



TIME TO **BE OUT**

Annual Report 2020

Welcome to our third Annual Report. I will avoid the word ‘challenging’ because we all know what that means in these times but this last year has seen much of our work move on-line and actually reach more people. New (and younger!) blood has joined us and we now have up to fourteen volunteers between case-work, befriending, English tuition and further development work. You will see a word from some of them a bit later. Your support is vital – please continue – and when we can, we might just manage a summer get together to say thank you properly.

*Thank you,
William
Chair*

People who apply for asylum in the UK on the grounds of their sexual orientation or gender identity face enormous challenges and need a great deal of support. After Time to be Out was granted charity status in June 2019, we knew that we would need to work hard in 2020 to recruit and train new volunteers and attract new sources of funding so that we could help more of these people. Despite the added difficulties of living through a pandemic, we are pleased to report that we have succeeded in our primary aims.

The Need for the Work

Time to be Out's mission statement is:

We are working for a world where people do not need to flee from their own country because they are at risk of attack on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity. However, for as long as LGBT+ people do need to seek asylum and refuge in the UK, Time to be Out aims to support them and be advocates on their behalf.

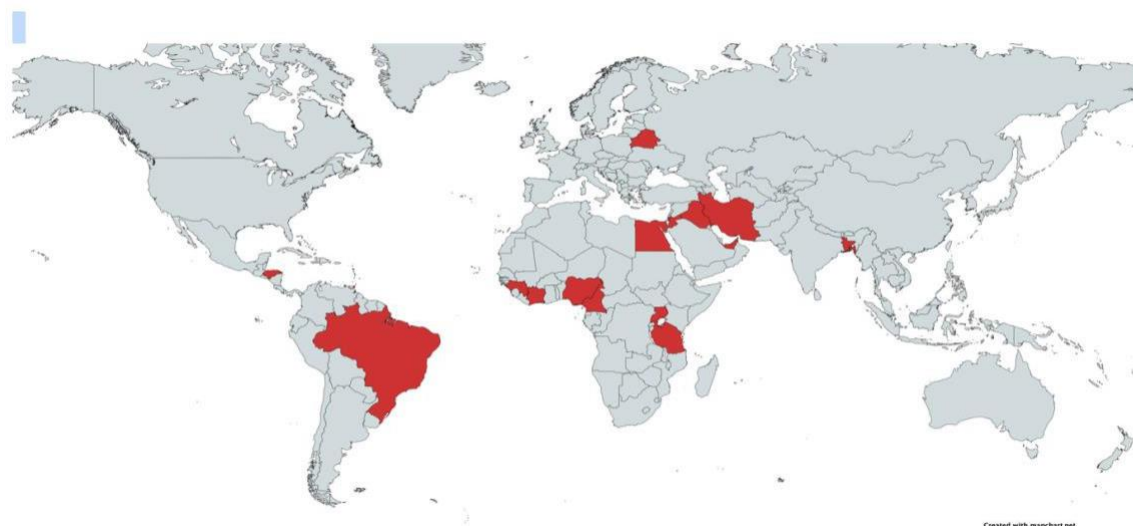
Hostility at home

Far too many LGBT+ people continue to grow up in an atmosphere of hostility. A recent report¹ submitted to the UN found that same sex relationships remain criminalised in 67 member states of the United Nations, and that the death penalty is still applicable in 11 of these places. However, risks do not just come from the law and the police. Many of the people who have applied for asylum in the UK on the grounds of their sexual orientation or gender identity have been threatened or attacked by members of their own family. Some lesbians have been subjected to so-called 'corrective rape' (this has been known to be organised by close family members), and we have met gay men whose partners were murdered (or who survived attempted murder themselves) in an attempt to defend 'family honour'. Others have been attacked by mobs of neighbours, sometimes including people they have known all their lives.

¹ ILGA World: Lucas Ramon Mendos, Kellyn Botha, Rafael Carrano Lelis, Enrique López de la Peña, Ilia Savelev and Daron Tan, *State-Sponsored Homophobia 2020: Global Legislation Overview Update* (Geneva: ILGA, December 2020).

