

Lewes Refugee Support Group

England & Wales · Charity number 1176074

Details

Other names	LEWES ORGANISATION IN SUPPORT OF REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-12-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 3. ObjectsThe objects of the CIO are for the public benefit to relieve the needs primarily of people who are in need as a result of being refugees or seeking asylum and their dependants primarily (but not limited to) those living (temporarily or permanently) in Lewes and District and the surrounding area, and secondarily of people who are in need as a result of their irregular or insecure immigration status and to advance education and/or training for such people in particular by (but not limited to) the following means: 3.1 raising public awareness about issues concerning refugees and those seekin1 asylum;3.2 providing support;3.3 providing practical assistance, and3.4 liaising with other organisations that can help fulfil such purposes.Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for purposes which are not charitable.

Activities: Promotes the welfare of refugees and asylum seekers in and beyond the Lewes District by:raising awareness;providing practical help to refugees and asylum seekers, and advocating to improve the human rights of this group.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£19,471	£17,089	-	-
2024-08-31	£27,476	£24,804	-	-
2023-08-31	£19,718	£26,292	-	-
2022-08-31	£27,783	£11,066	-	-
2021-08-31	£8,403	£9,180	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALISON BELL	Chair	2017-12-04
ANNIE RALPH		2017-12-04
BELINDA KIRBY		2017-12-04
DR GILL TIPPING BA PHD		2018-09-05
MICHAEL ANTHONY SIMS		2017-12-04
Teresa O'Brien		2022-10-19

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13/6/2025 LO: To create a portrait inspired the photography of another artist: 'The Refugee's Gift' by Bill Knight.

The Refugee's Gift

What refugees bring with them



Muna Mohamed ran for Sudan in the 400 meter hurdles at the Beijing Olympics in 2008. She also competes in the 400 and 800 meters flat and the heptathlon. She came to the United Kingdom in 2009. She trains in Sheffield and hopes to represent Great Britain. Her performance in the 400 meter hurdles gained her the title of the fastest woman in Africa.

The Refugee's Gift

These photographs by Bill Knight are from an exhibition first shown in 2014 called 'The Refugee's Gift'. They seek to show just a small fraction of what refugees bring to their new country when they are treated with fairness and humanity. Their stories provide inspiration for us all.

The Lewes Organisation in Support of Refugees and Asylum Seekers is currently offering friendship and practical help to people who have had to flee from Afghanistan, Iran, Syria, Ukraine and Zimbabwe.

Bill Knight is a photographer specialising in people, portraits, people and places. www.billknight.co.uk



Above:
LRSO Plant sale



Top:
Hamsey School class work in Refugee Week

Above:
Protest rally against invited speaker Matt Goodwin

Sudan - resilience in the face of a conflict the world ignores.

Lewes Refugee Support Group is pleased to invite you to a meeting on **Thursday 16 October 7.00pm** in the **Lecture Room of Lewes Town Hall** (Fisher Street entrance).



Watch a short documentary, **The Spider-Man of Sudan**.
Hear Raga Gibreel talk about the amazing work happening in the Yida Refugee Camp in South Sudan as a result of the innovative charity she founded and still directs, **Green Kordofan**.
Raga says, "My work for Green Kordofan comes from my love of Sudan and its people - and because I still believe in the power of people to

Top:
Books donated to schools in Refugee Week

Bottom:
Sudan: the open meeting presented by Raga Gibreel

LRSG aims to promote the welfare of refugees, people seeking asylum and other vulnerable migrants in and beyond the Lewes District by:

- **Raising awareness of issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum**
- **Providing practical help and responding to local issues as they arise**
- **Advocating and lobbying to improve the rights of refugees and people seeking asylum**

The group initially met in January 2002 for anyone interested in the issues of migration, asylum and safe refuge from a perspective of human rights and civic responsibilities.

Lewes Organisation in Support of Refugees and Asylum Seekers became a charity and adopted its new name in October 2017. In 2024 agreement was reached to shorten the name to Lewes Refugee Support Group (LRSG) and to propose a number of constitutional changes to the Charity Commission to ensure we are protected by the constitution to carry out the objectives of the charity (see minutes of AGM 2024). These changes were approved in August 2025. Membership is open to all who share these aims, irrespective of political affiliation or personal beliefs.

Overview of the year

It has been a year of further hostility and violence towards refugees; people seeking asylum; people of colour; and 'othered' individuals. Violence and aggression perpetrated by far-right groups has increased with an ugly confidence whereby individuals, hotels housing people seeking asylum and refugee charities are targeted, raising the threat to new levels of danger: witness the arson attack on the mosque in Peacehaven in October. That this level of racism is becoming normalised is deeply worrying. As reported in the AGM Report for 2024-25, on election, the government reversed some of the worst aspects of the Tories' immigration legislation - and these were hopeful signs.

However, policy changes towards refugees this year include: a longer route to settlement (increased from five to ten years); the permanent scrapping of automatic family reunion rights; and new rules that prevent irregular migrants from receiving British citizenship.

In September the 'one in, one out scheme' was introduced (see newsletter) which whilst offering safe passage to the UK from France for those deemed admissible, also displays a worrying lack of transparency and ethics about how the Home Office decide who is to be deported.

The language of immigration and asylum from the government is as toxic as that of the right - highlighted by Starmer's statement that 'we are becoming an island of strangers'. A moral rebuttal by the government to the orchestrated levels of violence by the far right has been slow, or arguably absent.

What has this meant for LRSG as a charity?

Perhaps the most worrying aspect of the current political climate is the fear it is engendering in organisations that support refugees and people seeking asylum. Threats, harassment and intimidation are the new reality. As a charity, we have had to be very mindful of how we promote our local events and the need to safeguard trustees, speakers and the membership.

However, we continue to do what we can to defend the rights of refugees and people seeking asylum. We continue to support families and other individuals across the Lewes District both those with whom we have long-term relationships but also those newly arrived and in need to support.

Our educational outreach work continues to expand and is a joyful reminder of the empathy and fresh minds children have towards vulnerable people.

The Foreign National Visitors Scheme at Lewes Prison continues to adapt to cope with the demand for support.

