee their homes are welcomed with love. We accompany refugees to affirm that God is present, even in the most difficult and tragic moments of human history. In companionship with Jesus Christ and serving his mission in the midst of refugees, JRS can be an effective sign of God's love and reconciliation.



Our mission

JRS UK has a mission to accompany, serve as companions, and advocate on behalf of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons. We work with all refugees regardless of their faith.

We give priority to situations of great need, where a more universal good may be achieved, and to needs others are not attending to. We work where we have expertise, can join with partners or enable others to become involved.

JRS UK has a special ministry to work with refugees who have been detained or made destitute by the asylum process in the UK, who are among the most excluded groups in society today. The work of JRS is rooted in a belief in the dignity of the person and justice in the world.

Top: On the road delivering food parcels

Our values

JRS UK is grounded in Catholic social teaching: our work is based on the principles of hospitality and carried out in a spirit of compassion and solidarity, encouraging participation and community, aiming to give hope, justice and dignity to refugees, people seeking asylum and forced migrants. JRS staff are of many faiths and none.

As a work of the Society of Jesus, we are called to work with the most marginalised, drawing on the charisma and principles of Ignatian spirituality. We are inspired by the love and compassion of Jesus for the poor and excluded.

2020–2021 in Numbers

1,943
nights of accommodation
for **22 refugee friends**
were provided by JRS



2,495
food parcels
were provided to
348 refugee friends

71
refugee friends
participated
in activities

296
refugee friends
were provided with weekly emotional
support and accompaniment by a
volunteer telephone befriender

34
refugee friends
received expert legal advice
regarding their asylum claim
and immigration status

92
refugee friends
were vaccinated against
COVID-19 across **12 different**
JRS vaccine clinics

104
refugee friends
were supported at
Napier Barracks

Destitution Services

Emergency Response Team (ERT)

This team, which evolved from the Day Centre, remained the beating heart of JRS UK this year, as it continued to organise and coordinate the delivery of food, toiletries, winter clothes, digital devices, phone credit and hardship grants to refugee friends throughout London.

Through the dedicated support of a team of volunteer drivers, the Emergency Response Team was able to carry out 2495 deliveries supporting 348 refugee friends.

In November and December 2020, JRS partnered with Wrap Up London to provide winter coats for refugee friends. A catalogue of photos was created which friends could view via WhatsApp and volunteer drivers delivered the chosen coat along with a food parcel to 202 refugee friends.

In July 2021, following the relaxation of lockdown measures, and a successful vaccination programme, the ERT launched the “JRS Shop” to replace the delivery system. Although it could not replicate the energy and buzz of the Day Centre, the Shop was organised in such a way that our refugee friends could visit by appointment. It still provided the opportunity for social interaction with friends and volunteers, many of whom had served as delivery drivers previously.

One of the advantages of the Shop was the development of partnerships with

local surplus fresh food distribution charities, to supplement the pantry staples we largely purchase. The first of these partnerships, which was with The Felix Project, began in September 2021.

Throughout 2020-21 we continued to provide refugee friends with mobile phone top ups and financial support using the Equals card. Feedback from refugee friends regarding the Equals Cards was very positive. A debit card gives more flexibility when spending, and it is also a more secure payment method than using cash.



“I think I’d sum it up as ‘love on the doorstep’ – it’s about relationships. I started off not knowing anybody, and it took a while to remember faces and names, but just with the repetition over the year, I’ve been really humbled by taking food to somebody and just saying ‘how are you?’. It’s so great now to go out and think ‘gosh I’m going to see this person, and this person, and their children’. That’s a moment on the doorstep that really is [accompaniment]. it might not be a very long space of time, but it matters.”

Debbie, Volunteer driver in the Emergency Response Team



Accompaniment in Action

Find out more about our emergency response during the pandemic by watching our Accompaniment in Action Webinar: [A Year on the Road >](#)

New Partner: The Felix Project

Felix is a food redistribution charity set up in 2016 to reduce hunger and food waste, and opened a new distribution centre in Poplar just as we were looking to open the JRS shop. The ERT asked if they could provide food on a regular basis. This partnership provides a weekly delivery of fresh foods which add variety to our offering. Refugee friends love the fresh food. Thank you, Felix Project, for your ongoing support!