Where do Time to be Out's beneficiaries come from?

In the course of 2020 we have worked closely with people who have escaped from the following places: Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Guinea, Honduras, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kurdistan, Nigeria, Palestine, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Arab Emirates.



A difficult journey

For too many people the journey to the UK has been dangerous and traumatic. Traffickers and smugglers have subjected them to violence and exploitation. Unfortunately, even after they arrive and claim asylum difficulties remain. There is still a 'hostile environment'.

The UK as a hostile environment

The process of claiming asylum is adversarial. The Home Office seems to have a culture of disbelief, which means that reasonable tests aimed at identifying bogus cases might become insuperable hurdles. Home Office interviewers ask to see objective evidence of incidents that happened in claimants' home countries. For example, they might ask to see evidence that an attack was reported to the police, even in a country where the police would be more likely to perpetrate homophobic violence than protect people from it. In order to persuade the Home Office that their claims are well-founded it is usually necessary to demonstrate that claimants are integrated into the local LGBT+ community here in the UK. This is extremely difficult at the best of times, but has become even more challenging as a result of the pandemic.

LGBT+ asylum seekers can be particularly isolated while their cases are being considered. People who claim asylum on other grounds often arrive with their families or find support from members of their own community here in the UK. LGBT+ claimants are likely to be on their own and reluctant to meet people from the countries they have fled for fear that they will share the hostile attitudes that have caused them to flee. In some cases, LGBT+ people have been subjected to harassment from other asylum seekers in the accommodation where they have been placed. Time to be Out has continued to act as advocates and has intervened in a number of cases of harassment in the course of 2020.

Next Steps

Being granted Leave to Remain does not bring an end to the difficulties. While they are waiting for a decision, asylum seekers are not allowed to work and are rarely allowed to attend college courses. It is therefore extremely difficult for them to enter the labour market immediately after being granted asylum. If they have been in Home Office asylum accommodation they have to leave at short notice. Since most LGBT+ asylum seekers are single they might not qualify for housing support from local government. In the course of 2020 Time to be Out set up a new project, Next Steps, to help at this stage of the process.



When this picture was taken at York Pride in June 2019 these four asylum seekers were still waiting for their applications to be processed (after a wait of years in some cases). We are delighted that they have all now been granted Leave to Remain. Time to be Out was able to present supporting evidence either to the Home Office or to an Asylum Tribunal in all of their cases, and three of them have been beneficiaries of our 'Next Steps' project. We wish them all the best for their new lives in the UK.

[Although we would like to be able to share more photographs of our beneficiaries, many of them are still afraid of repercussions for people left behind in their home countries and we therefore need to continue to protect their anonymity.]

The work of Time to be Out helping individuals

During 2020, twelve of the asylum seekers we have supported won the right to remain in this country. In ten of these cases we submitted full support statements to the Home Office and / or gave witness evidence in lower or higher asylum tribunals, in accordance with our written policy on minimum contact time before writing. In two cases, we were able to write more limited statements based on reduced contact with the individual.

In January, M from Bangladesh was granted leave to remain by the Home Office on his third attempt; A from Trinidad and Tobago was granted leave to remain; M from Cote d'Ivoire was granted leave after a fresh claim and interview; and G from Nigeria won after a very long wait for a Home Office decision on his fresh claim. In February Y from Uganda was also granted right to remain by the Home Office. In April, A from Palestine won at a second asylum hearing after a successful appeal to a higher tribunal, as did M from Iran in August. After M's win, his partner S from Iraq was granted leave to remain when the Home Office reversed their initial refusal. A from Iran was refused by the Home Office before we met him in February, but after he submitted our and other evidence, the Home Office reversed their decision and granted him leave to remain in October. In September, A from Egypt won after a very long struggle with his latest fresh claim, having been rejected by the Home Office, but his refusal was reversed on appeal to a tribunal. The two women to whom we gave more limited support both won their cases: F from Nigeria and F from Cameroon. We are delighted that one of these has now agreed to become one of our trustees.