Our involvement with the HfU scheme and Ukrainian families in the Lewes district continues primarily via ESOL support.

A range of events over the year enable us to represent and promote our core values and objectives.

Local support work

Support to families living in the Lewes district continues apace. In total, LRSG currently supports 13 families, (representing 57 adults and children) from a range of countries primarily Syria, Afghanistan and Iran: some are long-standing families who are settled in the district, with employment and their children progressing at school, but who nevertheless require ongoing or periodic support which our volunteers provide. In the last year we have been approached to support four 'new' families (from Syria, Vietnam and Iraq).

Our local support responds to a wide range of vulnerabilities and a range of practical, language, social support and other assistance is offered to families. We continue to assess what is needed for each family and/or individual and how to meet need within our capabilities and resources. This support can be very intensive, especially on first arrival in the district and while some families have local authority or voluntary sector support, some have none and, in the latter scenario, LRSG may be their primary source of help.

The website has become one of the key tools for these referrals, usually from statutory bodies e.g. Local Authorities and/or other voluntary organisations. To create capacity for new referrals we have recruited several new volunteers to focus on English language support to adults as well as to the children in their education. However, we are always looking for more volunteers, especially - but not solely - those with current knowledge of the exam curricula for STEM subjects. We also have requests for one off support, for example, we funded travel for a disabled asylum-seeking elderly woman and her accompanying family member, when she was required to attend an interview in Croydon for her asylum application.

Homes for Ukraine (HfU)

Two further short-term grants from the Homes for Ukraine scheme by the County Council has allowed us to continue supporting Ukrainian guests via the ESOL programme in particular more advanced courses leading to qualifications which are the entry to higher education and employment. We are able to fund resources for courses, exam fees and course related events and, when needed, we offer travel costs and expenses that allow Ukrainian guests to attend training courses if they would not otherwise be able to do so.

Prison Visiting Project at HMP Lewes

The Foreign National Prisoner Project volunteer group has remained generally consistent. We continue to provide two drop-in sessions each month in the library at HMP Lewes, supplemented by follow up one-to-one visits as and when appropriate. In the last year we have supported about 45 prisoners of which 40% have been seeking asylum or other forms of humanitarian leave. Countries from which we have seen three or more people in the last year are China, Lithuania, Iran, Iraq, Albania, Poland and Portugal.

The vast majority of prisoners we see are on remand, awaiting trial or sentence. As well as the critical role of listening, we provide an informal advocacy service to some prisoners; liaising with their

solicitors, with police, probation or social services and raising queries with the prison over various issues, particularly concerns about healthcare – especially mental health.

We are prohibited by law from providing legal advice but occasionally obtain advice from the Sussex University Immigration Law Clinic with whom we are working to develop some self-help materials, which will be available in several languages, in the library. Legal aid immigration lawyers are almost non-existent in this part of the country.

Despite the frustrations of the bureaucracy and the logistical difficulties in the visits scheme, we have a good working relationship with the prison and would like to extend our thanks to the library staff, the Chaplaincy and to the current Equality and Diversity Lead, whose responsiveness and support enables us to work more effectively. Above all we are indebted to the unstinting efforts of the volunteers.

Awareness raising events and activities in 2024-25

- **Outreach work** with all Year 8 students at Priory School Lewes; and at Plumpton College.
- **Holocaust Memorial Day** vigil and events in Lewes
- Anti Racism Alliance **rally** in Newhaven to mark UN Anti-Racism Day
- 12 LRSO members attended a Stand Up To racism (SUTR) **protest** against Matt Goodwin at Lewes Speakers Festival
- Annual fund-raising **plant sale**
- Refugee Week **precinct stall**
- **Storytelling and assemblies** to mark Refugee Week at Hamsey, Plumpton, Southover & Wallands primary schools.
- **LRSO stall** at an open discussion event organised by Lewes Labour Party
- **LRSO summer celebration event**
- **LRSO representation** at Modern Day Britain study day at Depot
- **LRSO stall** at a SUTR public meeting on how to counter the rise in racism.
- **Open meeting** on ‘Sudan – resilience in the face of a conflict the world ignores’, with Raga Gibreel of the charity ‘Green Kordofan’.

Our **website** continues to generate interest, enquiries and requests for support, and we respond to all within our capacity. We continue to provide a regular newsletter and to run the Refugee Week stall in Lewes precinct as well as represent LRSO at other relevant events.

Educational Outreach work

Our annual educational outreach work with Priory School continues and we ran classes with all eight-year groups of Year 8s. We also ran sessions at Hamsey, Plumpton, Southover and Wallands primary schools during or near to Refugee Week and distributed books to these schools (and Priory School) for their libraries. It continues to be one of the most positive and heartwarming activities we do, and we are always struck by how empathetic and interested the children are to understand more about what it means to seek asylum. We aim to continue developing this outreach work in the 2025-2026 academic year.

Advocacy and lobbying for change

LRSG continues to link to key national campaigns:

Together with Refugees (TwR) the national coalition of 500+ grassroots community and refugee-led groups, international development charities, trade unions and faith groups, to which LRSG is affiliated.

Lifting the Ban on the right to work for those waiting for asylum claims to be processed.

We continue to campaign for **Safe Passage's** call to restore and expand family reunion, including by letting children join families in the UK.

We continue to campaign for an **end to detention without a time limit**.

We continue to be part of the **Lewes District Anti-Racism Alliance** which aims to raise awareness and promote racial justice within the district.

Funding

Two short-term grants from **ESCC** (detailed above) to support the Homes for Ukraine scheme has allowed us to provide continuity of support to the ESOL programme. However, our funds typically come from membership subscriptions, donations, (we gain significant funds via Gift Aid) and fund-raising. The annual **plant sale** raised £1,125.00. We are thankful to **Holocaust Memorial Day-Lewes** who invite us to collect donations at their annual HMD events and of course, we are immensely grateful for the continued support and generosity of our **membership**. In addition to the finance of all our charitable objectives, we were also able to give **grants to the value of £12k** to ten organisations with an emphasis on those providing support locally.

Tributes and thanks

It is with great sadness that in 2025 we lost three key members of the LRSG family: **Diana Andrew, Annabel Cole** and **Anni Rehin** - each in their different ways were ardent advocates for humanitarian values and they are greatly missed.

