



How can we together foster welcome and inclusion in your place?

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Local Authorities Network

- Launched in Dec 2020
- A collection of councils committed to applying solidarity-based approaches to work their work with and for people of sanctuary seeking background
- The network is led by a Steering Group of Cllrs, officers, local groups and people with lived experience

Aims:

1. To support the development of a network of local authorities (cross-party) that are working towards a vision of welcome for all.
2. To facilitate the sharing of innovative practices which promote the embedding of a culture and practice of welcome across all council service areas.
3. To speak with one voice on national matters which affect local communities and LAs themselves.



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How does it work?

Step 1: LAs join the network as Awarded or Non-awarded [members](#)

Step 2: The council engages with CoS local groups, local refugee organisations, people with lived experience, CoS staff and the Network itself

Step 3: The council develops an action plan for how it will embed a culture and practice of welcome across council services

Step 4: Work towards a Council of [Sanctuary Award Application](#) using Learn, Embed, Share

Step 5: The council submits and Application

Step 6: The application is independently assessed by a panel

The Criteria for Council of Sanctuary Recognition



- Join the City of Sanctuary Local Authority Network which includes a pledge to support the City of Sanctuary vision and charter
- Pass a **council motion** setting out commitment to being a place of sanctuary
- Commit to working with the local City of Sanctuary group (and other refugee orgs) and show evidence of this work
- Commit to **work with partners** to identify national policy issues to make collective representations to government to enable change
- Produce a written strategy, publicly available and sets out commitment **for at least three years.**
- **Full set of Learn, Embed and Share criteria can be [found here](#)**

What are the benefits of joining the Network?

- Help with the development of policies to support people with lived experience
- Help with responses to consultations (adapted to local context)
- Develop a 'Systems Approach'- inter-department multi-level, inter-council, multi-agency working
- Partnership working with national stakeholders
- Enhanced relationship with local community groups, VCSOs, and people with lived experience
- Learning opportunities for staff & cllrs about forced migration
- Opportunities to work with other LAs across the country and share good practice
- Steer the direction of the LAs network

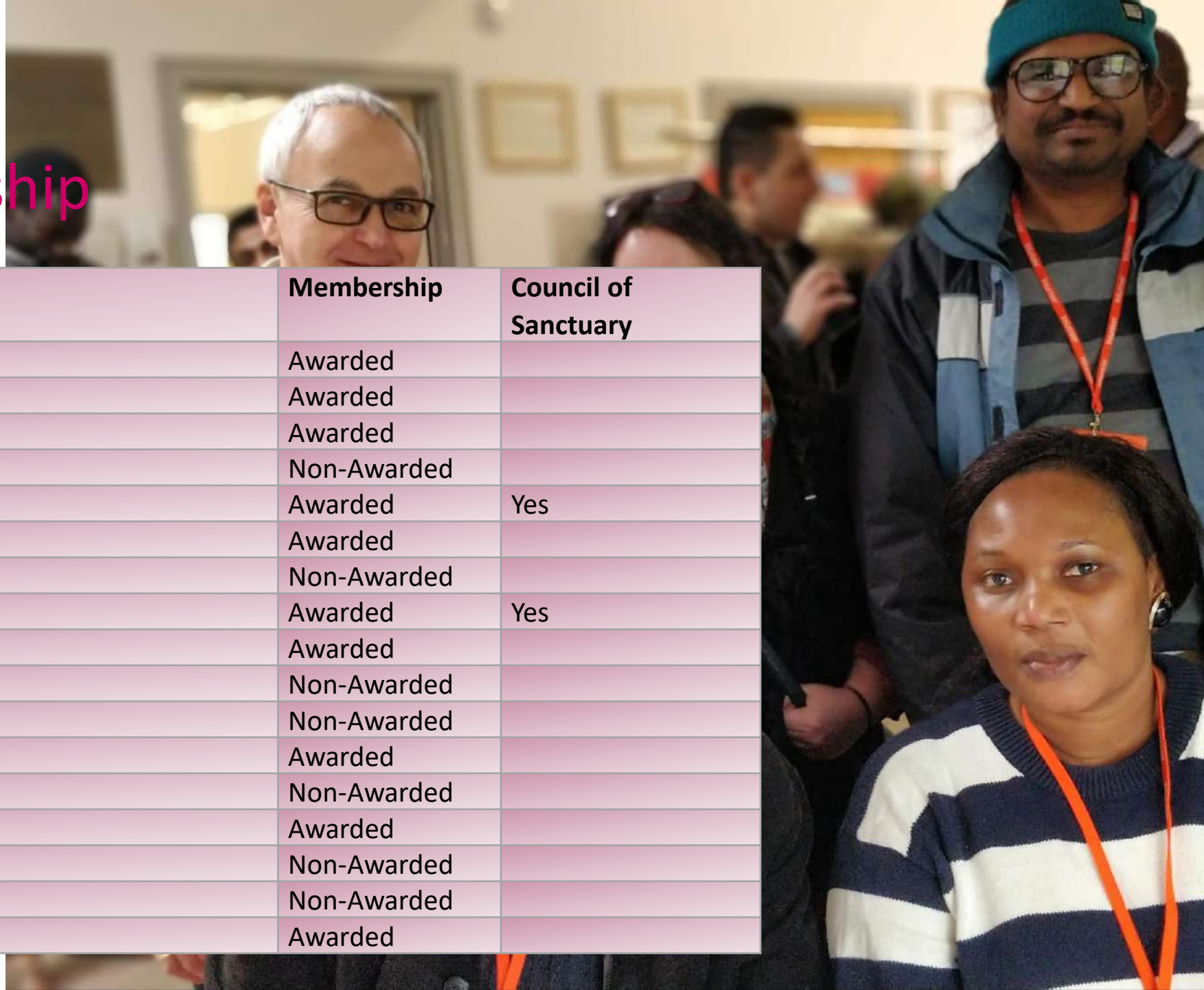




Our impact Dec 2020-2021

- Total Local Authorities Engaged: **77**
- Total number of 1-to-1 sessions: **46** LAs, **51** meetings
- Total number of (different) LAs which have attended at least one TNM- **53**
- Total number formally in the network since Dec 2020- **17**
- Total Number awarded 'Councils of Sanctuary': **2**
- Draft Council of Sanctuary Applications: **4**
- Total number of Sanctuary Motions passed- **34 (11 since 2020)**
- Total number of LA contacts on database- circa **300**

Current Membership



	Name of Local Authority	Membership	Council of Sanctuary
1	Birmingham City Council	Awarded	
2	Brighton & Hove City Council	Awarded	
3	Bristol City Council	Awarded	
4	Cambridge City Council	Non-Awarded	
5	City of Bradford	Awarded	Yes
6	City of York Council	Awarded	
7	Islington	Non-Awarded	
8	London Borough of Lewisham	Awarded	Yes
9	Newcastle City Council	Awarded	
10	Northumberland County Council	Non-Awarded	
11	Sandwell Council (non-awarded)	Non-Awarded	
12	Sheffield City Council	Awarded	
13	Shrewsbury Town Council	Non-Awarded	
14	Swansea Council	Awarded	
15	Wirral Council	Non-Awarded	
16	Hammersmith and Fulham	Non-Awarded	
17	Liverpool City Council	Awarded	