David Sylph, Trustee and Co-ordinator, Time to be Out

There have been long delays in the Home Office making decisions on a number of cases and the delays have been made worse by Covid restrictions affecting interviews and asylum tribunal hearings. Of our 2020 clients, currently we are awaiting: decisions after Home Office interviews in three cases; decisions or interview after submission of a claim in four cases; and tribunal hearings after refusal in two cases. We are currently working with several others who are at an earlier stage of preparing their cases and have not yet submitted their claims.



The work of Time to be Out fostering the well-being of LGBT+ asylum seekers

In addition to its casework (summarised above), Time to be Out is anxious to do as much as possible to foster well-being amongst LGBT+ asylum seekers. Many of our beneficiaries find the long wait for their cases to be dealt with extremely challenging. They have to cope with isolation and social exclusion on top of the trauma that they have escaped in their home countries.

Three recent Time to be Out initiatives have focused on these issues:

Befriending

Some of the newly recruited volunteers have taken on the role of befriender. They call individuals regularly (usually every day) and make themselves available to be called themselves. Outside of lockdown conditions, they have even been able to meet in person.

English teaching

We are enormously grateful to a team of professional English teachers who have agreed to give one to one lessons online to asylum seekers whose first language is not English. This has been of great practical use to the individual beneficiaries, and of course has helped their social integration and their psychological well-being (for more details, see below).

Peer-support groups

We have been able to put isolated asylum seekers in touch with each other, thus encouraging peer support. People can refer others to different agencies and sources of relevant support.



Volunteer English Tutoring Activities

LGBT+ asylum seekers who come to the UK are challenged on several fronts. Apart from the legal challenges of trying to secure indefinite leave to remain, there are also the challenges of living their sexual orientation openly and, in some cases, coming to terms with it themselves for the first time. In addition, there are the challenges of creating a new lifestyle in unfamiliar surroundings. These all make for psychological pressures which can seem unbearable. Mental health is often adversely affected, ranging from boredom and disorientation to serious anxiety and depression. Above all, asylum seekers need to establish some sort of daily routine and to integrate with their new environment as soon as possible. This is extremely difficult when their command of the English language is limited.

With all the above in mind, Time to be Out decided to launch a project of one-to-one English tutoring last April. The lessons have, for the moment, to be conducted over WhatsApp by video-calls and messages. From the outset, it was decided to offer a minimum of three half-hour sessions of tuition each week, arranged on a day and at a time which were mutually convenient to both the tutor and the tutee. It was felt that anything less than this would not really be effective.

The coordinator of the programme is David Wilson, an experienced teacher and coach of English as an international language. The team so far consists of four experienced, dedicated and flexible tutors: Alison Bolton, Sarah Hawker, Jane Barnett and David himself. David convenes a regular Zoom Tutors' Meeting once a month where everyone can ask questions, and share their experiences and teaching ideas. In addition, everyone checks in by text message at the end of each week on a T2bO Tutors' WhatsApp Group.

So far, regular English teaching has been provided to six asylum seekers and the results have been impressive. Not only are these asylum seekers gaining more overall confidence in communicating, they also now have a focus for structuring their days which promotes overall psychological health, especially during lockdown. Tutors use carefully chosen textbooks as well as their own teaching materials. Tutors send useful links such as video clips from *YouTube* for listening practice and grammar consolidation and direct their tutees to websites for appropriate reading material. Tutees have also been encouraged to take photos on their daily permitted walks, share these on WhatsApp with their tutors, then use these for reading and vocabulary practice and also to discuss with their tutors aspects of their local environment; this has encouraged them to become more familiar with their new and generally unfamiliar cultural surroundings.

In spite of the many restrictions imposed by the need to self-isolate from Covid-19, tutees have responded positively, and it is generally felt that this project continues to make a huge contribution to the well-being of T2bO asylum seekers.