Marta Paluch leaves the committee this year and we thank her for her work there, and her continuing work with the Prison Visiting Project.

LRSG trustees would like to express our wholehearted thanks and gratitude to:

Jane Andrew; Barbara Abbs; Gillian Broad; Chris Burgess; Ken Caplan; Heide Chaffe; Patricia Cockerell; Rachel Cole; Summerly DeVito; Sara Foreman; Judy Gable; James Golding of Michael Bell One; Jean Gould; Nicole Griffin; Jane McIntosh; Michael Munday; Dee O'Connell; Sarah Rideout; Pat Rigg; Gretel Scott; Betty Skolnick; Janet Ward; Charlotte Williams; Susan and Dennis Yates.

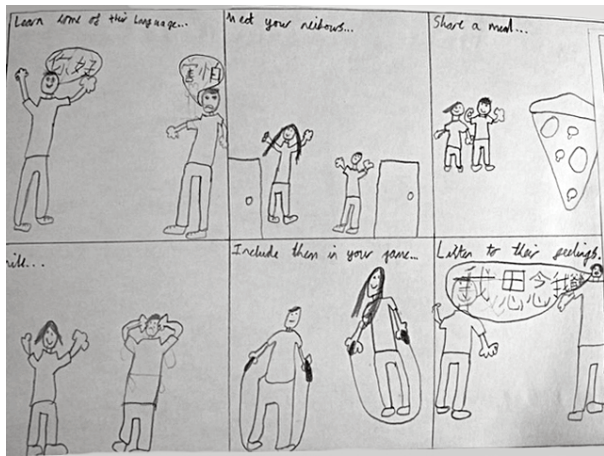
To all our volunteers and ESOL tutors, our thanks for your continued commitment to the families and individuals you support. We are grateful for our volunteer prison visitors, for the collaboration of Jo Wilding and Lucy Welsh at Sussex University and Naomi Blackwell for her support and advice to the Prison Visiting Project. Thanks also to Lewes Holocaust Memorial Day Group; Lewes Society of Friends; Le Bureau; South Downs College; Depot; Christ Church; Lewes Town Council; East Sussex County Council; Ariane Plumley, 3VA; Staverton Nursery; Voices in Exile; Brighton and Hove City Council.

Members

LRSG ended the year with seven new members bringing the membership to over 130 people and seven affiliated organisations.



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Above:
Hamsey School class work in Refugee Week:
 'How can we welcome refugees into our community?'



Above:
Raga Gibreel, founder of the charity Green Kordofan, presenting her work



Left:
Members of LRSO out campaigning

LEWES REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP

Financial statement for the year ended 31st August 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Subscriptions	1,617		2,180	
Donations - personal	3,263		5,073	
- corporate	1,140		2,100	
HMRC Gift Aid	573		571	
Plant sale	1,125		879	
Homes for Ukraine grant	10,000		-	
Interest	180		73	
Resettle	<u>1,573</u>		<u>16,600</u>	
Total income		19,471		27,476
LESS: EXPENDITURE				
Local refugee support:				
Boship Hotel, Hailsham	-		4,512	
Crowborough MOD base	(3,962)	refund	5,000	
Grants to:				
Organisations (as attached)	12,000		6,500	
Families and individuals	1,745		1,218	
Insurance, printing, phone, etc	1,746		1,606	
HfU website maintenance, room hire, exam fees, etc.	5,000		3,158	
Refugee Week events	418		2,087	

Prison visiting expenses	42		523	
Speakers' fees, etc.	<u>100</u>		<u>200</u>	
Total expenditure		<u>17,089</u>		<u>24,804</u>
Excess of income over expenditure		2,382		2,672
Bank balance at 1 September 2024/23		16,630		13,958
Bank balance at 31 August 2025/24		19,012		16,630
Being: General funds		14,012		16,630
Restricted funds (HfU)		5,000		-

Tony Sims – Honorary Treasurer

10th September 2025

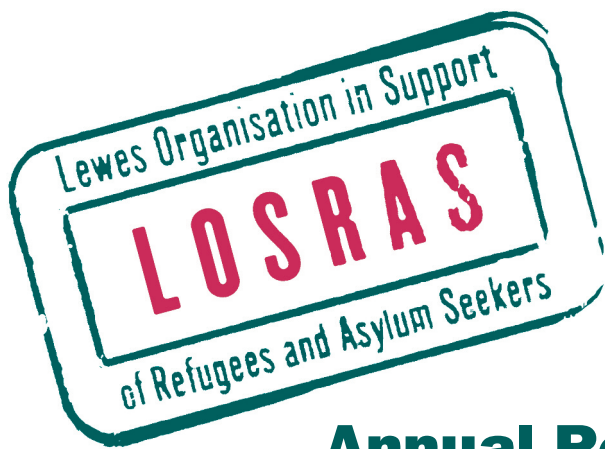
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19th September 2025

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Priory School: 2024

Why is empathy so important?
How can we welcome refugees and people seeking asylum to our school and community?

LOSRRAS
Lewes Organisation in Support of Refugees and Asylum Seekers



Above:
Refugee Week Stall,
Lewes Precinct

Top:
Delband at The Friends' Meeting House to celebrate Refugee Week

Above:
Priory School lesson

Top:
Walk With Us event

Bottom:
LOSRRAS Plant Sale at Linklater Pavilion

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Overview of the year

Low points:

- The week of race riots in August 2024 was possibly the bleakest point in the year, with misinformation spurring the far-right to target people seeking asylum and those supporting refugees. The violence demonstrated during that week shone a very disturbing spotlight on close-to-the-surface racism, the pernicious influence of social media and the corrosive effect of hostile political narratives.
- The impact of the Illegal Migration Act (passed by the previous government in July 2023) has a perilous impact on anyone arriving in the UK through so-called irregular means: the right to claim asylum is removed and anyone caught with their 'hand on the tiller' while crossing the Channel in a small boat is prosecuted and imprisoned.
- People attempting to cross the Channel in small boats are not deterred by the former government's hostile policies: tragic and avoidable deaths continue. As we write, this year has seen the worst death toll to date with 51 people having lost their lives in the Channel since January, including babies and children.
- The Rwanda legislation is passed in April 2024.
- There remain no safe and legal routes. Resettlement routes that were provided for Syrians and Afghans have virtually come to a close: only 20,000 Syrians and 11,500 Afghans were given safe passage to the UK. Afghan refugees who were evacuated to the UK in 2021 have been forced out of their temporary hotel accommodation at no notice by the Home Office. Families were dispersed to areas where they have no connections or support, which has disrupted children's education and links with local community support. The Ministry of Defence has had to concede accepting responsibility for Afghan families who supported the Armed Forces and other government agencies in Afghanistan and who have been living a tenuous existence in Pakistan, and a re-settlement scheme is in force to bring them to the UK. Some of these are the families in the MOD camp in Crowborough that we have been supporting. Because the government has reneged on its commitment to resettle many Afghans through safe and legal routes, increasing numbers are arriving by small boats.