ERT in numbers

2,495 food parcels delivered to 348 refugee friends

8,960 £15 biweekly Equals card top ups provided to refugee friends

344 visits to the JRS shop

3,838 £10 monthly mobile phone top ups provided to refugee friends

202 refugee friends received a winter coat

Vaccine Clinics

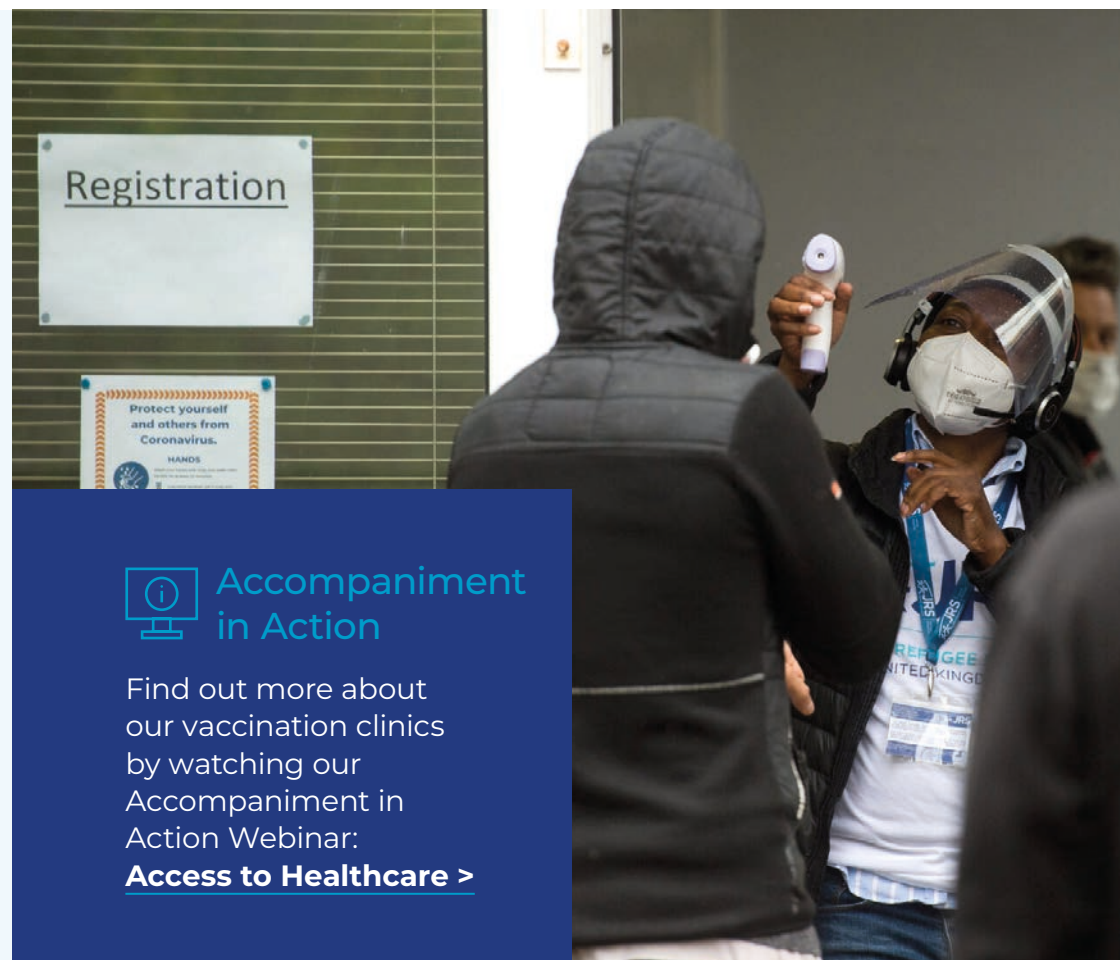
When the COVID-19 vaccination programme started in late 2020, finally we could see a way out of the pandemic and it became a key priority for us to facilitate access to the vaccine for staff, volunteers and refugee friends.

We heard from our refugee friends about the barriers that they were facing with accessing covid vaccinations, and also noticed a lot of vaccine hesitancy from people who were fearful about the potential side effects.

