



Who are Brighton and Hove Community Sponsorship?

More than 29 million people around the world have been forced to leave their homes and countries because of war or persecution.

Brighton and Hove Community Sponsorship is a group of volunteers who want to welcome a refugee family into our city and support them as they establish their lives in the UK.

To do this we need to raise a minimum of £12,000, find a home and put a package of support in place including benefits, English lessons and school places.

There are currently over 300 such groups across the country but this is the first in Brighton & Hove. Through this national scheme, we are approved by the Local Authority and currently awaiting our Home Office approval.

Welcoming refugees to Brighton & Hove

The property we need.

The Property

- We are specifically looking for a 2-4 bedroom property, as this is the scenario whereby we could help a family with around 3/4 children to resettle. It doesn't have to be that big, and we are very open to any property that is suitable for smaller family units.
- It must have its own private entrance.
- It must be in good order.
- The area is important in terms of ensuring it is a welcoming one.

Finance

- All families arriving through Community Sponsorship will be eligible for benefits in the UK
- As this means that they will be in receipt of Housing Benefit, we ideally need a property as near to that as possible.
- Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates for our area are, as of Feb 2022:

Weekly Rates Calendar Month

One bed £184.11

Two bed £230.14

Three bed £276.16

Four bed £390.08

Length of Tenancy

As a Community Sponsorship Group, we have the obligation to support and help a newly resettled family to access accommodation for a two-year period from the date of their arrival in the UK. Therefore we need to find 24 months of accommodation for the family at an affordable rate.

Inspection

- The Local Authority will be invited to inspect the property as part of the Home Office conditions.

Availability

- We must have the keys and access to the property at least a fortnight before the family arrives.
- We don't yet know an exact timescale but are currently looking at potentially around June.

There's more information on our website:



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