High points:

- The worst of the low points is also the mirror to the best of the high points – this being the utterly heartening response of thousands of ordinary people who took to the streets to counter protest the rioters and make it clear that refugees are welcome and racist hostility will not be tolerated.
- On election, the Labour government reversed some of the worst aspects of the Tories' immigration legislation: the Rwanda scheme was abandoned; The Bibby Stockholm barge will close in January 2025; and Labour has pledged to re-unite more Afghan nationals with their families. The government is also restarting asylum decision-making and addressing the massive backlog of claims. However, it appears that these changes reflect economic expediency rather than humanitarian values.
- Despite our small numbers and voluntary capacity, we continue to fight for the rights of refugees and people seeking asylum. We continue to support 10 families and other individuals across the Lewes District.
- We provide support to the Afghan families being temporarily housed at Crowborough Army Camp.
- Our outreach work in local schools has expanded to include Lewes Old Grammar School and Plumpton College; we provide local schools with resources for Refugee Week.
- The Foreign National Visitors Scheme at Lewes Prison continues to adapt to cope with the demand for support.
- We continue our involvement with the HfU scheme and Ukrainian families in the Lewes district, particularly with ESOL needs.
- A range of events were carried out to mark Refugee Week, including a very joyful evening of Iranian music and food – a definite high point!

Month by month

October 2023

LOSRAS provided 91 men seeking asylum, who were housed in Hailsham, with a full set of **winter clothes and shoes**.

November

Priory School **outreach work** with all Year 8 students.

LOSRAS stall at an open discussion event organised by Lewes Labour Party and other local organisations where we gained a number of new members and volunteers.

January 2024

Holocaust Memorial Day vigil and events in Lewes.

Two **assemblies** with Lewes Old Grammar School; Years 7 and 8.

February

Support to Afghan families housed at Crowborough army camp; attendance at a women's shura identifies various issues that we offer to support, e.g. provision of children's shoes; outings; educational resources; art therapy sessions; bicycles.

Open Meeting: Remembering Chile - 50 years after the coup. Sylvia Velasquez and Rossana Leal discussed their experiences of arriving in the UK as refugees from Chile and the Eco Memoria tree planting project.

Outreach sessions run at Plumpton College.

March

Anti-Racism Alliance protest **rally** in Newhaven to mark UN Anti-Racism Day

An **outing** to Sheffield Park with a group of Afghan women from Crowborough Army Camp is a success.

April

The **Walk With Us** event organised by LOSRAS members for Refugee Tales brings 45 people on the seven-mile circular walk in Lewes.

May

Open meeting: Susie Ballentyne presents her doctoral research on 'Identity, forced migration and wellbeing'.

June

Annual fund-raising **plant sale** at the Linklater Pavilion.

Celebratory evening of Iranian fusion music by '**Delband**' and Persian food, courtesy of **Gandom** restaurant, Hove.

A resource of photos - **A Refugee's Gift** - taken by Bill Knight for the Refugee Council is provided by LOSRAS for Depot to mark Refugee Week. The exhibition ran in tandem with Depot films which were introduced by LOSRAS committee members.

Precinct stall with the Lewes District Anti-Racism Alliance to mark Refugee Week, the focus being the '**Fair Begins Here**' campaign of the **Together with Refugees** coalition.

Storytelling and assemblies at Southover primary school to mark **Refugee Week**.

July

Open Film Night hosted by **LOSRAS** and the **Lewes District Anti-Racism Alliance** at the Hillcrest Centre, Newhaven attracted a large audience. Two short documentary films were shown: **Voices from Ipswich** and **We Depend on Each Other**.

LOSRAS members participate in the annual **Refugee Tales Walk**.

August

First meeting with **James MacCleary**, MP for Lewes, to discuss LOSRAS' aims.

18 bicycles are delivered to Crowborough Army camp for Afghan families.

Local support work

Support to families living in the Lewes district continues. Many are settled, in employment and children progressing at school but inevitably some require support which volunteers provide. There are also a number of new Afghan families who have arrived in the district and are being helped.

A large number of Afghan families who worked with the British armed forces prior to the Taliban takeover in 2021 arrived in Crowborough army barracks at the end of 2023. LOSRAS has liaised with the camp personnel and Mears to identify possible ways to support them. We provided funds to buy shoes for 90 children. We also organised and funded a day trip for a group of women and were able, with the help of LOSRAS members, to provide 18 bicycles for the families to use at the camp. This involvement was not without its challenges and the camp has recently been decommissioned, but LOSRAS' support was much appreciated.

Homes for Ukraine (HfU):

A short-term grant under the Homes for Ukraine scheme by the County Council for 2023/2024 has allowed us to provide continuity of support to the ESOL programme for Ukrainians living locally and to develop education outreach work. A third grant of £5k for 2024-2025 will continue this support. Ukrainian guests receive considerable support from the County Council in respect of housing, employment, children's activities so we focus on ESOL support and liaising with partner organisations.

Prison Visiting Project at HMP Lewes:

The project continues to grow in strength and in the last year we have seen about 50 foreign national prisoners at Lewes prison. Of these, six have been charged with 'illegal arrival' – a new development following the passing of The Nationality and Borders Act, 2022. Foreign national prisoners come from a range of countries including the EU, the Middle East, Albania, Africa, China and more. Most of these prisoners are initially seen at our fortnightly library drop-in sessions where we gather information about their case and situation and discuss ways in which we may be able to support them. This could be referral to another organisation, liaising with other agencies, providing books in relevant languages, gathering information, or offering a regular visitor.