We decided to run vaccination clinics at JRS in partnership with Barts Health Trust. The clinics were designed to remove any barriers or doubts that refugee friends had about getting the vaccine: people knew the team and knew the centre, and we were able to answer any questions and listen to their concerns. We built-in wrap-around holistic support from the beginning. As refugee friends would be coming

to JRS for the first time in months, we wanted to give the opportunity to meet with our casework team face-to-face and to access legal advice too; we covered travel costs for refugee friends to get to the JRS centre (one of the biggest barriers for people needing support is often travel costs); and we provided a hot meal and toiletries for them to take home with them.

The vaccination clinics were supported by funding from Tower Hamlets Borough Council and the dedicated vaccination outreach team at Barts Health Trust. We were very grateful to 3 volunteer doctors who gave their time and expertise on Zoom calls.



Accompaniment in Action

Find out more about our vaccination clinics by watching our Accompaniment in Action Webinar: [Access to Healthcare >](#)



Vaccine Clinics in Numbers

6 Covid Q&A Workshops

3 Volunteer doctors gave their time and expertise

4 Languages provided

174 people vaccinated at 15 JRS vaccine clinics

“COVID-19 vaccination at JRS was an amazing initiative. JRS is a place where I feel safe to go to. I wouldn’t have taken my vaccination anywhere else. There was a hostile environment toward refugees in hospitals during Covid. Friends were afraid to get Covid and then having to deal with the hospital authorities, as we know refugees will get neglected because of their status. If it weren’t for JRS, we wouldn’t have had our vaccination because we do not feel safe to have it anywhere else.” *AJ, JRS refugee friend*



Liliane, Befriending Project Co-ordinator

Advice & Support

This year, the Advice and Support caseworkers carried on much of their work with refugee friends by phone and zoom, through the vaccination clinics in early 2021.

The opening of the JRS Shop in June, 2021 allowed for face-to-face appointments with those coming into the Centre to pick up supplies.

Over 2020-2021 the team handled complex casework for approximately 340 refugee friends, including assistance with GP registrations and HC1 forms for NHS costs. Not surprisingly, access to healthcare was a recurring issue and caseworkers were heavily

Advice and Support in Numbers

340 refugee friends provided with specialist advice and casework

At least **3,397 hours of casework support** provided by JRS staff team

41 refugee friends referred into JRS' At Home hosting scheme

involved in supporting the Emergency Response Team's efforts in launching the vaccine clinics.

Another key area of work focussed on supporting refugee friends in Section 4 government accommodation. As the pandemic eased, and the government's "Everyone In" initiative was lifted, there were concerns that a significant number of refugee friends would find themselves homeless. With the support of the Legal Project team, caseworkers submitted applications for continued government housing or found alternative accommodation. Caseworkers also worked hard to refer refugee friends into shelters and hosting projects to avoid them becoming street homeless whilst they work to submit a fresh claim to the Home Office.

Accompaniment in Action

Find out more about how the asylum system functions and how JRS UK supports people through the process by watching our Accompaniment in Action Webinar: [**Asylum Explained >**](#)

Accommodation

JRS UK's own At Home hosting scheme provided accommodation for 16 destitute homeless asylum seekers in this period.

With many of our hosts offering longer term placements during the lockdown period, in 2021 we began to move hosted friends into new placements again with new protocols in place including COVID screening questions and testing to protect both the hosts and the guests at the beginning of a placement. With some of our

hosts retiring during the pandemic, and the provision of emergency accommodation coming to an end, we identified a need for new hosts in the scheme. We ran a recruitment campaign over the summer of 2021 and recruited a number of new host families and communities to support our refugee friends.

"I feel very confident that now I can improve my English [and] with Zoom I can contact with my friends, family and so many things in your organisation. So I don't feel lonely and isolated and I don't feel that I'm left behind because, you know, the technology is moving so fast."

Abdul, JRS refugee friend who is hosted as part of the JRS 'At Home' scheme



Accommodation Project in Numbers

17 refugee friends provided with accommodation through the At Home hosting scheme

16 volunteer households hosted refugee friends

5 refugee friends accommodated at Emilie House

2,105 nights of accommodation provided over the course of the year



Accompaniment in Action

Find out more about the experience of hosting by watching [an interview](#) with two of our volunteer hosts.

Our ability to provide urgent housing was significantly increased with the opening of a 10-room residence for women. After several months of refurbishment and renovation work, Emilie House opened in July 2021. The house has been generously donated to JRS by the Sisters of the Holy Family of St Emilie and its opening has been a community effort with furniture and household items donated by local parishes and JRS volunteers helping to keep the house and garden well maintained and welcoming for the residents. Emilie house provides a home, accompaniment and a safe space for people to recover from the trauma of the asylum process.