David Wilson

January 2021



Special support during the Covid crisis

In normal circumstances Time to be Out would arrange social events to help isolated asylum seekers meet other people and develop peer-support networks. With lockdowns and tier restrictions, and the cancellation of all 2020's Pride celebrations, very little face-to-face socialisation has been possible. However, in the summer we were able to arrange for some beneficiaries to visit York to meet their English teachers (in the open air and at a distance, of course). Whilst regulations allowed it, volunteers in Sheffield arranged for small groups to meet for a drink and a chat on Wednesday evenings.

We have done our best to help people stay connected by ensuring that they have sufficient phone data and credit, which would normally be unaffordable on the small amount of support from the Home Office (this rose by only £1.85 a week in June 2020, from £37.75). For most of 2020 asylum seekers placed in emergency accommodation in hotels had no financial support at all (so they could not buy clothes or phone data). We have also been concerned that asylum seekers did not have sufficient money to buy face masks and sanitiser. Time to be Out therefore arranged to send £50 a month to around 20 LGBT+ asylum seekers in order to mitigate the effects of the further isolation they were experiencing as a result of lockdown. We are very grateful for special funding that we received from **Two Ridings, the National Lottery Community Fund** and **Respond and Adapt** to help us through this emergency.

We were also able to use money from the National Lottery Community Fund to implement our 'Next Steps' programme. The aim of this is to support LGBT+ refugees who have just been granted Leave to Remain. They need to find somewhere to live and a job (both of which have been more difficult than ever in 2020), so we have been able to use the funding to help people bridge the gap between living in Home Office accommodation and living an independent life. We have been able to help successful refugees pay the deposit on a flat, pay for vocational training courses or certification, or buy essential furniture or kitchen equipment, for example. Volunteers from Time to be Out have been available to give guidance on job seeking and other aspects of 'moving on' (including applying for Universal Credit if necessary). We would very much like to be able to continue this type of support after the Covid crisis has passed.



Image taken from <https://timelinetheatre.com/timeline-south-wellness-corner/>

Time To Be Out has worked towards meeting a range of well-being needs for those asylum seekers and refugees the charity works with. If we use Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, we can see that providing hardship funds for food and other daily living essentials comes in the bottom layer of the pyramid. Our support for people in their claim for asylum in the UK is of course based on the need for 'safety'. By challenging dangerous/unsuitable accommodation, TTBO is also meeting those 'basic needs' for somewhere safe to live.

By looking at the next layers of Maslow's model, the work on English language skills, on learning relaxation techniques from a qualified complementary therapist (volunteering her own time) to counter trauma-related physiological and psychological problems, and the provision of befrienders all work together to support the two layers within meeting 'psychological needs'.

This work on supporting improved well-being is fundamental to ensure that beneficiaries are best placed to be able to engage with their Home Office case, legal counsel, TTBO caseworkers and local community. Improved well-being makes it possible for individuals to begin socialising with one another and with TTBO volunteers across all other services. Individuals are also able to benefit from befrienders who can role model living more openly as an LGBT+ individual in the UK (something that has not been remotely possible in many of the countries of origin of those TTBO works with).

Dorothy Hodgkinson, Development Officer, Time to be Out

Advocacy and Partnerships

In the course of 2020 we were made aware of three individuals who were being bullied by other asylum seekers in the accommodation where they had been placed. We were able to make representations with the housing providers (and with the police) so that people's safety could be guaranteed. That is not yet a battle won – but it will be.

We continue to work closely with other organisations and charities to support individuals. These range from housing charities (e.g. Micro Rainbow, Assist in Sheffield, Refugees at Home, NACCOM), through other refugee support groups (e.g. MAP in Middlesbrough, The Sanctuary in Sheffield) to specifically LGBT+ charities (e.g. Pride Without Borders in Bristol, and Report Out in Gateshead, which does research on the situation for LGBT+ people in the home countries of our beneficiaries).

We have increasingly close links with a number of firms of solicitors (in Middlesbrough, Sheffield and Hull in particular), who welcome the presence of our volunteers when they are meeting asylum seekers.

Before the lockdowns, volunteers from Time to be Out were able to give talks about our work on Pride Radio, at Sheffield University and to Gay Men Tyneside.