Because remand prisoners are often moved after sentencing, or prisoners move on for other reasons, regular visits are not always possible. In this last year, our visitors group have supported ten prisoners with regular visits.

The visitors team has developed more knowledge and confidence in this last year. Monthly meetings enable sharing of information and problems and offer mutual support. Our relations with the prison have also improved, especially with the library, the Equalities manager and the Chaplaincy. We have also continued to collaborate with Sussex University Law department, accepting a student for a volunteer placement.

Awareness raising

Our website continues to generate interest, enquiries and requests for support, and we respond to all within our capacity. However, a significant number of requests relate to immigration or accommodation issues for which we have no practical or legal remit. We continue to provide quarterly newsletters, to hold open meetings and to run the Refugee Week stall in Lewes precinct as well as represent LOSRAS at other relevant events.

Educational Outreach work

In addition to our annual educational outreach work with Priory School Year 8s, we have this year extended this work to other local schools in the area. Lewes Old Grammar School asked us to provide assemblies for the Year 7s and 8s and ran a fund-raising school event for LOSRAS. Plumpton College invited us to support their PSHE work with Year 12s by providing a workshop and assembly. Assemblies for Southover school were given and an audio-visual resource made for Priory school to mark Refugee week. It is very heart-warming that local schools and children are so receptive and interested to understand more about what it means to seek asylum. This outreach work will continue in the 2024-2025 academic year.

Advocacy and lobbying for change

LOSRAS continues to work with key national campaigns:

Together with Refugees (TwR) the national coalition of 500+ grassroots community and refugee-led groups, international development charities, trade unions and faith groups, to which LOSRAS is affiliated launched a new national campaign, **Fair Begins Here**, in February this year with the goal to ensure that the next UK government commits to a fair new plan for refugees.

Lifting the Ban on the right to work for those waiting for asylum claims to be processed.

The Illegal Migration Act makes it almost impossible for families to be reunited and so we continue to campaign for **Safe Passage** of UASCs to be legally entitled to reunite with family and for Afghan families to be given safe and legal routes.

We continue to campaign for **an end to detention without a time limit**. We have asked James MacCleary to forward a question in Parliament regarding the proposed re-opening of the Campsfield and Haslar Immigration Detention Centres.

We continue to be part of the **Lewes District Anti-Racism Alliance** which aims to raise awareness and promote racial justice within the district.

Funding

Short-term grants from ESCC (detailed above) to support the Homes for Ukraine scheme has allowed us to provide continuity of support to the ESOL programme. However, our funds typically come from membership subscriptions, donations, (we gain significant funds via Gift Aid) and fund-raising. We received a very generous donation from Resettle Sussex and are pleased to be able to continue our shared aim of supporting local refugee families. The annual plant sale raised £880. We are thankful to Holocaust Memorial Day-Lewes who invite us to collect donations at their annual events (a very generous £388 was donated). And of course, we are immensely grateful for the continued support and generosity of our membership.

Tributes and thanks

It is with great sadness that in 2024 we lost three staunch supporters of LOSRAS: **Joe Ross, Tom Walker** and **Howard Taylor**. They are greatly missed. Please see our newsletters for written tributes.

Our thanks to **Helen Winters** for all her work with the volunteers and families. Helen leaves the committee this year but remains within the LOSRAS family.

LOSRAS trustees would like to express our wholehearted thanks and gratitude to:

Michael Munday; Gill Lipson; Jean Gould; Jane MacIntosh; Pat Rigg; Val Simanowitz; Rachel Cole; Heide Chaffe; James Golding of Michael Bell One; Jane Foot; Tony Downmunt; Betty Skolnick, Summerly DeVito; and Charlotte Williams.

For help with the Plant Sale: Jane Andrew; Nick Bodimeade; Chris Burgess; Ken Caplan; Susan Yates; Judy Gable; Sara Foreman; Palo Almond; Michael Munday; Mick Davies; Dee O'Connell; and Barbara Abbs.

For help with the collection of toys, bikes and other supplies for the Afghan families at Crowborough MOD camp, Anja McLean and others from Resettle Sussex and many of our members. For the considerable effort that went into repairing and storing the bikes: Human Nature, Lobke Braspenninx, Chris Ettridge, Dan Cowan and Mike Bray. And at the MOD camp: Pip Grant and Simona Vait of Mears and the MOD personnel.

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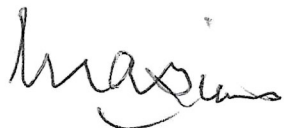
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GRANTS	2024	2023
Hummingbird	1,000	1,000
Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group	1,000	1,000
Enthum House	1,000	1,150
Migrant English Project	1,000	1,000
Brighton Voices in Exile	1,000	1,000
Asylum Support Appeals Project	500	500
K4k	500	500
Detention Action	500	500
	<u>£6,500</u>	<u>£6,650</u>

Prison visiting expenses	523		451	
Speakers' fees, etc.	200		<u>260</u>	
Total expenditure		<u>24,804</u>		<u>26,292</u>
Excess of expenditure over income		-		(6,574)
Excess of income over expenditure		2,672		-
Bank balance at 1 September 2023/22		13,958		20,532
Bank balance at 31 August 2024/23		16,630		13,958
Being: General funds		16,630		10,800
Restricted funds (HFU)		-		3,158

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12th September 2024

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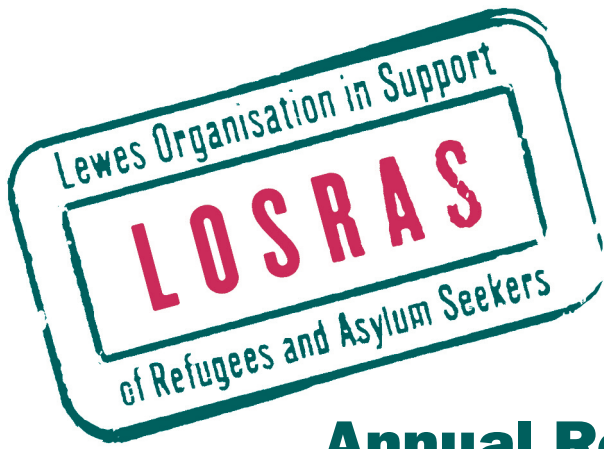


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Annual Report

October 2022 – September 2023



Refugee Week Stall,
Lewes Precinct



Top: Protesting the Illegal
Migration Act in
Parliament Square.