Emilie House opens

Refugee-led Activities

Refugee-led Activities continued to be an important aspect of how we accompanied our refugee friends this year, although by necessity they were largely offered online.

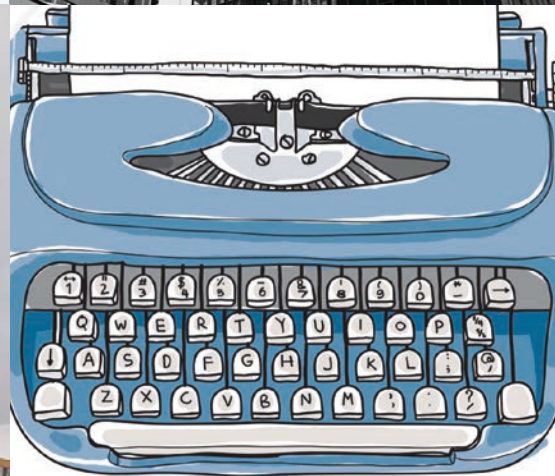
Activities included men's and women's prayer groups, Hopes & Dreams drama classes, Spoken Pictures photography workshops, the Community Kitchen recipe exchange and Open Writing workshops. Where necessary, JRS provided smart phones or tablets for refugee friends so that they were able to continue participating in activities remotely during the pandemic.

Despite the limitations of virtual activities (which many refugee friends access by phone), they were amazingly productive. The Open Writing workshops published a book, *Home is a Feeling not a Place*, and the Hopes & Dreams drama group performed movingly at the Advent Service in December 2021.

In September 2021, further easing of restrictions saw the welcome return of in - person group activities – including a trip to Kew Gardens and the introduction of acupuncture sessions.



Great outfits!



Accompaniment in Action

Find out more about our refugee activities programme by watching our Accompaniment in Action Webinar:

[Activities Showcase >](#)

“Writing is a powerful instrument to communicate and engage with another individual. I hope this book will leave a lasting impression of the powerful voices of the muted people in society, that it will open new avenues of thoughts and ideas which were never considered before.”

Refugee friend who participated in the creation of Home is a Feeling Not a Place

Left & Top: Outdoor photography project

Refugee Activities in Numbers

12 activities delivered
over the course of the year

106 refugee friends
participated in activities

Volunteer Befriending

A network of compassionate and dedicated volunteers provided ongoing emotional support for our refugee friends throughout this year.

In close cooperation with the Advice and Support team they had regular scheduled calls with refugee friends, to ensure that any additional support needs were passed on to the team.

While this service was particularly necessary during the long winter lockdown, befriending continued for the rest of the year, as only being able to visit the Centre on a monthly basis meant that refugee friends still experienced isolation and loneliness. Over the course of this year 27 volunteers supported 123 refugee friends with regular emotional support and befriending.

In recognition of their efforts, our splendid befrienders were nominated for a Caritas Westminster Social Action Award.



Befriending in numbers

123 refugee friends supported by a volunteer befriender 27 volunteers participated in the programme



Legal Project

Throughout this challenging year, the Legal Project adapted their services to ensure that our refugee friends continued to receive comprehensive legal advice and if need be, full representation.

Despite the Home Office's virtual shut down, our dedicated team gathered documents from refugee friends through WhatsApp and email and provided support and advice over the phone; making use of phone-based interpreter services where needed.

The Legal Project was able to use the opportunities offered by the Vaccination Clinics which started in February 2021 to hold some face-to-face meetings while the reopening of the Centre in June 2021 further expanded the team's ability to interact with refugee friends. The easing of restrictions also meant that refugee friends could be accompanied to embassies to obtain national documentation in statelessness cases.

Thanks to a favourable high court ruling, a key focus of work this year was assisting eligible refugee friends in submitting applications through the EU settlement scheme for EU citizens settled in the UK prior to Brexit.

Another priority area was cooperating with other frontline organizations to deliver information sessions on the new admissibility rules introduced by the government in January 2021. The Nationality and Borders Bill that followed has put the team on alert for the future as they anticipate profound implications for our refugee friends' claims.