When it has been possible and appropriate, we have enabled asylum seekers to attend the LGBT friendly mass held monthly at the Bar Convent in York. We also refer others to relevant faith groups and other sources of support. We are grateful to the Bar Convent and staff of York Minster, who continue to offer support to Time to be Out.

Organisational Development

Three of the seven trustees of Time to be Out are refugees, who know from first hand experience what it is like to apply for asylum in the UK and how Time to be Out can help. We look forward to developing our services in the light of their experience and wisdom.

We have worked hard in 2020 to consolidate and build our team of volunteers, who have been able to undertake a number of different roles (befrienders, English teachers, case workers etc.). Close attention has been paid to best practice following Charity Commission guidelines, and everyone has been made aware of Time to be Out's safeguarding policy and other important procedures.

We have benefitted enormously from the contribution of a Development Officer (unsalariated), who has helped us to submit applications to funding bodies. As a result we have been awarded grants which have allowed us to implement our 'Next Steps' initiative and to make Covid emergency payments to our beneficiaries every month from June to December 2020.



I joined Time to Be Out as a volunteer late last year, and I am currently working as a befriender with asylum seekers. I find the work extremely fulfilling, you can see the support we are giving the individuals we are working with is of great value for their well-being.

Jonathan Burgoyne - Volunteer

I joined Time To Be Out as a volunteer around November time last year as a befriender. The team is friendly, approachable and most importantly absolutely committed to their task. The work they are doing is crucial and I hope the charity is able to further its reach over the next year. William and David have been very helpful in providing regular workshops to help us to grasp the process of seeking asylum and I hope in the future to expand my capabilities as a befriender and to become more informed on the case work aspects. – Ellie

I want to say a big thank you for Time to be Out. For their kind assistance with my group. I hold a small group in Newcastle. William kind help with our zoom meetings help me to get established with the mens group and now it continues to grow. We will continue to work joined up with your group. Now I volunteer for your team.

Carol Robinson

I joined "Time to be Out" during lockdown 2 in 2020 as a befriender initially but also to offer well-being sessions to either individuals or small groups of LGBT+ Asylum seekers.

This charity supports the most vulnerable people society has and it's a pleasure to be part of a group of people whose aim is to help make life better for the asylum seekers. If spending time (currently just on the phone) with the person I have befriended makes that person forget their trauma for at least a moment, then I have done well. If the relaxation techniques I am showing help others to feel less anxious for at least a little while, I am happy. As a volunteer I do give my time and my skills but I also gain so much. I am constantly learning, I feel I am doing something purpose-and meaningful, I am finding out about other cultures and traditions but most importantly I have a much better understanding of how it must feel to be an LGBT+ human being who had to flee from their home country due to their sexuality.

Renni Prella

Plans for 2021

- We will soon be launching a website, aimed primarily at attracting grant funding
- We hope to continue to expand the English teaching and befriending services
- We would like to raise funds to be able to supply our beneficiaries with technology to help them keep connected (e.g. tablets, dongles) and research their own cases
- As travel and personal interaction become possible again we intend to organise visits and social events for our isolated beneficiaries
- We shall continue to work with partner organisations to raise awareness of the challenges and try to improve the circumstances of LGBT+ asylum seekers and refugees

NEWSLETTER - July 2021



TIME TO BE OUT

Welcome to the first of our seasonal newsletters – just some information about how the charity is getting along as well as new developments. This is all possible because of your continued support. Thank you again.

Our New Website

www.timetobeout.org.uk

Thanks to a grant received from

The Wharfedale Foundation

www.wharfedalefoundation.org.uk

The foundation is a grant-awarding trust, funding projects in Yorkshire and the Humber. Their aims are the breaking down of barriers in society, the integration of marginalised groups within communities and a concern for the natural environment.



The Wharfedale Foundation

BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES IN YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

BETTER TOGETHER!