Above
Protesting the use of
Hotels for UASCs,
Brighton Town Hall



Al giving a presentation at
Priory School

LOSRAS aims to promote the welfare of refugees and people seeking asylum in and beyond the Lewes District by:

- **Raising awareness of issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum**
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Overview of the year

Low points:

- The government-fuelled hostility to refugees and people seeking asylum becomes even more entrenched with the passing of the Illegal Migration Act (July 2023) which removes the right of anyone arriving in the UK through so-called irregular means to apply for asylum (see April newsletter).
- The proposed use of wholly inappropriate and dangerous facilities such as the Bibby Stockholm barge in Portland, Dorset to house recent arrivals.
- The increasing backlog of asylum claims – currently over 175,000 as of August 2023.
- The policy of deportation of refugees to Rwanda, despite opposition in the House of Lords, continues to be proposed by the government and is pending a decision in the Supreme Court in late September.
- Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues to cause massive distress, displacement and disruption to the lives of Ukrainians. The UK government's Homes for Ukraine (HfU) scheme continues to provide support but a shortage of affordable accommodation is a critical issue for those temporarily settled in the Lewes district.
- Those Afghan refugees who were evacuated to the UK in 2021 are now being forced out of their temporary hotel accommodation; and because the government have reneged on their commitment to resettle Afghans through safe and legal routes, increasing numbers are now found to be arriving by small boat.
- Despite government policy to prevent small boat crossings, the numbers for 2023 show no sign of reducing, and tragic and avoidable deaths at sea are a brutal indicator of the necessity for safe and legal routes.
- Removal of cartoons at Kent Children's Intake Centre provokes a huge backlash and represents the depths of brutality to which this government is prepared to sink.

High points:

- Despite our small numbers and voluntary capacity, we continue to fight for the rights of refugees and people seeking asylum by consolidating our activities and widening our reach with local organisations such as the Lewes District Anti-Racism Alliance.
- Our core activities continue. We have welcomed two new families into the District in addition to those we already support.
- The Foreign National Visitors Scheme at Lewes Prison has consolidated with eleven volunteers now committed to visiting to cope with increasing demand for support.

- We supplied a full set of clothes and shoes for 70 people seeking asylum in Hailsham with the generous support of the membership and local organisations. The unmet needs of this group of men will continue to be a priority.
- Our outreach work in local schools has expanded to include storytelling activities in local primary schools.
- We continue our involvement with the HfU scheme and Ukrainian families in the Lewes district, particularly with ESOL needs, and a second smaller ESCC grant will allow us to tailor this further.
- A very successful walk in Lewes in May drew 70 people, of whom 27 were people seeking asylum, from Eastbourne - all walked, talked and picnicked together – a definite high point!
- We launched our new website which has greatly increased our accessibility to those needing our information and advice.

Month by month...

October: 20th anniversary celebration of LOSRAS

November: Priory School outreach work with all Year 8 students.

LOSRAS stall at Lewes Labour Party open discussion event.

December: Website development

January: Protest meeting in Brighton about the missing Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASCs) from a hotel in Brighton.

Holocaust Memorial Day vigil and events in Lewes.

February: Launch of the new LOSRAS web site

March: LOSRAS members kindly donate phones, games, toiletries and stationery for the asylum-seeking men being accommodated in a hotel in Hailsham.

With 3VA, Eastbourne Network and advice from the hotel staff, we organise the purchase and distribution of a full set of clothes including coats and footwear for each of the 70 men. This could not have been achieved without our members' generous donations and funding.

Open Meeting with Florence Grover (formerly of 3VA) on 'Boats, borders and barracks: an insight into the arrival process for refugees in Kent' and Lilian and James who discussed the support to young people provided at Enthum House, Eastbourne.

Anti-Racism Alliance protest rally in Newhaven to mark UN Anti-Racism Day and to protest the Illegal Migration Bill.

Rally in Parliament Square to oppose the Illegal Migration Bill.

Little Amal, the Syrian puppet who symbolises all child refugees, comes to Brighton!

May: Successful fund-raising plant sale at the Linklater Pavilion.

LOSRAS organised two, simultaneous walks around Lewes which attracted 70 participants including 27 people seeking asylum who came from hotels in Eastbourne with the volunteers from the Sanctuary Café, Eastbourne. The walks culminated in a very jolly, shared picnic - with food provided by LOSRAS in The Grange Gardens.

June: Refugee Week screening of Thomas Laurance's 'On Our Doorstep' at the Depot, with LOSRAS co-chairs on the Q&A panel.

Open Meeting held at the Depot showing 'Matar' and 'The Making of Matar'; with speaker Naqeeb Saide.

Protest about the repeated threat of housing UASCs in hotels in Brighton.

Precinct stall with the Anti-Racism Alliance to mark Refugee Week and voice our opposition to the Illegal Migration Bill.

Storytelling and assemblies at two local primary schools.

July: LOSRAS members participated in the annual Refugee Tales Walk.

August: Successful collection of clothes, shoes and boots for recent arrivals being detained at Gatwick.

September: LOSRAS stall at the Lewes Societies Fair.

Local support work

Our work with families in the Lewes District continues. Families are more established but ESOL, homework tutoring, and general support continues to be provided to twelve families (nearly 60 people across the district). Two new families recently arrived have been paired with volunteers. We have 30 active volunteers, but more are always needed - do get in touch via the website if you would like to help.

Homes for Ukraine (HfU): LOSRAS was invited to apply for a grant under the Homes for Ukraine scheme by the County Council for the 2022/2023 year which was used to provide extensive ESOL support. It also gave us the opportunity to re-vamp the website and, in particular, provide information for Ukrainian hosts and guests. We also funded through this grant, partner organisation across the District e.g. Lewes for Ukraine, Seaford for Ukraine and the Hillcrest Centre in Newhaven to provide further support.