Accompaniment in Action

Find out more about the work our legal project carries out supporting refugee friends by watching our Accompaniment in Action Webinar: [Supporting Fresh Claims >](#)



Legal Project in Numbers

61 refugee friends provided with legal advice 3 fresh asylum claims submitted

3 appeals lodged

Supporting refugee friends in Detention and Quasi Detention



Accompaniment in Action

Find out more about our work in Detention and our policy report **Detained and Dehumanised** through this Accompaniment in Action webinar.



Detention

The entire year was characterized by great difficulty in accessing all the Immigration Removal Centres we serve (Harmondsworth and Colnbrook – both based at Heathrow Airport), thanks to two lockdowns.

Although in-person visits to Detention Centres were incredibly limited during this period, our Detention Volunteers continued to accompany refugee friends over the phone and caseworkers worked hard to provide casework support remotely, helping people to access legal advice, healthcare and advocacy relating to bail hearings. We also coordinated with Chaplaincy teams to provide additional support for people in detention.

With limited access to Detention Centres, much of our work in 2020-2021 focussed on advocacy, legal challenges and raising awareness of the injustice faced by those in detention. We supported 11 refugee friends, all victims of trafficking, to secure last-minute legal advice to challenge their removal directions. We then prepared a witness statement and provided evidence for the Judicial Review challenge and we provided expert input for an *Observer* article on the issues with truncated screening interviews for victims of trafficking.

Post Detention Support

We continued supporting refugee friends once they had been released from detention in order to help with their reintegration into the community. This year the majority of our post-detention support involved dedicated and intensive complex casework. For example, one refugee friend was assisted to secure legal representation for a fresh claim, accompanied to his psychiatric assessment and to his appointments with his solicitor. Without the physical accompaniment and regular check-ins, he would not have been able to access wider support.

We also set up a new ESOL class on zoom for Post-Detention friends. The classes were run by volunteers and have been hugely successful so far.

UK races to deport asylum seekers ahead of Brexit

From January Britain can no longer return them to the EU, but the rush for the deadline may be denying them a proper screening



Home secretary Priti Patel. Campaigners say they have evidence of cases being rushed through to avoid Patel's published policy on identifying trafficking victims. Photograph: Stefan Rousseau/PA

Scores of vulnerable asylum seekers, including suspected victims of trafficking, are scheduled to be deported this week as the home secretary

Returns

Finally, we worked closely with partners overseas (including various European JRS organisations) to assist refugee friends who were removed from the UK.



Napier Barracks

In 2020-2021 we began accompanying people accommodated at Napier barracks in Folkestone which opened in September 2020.

For several months, we were the only NGO with access, through our connections to the Catholic chaplaincy service.

In Napier, the Detention Team worked hard with local grassroots NGOs to set up a weekly drop in at a nearby church where friends could come for accompaniment, advice and practical

support. They also worked closely with the Legal Team to run workshops for refugee friends at Napier to ensure they were well-informed about their legal rights vis-à-vis the asylum process. Finally, we successfully referred many refugee friends to legal partners so that they had legal representation for their asylum claims.

“The camp is like being in a hospital or prison, there are people rapidly becoming more and more mentally unwell around you, one has just tried to kill himself, another is in pain, another is very stressed and cannot cope. It just seemed safer to stay in my room and to avoid seeing all of this as I could not cope with it all the time.”

Refugee friend at Napier Barracks.

Detention Support in Numbers

264 refugee friends supported in Napier

141 refugee friends supported in Detention

450 hours spent by volunteers in and post detention

800 Christmas cards delivered to refugee friends in Detention 31 Volunteers supporting people in detention

Phone Seizures

In 2020 the government began seizing mobile phones from people seeking asylum when they arrived in the UK. This practise continued for well over a year. Once someone's phone was seized, it was really difficult to get it back. JRS UK's detention outreach team supported many people whose phones had been taken in this way. In total we supported 27 people through advocacy and legal challenges and succeeded in seeing 17 phones returned to their owners.

The human impact of this practice was devastating for individuals.

In having their phone seized, people typically lost contacts of friends and family, and vital information, as well as opportunities to engage with others. It created a huge barrier to navigating an asylum case, making it harder to contact solicitors, and many refugee friends lost crucial evidence needed for their asylum claim.

In response, JRS UK began working with civil rights lawyers to challenge this inhumane policy and bring the case to court through the judicial review process. The case was still ongoing at the end of this financial year.