Volunteers (William)

Despite lockdowns we have actually been able to grow our volunteer numbers and the positive impact we are having in the lives of asylum seekers. Some volunteers facilitate the legal pathway, others are English tutors and others befrienders.

Regular contact as well as a weekly on-line 'Social' means we try to keep up with how everyone is doing in this most difficult of times and create a 'community' of support, wherever people are based. We now have a complementary therapist on board too, for those going through particular stress.

Thank You for your support!

Your donations have helped us support the LGBTQ+ refugees in many ways in 2021.

For the last few months we have been able to offer £20 a month data allowance to each of the clients we are working with.

This has enabled them to keep in touch with legal counsel, continue their English tuition on Zoom or WhatsApp, and connect with their peers which helps limit their feeling of isolation.

In the coming newsletters we will give you lots of updates on the work we are undertaking with the help from your donations.

LGBTQ+ Partnership (Jonathan)

Time to Be Out has partnered with Strathearn Tea In Scotland.

They are an LGBTQ owned and operated business that has a mission to give back as much as possible, setting up links with many charities including Time To Be Out.

For every purchase of tea made with them using the code TTBO21 they donate £2 back to our charity.

So if you, your friends or family like tea visit their website and buy some great tasting tea!
www.strathearn-tea.co.uk

New Government Proposals (David)

In the refugee charity sector there is an overwhelming consensus that the recently published proposals on the changes to the asylum system represent the most serious threat in many years to the right to asylum.

Time To Be Out took part in a brief government consultation on these changes. However, it was structured in such a way that we were unable to express our real concerns. So we have written separately to the Home Office to express those concerns. The proposals include penalizing those who arrive "illegally" or via another safe country by denying them full asylum, thereby creating a two tier system – and shortening the appeals procedures by limiting legal challenges to Home Office decisions.

All of this directly threatens the people we support. Almost all of them are on their own and are fleeing an immediate threat to their lives. There are no "legal" or "safe" routes available to them. They have to take any means of escape which is available. The Refugee Convention of 1951 does not require people to claim asylum in the first safe country to which they travel. Moreover, since the UK left the EU and thereby the Dublin Convention, there are no treaties to return people to another safe country through which they have passed.

Most of our clients do indeed suffer long delays in the Home Office deciding their asylum claims but the government proposals do not address this. Please read more about the full proposals, which are outlined on the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/landmark-borders-bill-to-enter-parliament>.

Recent Challenges

No Government Support

In recent weeks there has been a failure in the system by which asylum seekers receive their weekly allowance. Many of those we are working with received no money.

In response to this we have diverted funds from planned day trips this Summer to provide weekly emergency funds to those affected. The planned day trips will be run later in the year as funds allow.

Delays in the System

Many people are experiencing extremely long delays in waiting for their Home Office interviews, for a tribunal hearing, or for a Home Office decision on their case.

This is extremely stressful for those concerned, as you can imagine.

Time To Be Celebrating

In the last few weeks we have had reason to celebrate at Time To Be Out.

Two of the people we have been working with have been granted right to remain.

H from Iraq, whom we met in July of last year and supported throughout his case, was granted right to remain. He can now live safely and openly as a gay man here in England.

Women (Dorothy)

There are always more layers to supporting individuals in the asylum system. Personal needs, such as sanitary product costs for women/girls, have a very real cost attached to them, yet no allowance is made for this within asylum allowance budgets.

At TTBO we are conscious of the need to keep listening to our clients and hear about their needs so that we can align our services and activities to better meet those needs.

This month we have established a small funding pot to cover the monthly costs of sanitary and related costs for those clients who need them - both the adults, and, when appropriate, their female children.

This funding pot will pay out up to £10 per month to any of our clients who specifically need help to cover the costs of these personal items.

Sheffield Social (Brian)

Time To Be Out arranged a social evening at the Red Lion pub in Sheffield recently.

Our aim was to introduce new friends and meet old ones again in a relaxed and gay friendly environment. It worked!

This will become a regular event now that restrictions are starting to be lifted.