We have received a further smaller grant for 2023/2024 (see funding below) to continue providing support to guests under the HfU scheme with our main focus being ESOL lessons and/or one-to-one tuition.

Many Ukrainians guests have moved out of host accommodation and are being supported by the County Council into alternative accommodation, however there is still a need for more hosts. Ukrainian guests receive considerable support from the County Council in respect of housing, employment, children's activities so we focus on ESOL support and liaising with partner organisations.

Foreign National Visitors scheme at Lewes prison continues to develop strategies to meet the needs of foreign national prisoners. Over the year we have visited approximately 40 prisoners facing potential deportation – some are one-off visits, others are ongoing. We work in partnership with the Migration Law Clinic at Sussex University when we need to signpost prisoners for Immigration legal advice, and have been helped by the library service at the prison to set up a monthly drop-in provision in the more relaxed library environment. The constant seemingly random movement of prisoners around the prison estate, coupled with the near impossibility of obtaining publicly funded legal representation limit the effectiveness of our work in the prison. Despite the frustrations, visits do seem to make a real difference and we are usually warmly received by those we see.

Awareness raising

We now have an accessible and up-to-date website, and we continue to provide regular newsletters, hold open meetings and run the Refugee Week stall in Lewes Precinct and at other, relevant events.

Priory School sessions are well received by children and staff, and we hold assemblies in two local primary schools about refugee issues during Refugee Week.

Advocacy and lobbying for change

LOSRAS continues to work with key national campaigns:

Our focus this year has been in campaigning against the Illegal Migration Act which received Royal Assent in July. In many ways, this campaigning has subsumed the separate campaigns that we have traditionally been involved in, namely:

Lift the Ban - we continue to campaign for the right to work of those waiting for asylum claims to be processed.

Safe Passage - the Illegal Migration Act makes it almost impossible for families to be reunited and so we continue to campaign for UASCs to be legally entitled to reunite with family and for Afghan families to be given safe and legal routes.

Campaign against the rising use of detention without a time limit.

We continue to be part of the **Lewes District Anti-Racism Alliance** which aims to raise awareness and promote racial justice within the district.

Funding

The short-term grant from ESCC to support the Home for Ukraine scheme which allowed us to modernise our website and organise an efficient ESOL programme of support to Ukrainians living locally has been extended to provide continuity of support and to develop education outreach work. However, our funds typically come from membership subscriptions, donations, (we gain significant funds via Gift Aid) and fund-raising. The annual plant sale, always a colourful and well-attended event, raised over £900! We are immensely grateful for the continued support and generosity of the membership.

Thanks

LOSRAS trustees would like to express our wholehearted thanks and gratitude to:

Michael Munday; Jane Andrew; Nick Bodimeade; Gill Lipson; Jean Gould; Val Simanowitz; Rachel Cole; Heide Chaffe; James Golding of Michael Bell One; Carmen Slijpen; Steve Lewis; Jane Foot; Tony Downunt; Chris Burgess, and Jan Morgan.

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Members

LOSRAS ended the year with 20 new members bringing the membership to over 200 people and seven affiliated organisations.

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Financial statement for the year ended 31st August 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Subscriptions	1,634		1,323	
Donations - personal	7,528		7,373	
- corporate	3,000		1,500	
HMRC Gift Aid	1,628		1,035	
Plant sale	928		1,292	
Open gardens	-		1,100	
Homes for Ukraine grant	<u>5,000</u>		<u>14,160</u>	
		19,718		27,783
LESS: EXPENDITURE				
Grants to:				
Organisations (as attached)	6,650		5,000	
Families and individuals	2,314		3,602	
Insurance, printing, phone, etc	1,190		1,301	
H4U - Coordination	1,615		496	
- Teaching materials, etc	6,255		249	
- Web design, etc	5,980		-	
- Volunteers expenses, etc	1,577		-	
Prison visiting expenses	451		-	
Speakers' expenses, etc.	<u>260</u>		<u>418</u>	
		<u>26,292</u>		<u>11,066</u>

Excess of expenditure over income		(6,574)		-
Excess of income over expenditure		-		16,717
Bank balance at 1 September 2022/21		20,532		3,815
Bank balance at 31 August 2023/22		13,958		20,532
Being: General funds		10,800		7,117
Restricted funds (H4U)		3,158		13,415

Tony Sims – Honorary Treasurer

5th September 2023

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This year LOSRAS celebrates 20 years of active work.

Overview of the year: low points and highlights

Low points:

- The government-fuelled hostility to refugees and asylum seekers becomes even more brutal with the Nationalities and Borders Bill enacted through parliament.
- Russian invasion of Ukraine causes mass displacement of women and children – the UK government responds slowly and imposes a cumbersome visa system.
- The government response to people arriving by boat across the Channel becomes ever more inhumane.
- The policy of deporting refugees to Rwanda, orchestrated by Priti Patel is likely to be vigorously pursued by the new Home Secretary, Suella Braverman.
- Afghan refugees evacuated to the UK remain stuck in inappropriate hotel accommodation one year after they are forced to flee Taliban takeover of power. Afghans continue to remain in country at immense risk without UK government safe passage as promised.

High points:

- We celebrate our 20th anniversary.
- We continue to strengthen as a charity – consolidating existing activities post-Covid (e.g. in local schools, the Lewes Prison, local family support etc.) and with trustees assuming specific roles and responsibilities.
- Post-Covid we re-establish in-person meetings and events such as the annual plant sale and open meetings.
- We join the 400-strong Together with Refugees coalition against the Nationalities and Borders Bill.
- Despite the inadequacies in the Government response, Homes for Ukraine (HfU) is set up. To date, more than 900 Ukrainian people have arrived to host families in the Lewes District.
- We extend our reach by taking on an ESCC supported role advising and supporting the HfU scheme across the Lewes district.

Month by month...

October: A Together with Refugees orange heart campaign event was held locally to protest the Nationalities and Borders Bill. A group from Lewes also attended the London rally to protest the Bill. In October, a vigil held in Seaford commemorated refugee lives lost at sea; the deaths of BAME people at the hands of the police and the criminal justice system; and the disproportionate number of deaths of black NHS workers from Covid. The vigil was especially poignant given the deaths in November of 27 people who were attempting to cross the Channel to reach safety.