Advocacy

This year, we published our flagship research report 'Being Human in the Asylum System', which offers an alternative vision of the asylum system to the unjust one that exists today.

The report, grounded in Catholic social teaching and drawing on refugee friends' experience of the asylum system over the past 20 years, imagines what a human-centred and just asylum process could be: one where refugees live in dignity and are able to participate fully in society.

We also continued to advocate against new government legislation which would seek to criminalise people seeking sanctuary via the English Channel and worsen injustice in the Asylum system.

We also joined a new movement 'Together with Refugees' which is a coalition of more than 100 national, local, refugee led and grassroots groups calling for a better approach to supporting refugees.

Our communications team worked hard throughout the year to build our profile in both Christian and secular media outlets, keeping the experience of refugee friends and our advocacy work at the forefront of the nation's consciousness.



At Home - Hosting refugee friends

Accompaniment in Action



In order to commemorate the 40th anniversary of JRS in 2020, we launched a series of online events called Accompaniment in Action.

This webinar series aimed to raise awareness of the situations faced by refugee friends and what the Catholic communities can do to help. Webinars ran from September 2020 to June 2021 and covered the following topics:

- **Detained and Dehumanised**
- **A Year on the Road**
- **Asylum Explained**
- **Being Human in the Asylum System**
- **Activities Showcase**
- **Supporting Fresh Claims**
- **Access to Healthcare**

The webinars were attended by a total of 248 people and videos of the events were uploaded online to enable a wider reach. This series served as an effective tool to help our supporters understand the challenges faced by refugee friends and how JRS UK strives to provide meaningful accompaniment during difficult times.

The webinar series can be accessed through our website: jrsuk.net/accompaniment-in-action

Staff and Volunteers

This year we were most fortunate to have two Jesuits in training - *Sam & Mikhael* - helping us with our emergency response to refugees. They brought great positivity, energy, dedication and impact to our work.

Before joining the Jesuit novitiate Mikhael was a member of the SVP, accompanying elderly and housebound people, and arranging masses and social events for those who were otherwise unable to attend. He also helped with the chaplaincy at HMP Berwyn in Wrexham.

Sam used to work in international development in Congo doing advocacy work with internally displaced people. He said *"I was excited to be coming to JRS. I visited a friend when he was here on experiment before I joined – so I just feel grateful that we've been able to have the placement during the pandemic"*.

Prior to his placement at JRS, Mikhael sought to perform 'humble tasks' – things that are essential in serving and assisting people but that perhaps

aren't on the forefront of people's view: "I've been doing a lot of that here and I've been really glad to do it. I've been packing food and toiletries parcels to be delivered to refugee friends, and calling the friends of JRS to arrange deliveries to them and see if they want things outside the scope of the foodstuffs, like toys, clothing, those little extra touches which can be important to people. As I've gone on, especially with the phone calling, I've become more confident in talking to people".

For Sam, the highlights included the vaccination clinics, as well as the small interactions that occurred when delivering on Fridays to refugee friends. He found these *"small moments of joy and consolation"* which left him changed at the end of the day.

"It's been fun for us both, we really enjoyed it. We live in a culture that's generally so focused on pleasure and personal fulfilment, and we've been spending six weeks doing something that isn't focused on pleasure and personal fulfilment, but it's been way more fun than if we'd spent the six weeks focusing on ourselves, so I'm pretty grateful for that!" *Sam & Mikhael's parting words.*

Volunteer Roles

- ERT drivers
- Shop volunteer
- Practical support
phone volunteer
- Telephone befriender
- Detention volunteers (on
phone and in person visit)
- Hosts
- Emilie House volunteers
- Napier volunteers
(interpreting and
accompaniment)
- Office, admin and
fundraising volunteers

Below: Sam & Mikhael, two Jesuits in training helped us with our emergency response to refugees



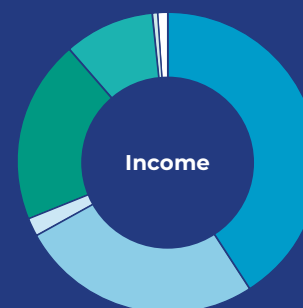
Income & Expenditure 2020-21

2020-21 Income

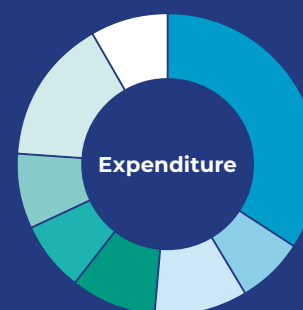
Jesuits in Britain Grant	£446,199
Individual Giving	£274,733
Community Fundraising	£22,218
Religious Orders	£210,632
Trusts & Foundations	£102,408
Gift Aid	£5,427
Legacy	-
Earned Income	£10,154
Statutory Income	-
Total Income	£1,071,771