Then S from Iran also was granted right to remain. We met S in October of last year when he was housed in Hull. As with H, we worked with him through this case and just last week he got the amazing news from the Home Office that he had won his case

" I just want to take this opportunity to say I feel so welcome in this organisation called TTBO that supports people like myself "

Summary of Time to be Out's Income and Expenditure, January to December 2020

Income

Total income from regular donations and one-off gifts (no fundraising activities this year)	£6 312
Total income from grant-awarding bodies (for specified projects - Next Steps and Covid Emergency)	£13 800
Grand Total	£20 112

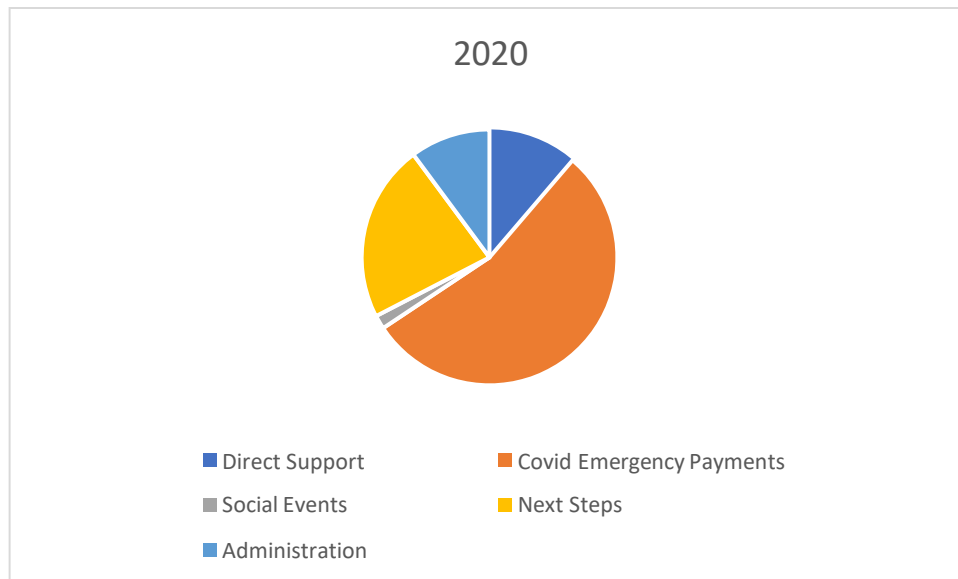
Expenditure

From unrestricted funds:

Direct support to asylum seekers (e.g. expenses to go to appointments with doctors, lawyers etc)	£1 958
Covid Emergency payments to asylum seekers March - June 2020 (the first lockdown)	£1 750
Social events for asylum seekers in York and Sheffield (between the spring and autumn lockdowns)	£303
Administration (insurance, postal order fees, travel expenses for volunteers etc.)	£724

From grants awarded for designated projects:

Next Steps	£3 900
Covid Emergency payments (June to December 2020)	£7 700
Administration (postal order fees, postage etc.)	£1 040
Grand Total	£17 375



Supporting Time to be Out

We are very grateful to the donors and volunteers who made our work possible in 2020. We would be pleased if you could forward this report to anyone you know who you think might be interested. New volunteers would be welcome, as would donations! We would be particularly grateful if people could make regular contributions. A minimum of £5 a month can make an enormous difference. Receiving regular monthly income allows us to plan more effectively and make more realistic offers to the beneficiaries. We are also able to claim Gift Aid on contributions from UK taxpayers.

Account Name: Time To Be Out

The Co-operative Bank

Sort Code: 08 92 99

Account Number: 65883725

Cheques (made payable to Time to be Out) can be sent to:
The Treasurer, Time to be Out, 41 East Mount Road, York YO24 1BD

Do get in touch at any time on infotimetobeout@gmail.com

Time to be Out

Income and Expenditure 13th June 2020 to 12th June 2021

Balance carried forward	£2 894.51
Total Income	£19 951.95
Total Expenditure	£20 014.85
Balance	- £62.90
Balance carried forward (£2 894.51 - £62.90)	£2 831.61