December: Zoom interview with Gulwali Passarlay who discussed the Anti-Refugee Bill in the context of his own journey as an Afghan asylum seeker, the journey he recounts in his book, *The Lightless Sky*.

January: Marks the 20-year anniversary of LOSRAS

March: UN Anti-Racism Day event in Newhaven - a large and local anti-racist alliance gathered in Newhaven harbour on March 20th to demonstrate against racism and the anti-refugee Nationality and Borders Bill. March also saw LOSRAS organise a well-attended meeting in the Town Hall to inform and support potential host families for the HfU scheme.

May: Successful fund-raising plant sale at the Linklater Pavilion.

June: Robyn Phillips of the Human Trafficking Foundation, gave an excellent talk at Friends Meeting House on Modern Slavery and the implications of the Nationalities and Borders Act. We held a 'Plant a seed stall' in Lewes precinct as part of Refugee Week.

September: Presentation on 'Rwanda: the Reality and Rhetoric' by Naomi Blackwell (Jesus Refugee Service) and Majeda Korbane (Human Rights Network) described the impact the policy is having on individuals facing potential deportation to Rwanda and the increasing use of detention. September also saw a large local turnout to protest the Rwanda Policy at the Royal Courts of Justice.

Local support work

Our work with families in the Lewes District continues. Families are more established but ESOL, homework tutoring, and general support continues to support eight families (40 people) across the district.

Homes for Ukraine: LOSRAS becomes instrumental in providing support and guidance to the HfU scheme. We have been liaising with Lewes Town and District Councils, ESCC and 3VA and updating information to hosts. We secure a grant from ESCC to organise a range of activities including supporting hosts and guests with ESOL lessons, holiday activities and general advice. We have now taken on the organisation of the English classes and are always looking for additional tutors. Hosts were asked to commit for an initial period of six months and for many this has now come to an end. There is therefore an urgent need for more hosts. While LOSRAS is not involved in the matching process, we can direct any potential hosts to the right place.

Foreign National Visitors scheme at Lewes prison continues to develop particularly since Lewes Prison came out of Covid measures. Over the year we have visited 20 foreign national prisoners fearful of deportation; some we see once, but many appreciate ongoing visits. Currently we are visiting six people. Sometimes we have been able to signpost prisoners to immigration legal support, and we work in partnership with the Migration Law Clinic at Sussex University. We have a constructive relationship with the Diversity Lead, the Chaplaincy and the Librarians at HMP Lewes, and have been able to provide the library with materials to support the desperate needs of foreign national prisoners for legal information.

GRANTS	2022	2021
Hummingbird	500	500
Brighton Housing Trust	500	500
Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group	500	500
Enthum House	500	500
Migrant English Project	500	500
Brighton Voices in Exile	500	500
Asylum Support Appeals Project	500	500
K4k	500	500
Detention Action	1,000	-
	£5,000	£4,000

Being: General funds		7,117		3,815
Restricted funds (H4U)		13,415		-

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4th September 2022

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There will be campaigns both inside and outside parliament in the coming months and LOSRAS has already launched the forthcoming 'Orange Hearts Event'.

Despite lockdown, core work has continued, including some members' events:

October: a successful Zoom AGM with video messages from refugees: the award winning animation of Elton John's Rocket Man by Majid Adin and Hassan Akkad's powerful message from the White Cliffs of Dover

December: Zoom meeting on the Lift the Ban Campaign with personal testimonies of asylum seekers banned from working.

March: Change Makers Webinar organised and run by a group of inspiring young refugees who talked about their achievements and their vision, attracting an audience of well over 100.

May: from May onwards individual members have consistently made our feelings known about the anti-refugee Bill to our MP and to Government – thankless but important work...

June: our annual Refugee Week precinct leafleting was a great success, generating interest and new members

August: together with the Lewes Football Club, member-wide campaign to evacuate Afghan women athletes

Local support work

Work with refugee families in the Lewes District has been affected but not prevented by the pandemic, and now more face to face support including ESOL sessions and tutoring for children and young people has resumed. We have helped new refugees settle in, and have received fantastic donations from Lewes residents along the way. Volunteers continue to come forward to help us meet the needs of families during the period of settling in.

In August, over two days, families visited Lewes castle for a day of education and fun activities. Our thanks to staff at the castle for going the extra mile to make this such a success. A local refugee has also been volunteering at the castle.

We are re-launching, post-lockdown, the Foreign National Visitors Scheme at Lewes Prison with the addition of an exciting innovative partnership with Sussex Migration Law Clinic who will (from later this academic year) provide much needed advice on some aspects of immigration and immigration detention law to some of our clients. We have developed good cooperative working relationships with both the equalities manager and the Chaplaincy and have a new team of committed volunteer visitors.

Extra government money as a result of Covid has enabled us to carry out a new project this year. LOSRAS has been working through the winter months with a range of local organisations supporting low-income families to distribute funds and vouchers for children's clothing and school uniform – always a huge expense for families. The Lewes Winter Warmer project has been made possible through Lewes 3VA (voluntary sector umbrella group) working with LOSRAS and, in all, we distributed £28,000. These funds benefitted some of the families we work with, and large numbers of other low-income families and homeless people locally. It has also consolidated our relationship with other local groups working on social justice and poverty issues and we are grateful to all those organisations who ensured the money was spent where it was needed most.

GRANTS	2021	2020
Hummingbird	500	800
Brighton Housing Trust	500	800
Bail for Immigration Detainees	-	500
Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group	500	500
Freedom from Torture	-	500
Enthum House	500	-
Migrant English Project	500	800
Brighton Voices in Exile	500	1,000
Asylum Support Appeals Project	500	500
Consonant	-	500
K4k	500	1,000
Refugee Action	-	500
Refugee Council	-	500
MSF	-	500
Doctors of the World	-	500
Care for Calais	-	500
UNHCR	-	500
Forum for International Women	-	500
RebuildRCK	-	500
Beirut	-	500
Soul Soup	-	250
MARDi	-	100
	£4,000	£11,750