2020-21 Expenditure

Day Centre / COVID-19 ERT	£432,460
Refugee Activities	£90,617
Accommodation & Hosting	£125,815
Legal Project	£117,504
Detention Outreach	£94,793
Fundraising	£100,852
Advocacy & Communications	£195,762
Office Administration & Governance	£103,761
Total Expenditure	£1,261,564



- Jesuits in Britain Grant **41.7%**
- Individual Giving **25.7%**
- Community Fundraising **2%**
- Religious Orders **19.7%**
- Trusts & Foundations **9.5%**
- Gift Aid **0.5%**
- Earned Income **0.9%**



- Day Centre / COVID-19 ERT **34.3%**
- Refugee Activities **7.2%**
- Accommodation & Hosting **10%**
- Legal Project **9.3%**
- Detention Outreach **7.5%**
- Fundraising **8%**
- Advocacy & Communications **15.5%**
- Office Administration & Governance **8.2%**

Governance

JRS UK is a work of Jesuits in Britain, who are governed by a Board of Trustees, chaired by the Provincial, Fr Damian Howard SJ.

We have a close working relationship with the global work of JRS through the International office in Rome and the European office in Brussels.

We work in partnership with other religious congregations, humanitarian organisations and with refugees themselves, encouraging co-responsibility, communal discernment and participative decision-making.

We endeavour to be openly accountable for our work. We have an independent bank account, budget, and payroll. The Jesuits in Britain delegate oversight of JRS UK to a Management Committee chaired by Fr Paul Nicholson SJ, who is also a trustee of the Jesuits in Britain. Our Management Committee includes Jesuits, other charity practitioners, and refugees we accompany. The Management Committee reports to the British Jesuit Provincial.

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Thank You

All too often, refugees who came to the UK in search of safety meet with hostility. To everyone who supports JRS UK, thank you for being different.

Every year, we face a huge struggle to raise the funds needed to do our work. Without your compassion and kindness, we couldn't continue. We're extremely grateful to you all – to the people and families who send donations; to the faith and community groups who come together to support us; and the foundations who provide grants. Thanks to your generosity and kindness, we can accompany, serve and advocate for refugees and people seeking asylum.



Above: Laptops, smartphones and the strength to carry on

Right: Baby Bundles for refugee friends

Thank you to everyone who supported refugee friends in 2020-21

Kind supporters include:

- Cardinal's Lenten Appeal
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- Society of the Sacred Heart
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- The Hygiene Bank
- The Maurice & Hilda Laing Charitable Trust
- The Muriel Woellwarth Trust
- Ursuline Sisters
- Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership



Accompany

Be part of our community

JRS wouldn't be who we are without the special people who dedicate their time, energy and passion through volunteering. Volunteers support a range of our work – from fundraising and supporting the Day Centre, to packing toiletry packs and visiting people in detention.

Interested in volunteering?

Contact uk@jrs.net or call **020 7488 7310** to find out more.

Help us support refugees

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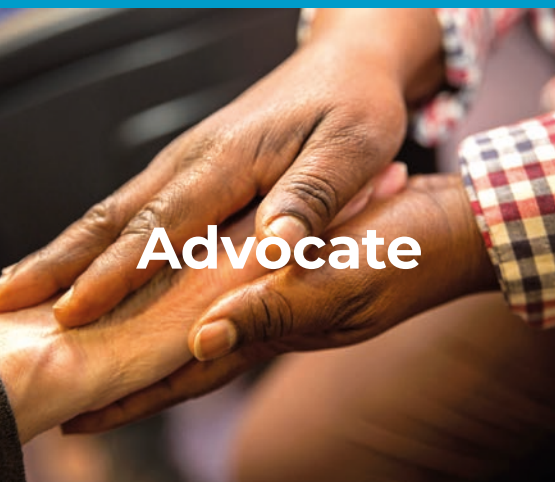
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