INCOME

Restricted Grant Funding

The Community Fund

[paid 10th July 2020 to be spent within 6 months]	£10 000.00
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Respond and Adapt / NACCOM

[paid 7th September 2020 to be spent within 12 months]	£2 000.00
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[paid 5th January 2021 to be spent on building a website]	£479.00
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Total Restricted Income	£12 479.00
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Unrestricted Income

Donations from monthly standing orders / direct debits	£5 144.00
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One-off individual donations (including Strathearn Tea)	£2 328.95
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Total Unrestricted Income	£7 472.95
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Total Income £12 479 + £7 472.95 = £19 951.95

EXPENDITURE

Restricted Grant Funding

Two Ridings (carried forward from 2019-2020)

[£1004.36 remaining from £1 800 paid 27th May 2020 to be spent within 6 months]

Covid Emergency payments to 20 beneficiaries	£680.00
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Hardship payments to 2 beneficiaries	£270.00
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Postage and postal order fees	£50.32
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[Amount unspent £4.04 transferred to general account with agreement of the funders]

The Community Fund

Next Steps Project	£3 493.54
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Covid Emergency payments (32 beneficiaries)	£5 850.00
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Administration (including postage and postal order fees)	£647.00
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[Amount unspent £9.46 transferred to general account with agreement of the funders]

Respond and Adapt / NACCOM

Covid Emergency payments (8 beneficiaries)	£400.00
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Hardship payment (1 beneficiary)	£50.00
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Administration (including postage and postal order fees)	£165.81
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Data vouchers (22 beneficiaries)	£1 395.00
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[Overshoot of £10.81 paid for from general account]

The Wharfedale Foundation

Payments to Nettl of York to build website	£479.00
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Total spending from Restricted Grant funding	£13 480.67
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Total amount of Restricted Funding left unspent and transferred to general account
£2.69

Unrestricted Expenditure

Casework and befriending	£1 388.95
Hardship and Emergency payments	£2 354.00
Next Steps	£930.00
Social Events (in York and Sheffield, and prizes for online socials)	£431.12
Data vouchers (and administration of data budget)	£325.80
English teaching materials	£112.26
Volunteer expenses	£504.20
Administration	
Website - domain name	£58.80
Website - hosting	£36.00
Zoom Standard Pro Annual payment	£107.90
Liability Insurance	£144.96
reconditioning 2 donated laptops for beneficiaries	£45.00
business cards	£37.50
bank charges	£0.99
postage	£6.70
donation to Pride without Borders (Bristol)	£50.00
Total Unrestricted Expenditure	£6 534.18

Total Expenditure £13 480.67 + £6 534.18 = £20 014.85

Notes on the budgets

Caseworking and Befriending

to cover expenses for beneficiaries to travel to meetings with the Home Office, lawyers, their Time to be Out caseworkers, befrienders and English tutors etc.

Hardship and Emergency payments

to provide emergency funds when asylum seekers are destitute (e.g. when their National Asylum Support cards are not working or their applications for support are still being processed); to replace or repair broken mobile phones so that people can remain in contact with their legal representatives and other sources of support etc.

Next Steps

to provide support when refugees are granted Leave to Remain and they have to vacate Home Office accommodation at short notice, e.g. to supply bridging funding so that people can pay the first month's rent on a flat, buy bedding etc.

Covid Emergency

during the lockdowns of 2020 and early 2021 we provided extra funds when people were unable to travel and faced extra costs in terms of food, heating, phone data etc.

Data Vouchers

regular monthly mobile phone top ups to ensure that beneficiaries can stay in touch with their legal representatives and Time to be Out support services (e.g. virtual social events, English tuition etc.)

Social Events

Although there were fewer opportunities to arrange social events than in previous years, we still held some small events in York and Sheffield

Volunteer Expenses

to cover the travel of volunteers (caseworkers, befrienders, English tutors) to meet beneficiaries

English teaching materials

to provide textbooks for beneficiaries

Website

to pay for the design and hosting of our website: <http://www.timetobeout.org.uk>

