



Cornwall Refugee Resource Network (CRRN)

Charity number: **1184187**

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Annual Report for the year 2023, presented at the AGM on 24 October 2024 at 1900 (online)

About our charity

Cornwall Refugee Resource Network is a network of organisations and people who work together to ensure that Cornwall provides refuge and sanctuary to those most in need. We celebrate good news stories of how the resettlement of refugees shapes Cornwall for the better and we campaign for positive change in policy and in attitudes, so that people seeking sanctuary and asylum are treated with dignity and fairness. Cornwall Refugee Resettlement Network was established at All Saints Highertown Church, Truro, in 2016 in direct response to the acute crisis caused by the war in Syria and the number of people fleeing from danger. In 2018, CRRN renamed itself Cornwall Refugee Resource Network. On 1st July 2019 CRRN became a registered charity.

Summary of our main activities during 2023

- Membership of the Refugee Steering Group
Providing advice, consultation and signposting to Cornwall Council and other statutory services as part of the Steering Group forum.
- Appointment of a part-time Development Officer (0.4FTE)
Leading on building capacity and place-based support, with thanks to grant funding from Cornwall Council and working in partnership with Devon and Cornwall Support (October 2023).
- Supporting community sponsorship groups
Contributing funding to events (NRSG, May 2023) and supporting TCRS in collaboration with CHARIS to resettle a family in Truro.
- Right to Remain Toolkit Festival
In September 2023, CRRN collaborated with a national legal education charity to bring the Right to Remain Toolkit Festival to Cornwall. The event, attended by 25

representatives from local organisations, focused on rights-based education for refugees and asylum seekers. A summary of the event is [available on the Right to Remain website](#).

- Consultation Cap 2023
Coordinating a local response to the Home Office consultation seeking feedback on refugee resettlement needs and community sponsorship capacity across Cornwall. We advocated for a percentage proportion of the local population (0.02%) commitment to resettlement per year.
- Voluntary Sector Support for International Health and Care Workers
In response to challenges faced by international health and care workers on visas, CRRN convened a series of meetings in collaboration with Cornwall Council's Adult Social Care Workforce Development team. These meetings ran from November 2023 to March 2024, focusing on the exploitation and vulnerabilities of individuals with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF).

In addition, we launched a small grants fund in December 2023 with thanks to the Cornwall Community Foundation's Welcome Fund. This initiative supported 7 individuals with No Recourse to Public Funds in securing permanent accommodation and avoiding financial destitution by the end of 2023.

- Information sessions
We ran regular online information sessions focused on building capacity and raising awareness about advocacy and supporting refugees and asylum seekers in Cornwall.
- Development of our website and social media presence, with thanks to our dedicated volunteer.

Financial Review:

Total income from 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2023: £20,927.00

Total expenditure 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2023: £6,297.00

Thanks from the Trustees

We would like to pass on thanks on behalf of the Trustees to everyone who works to support refugees, asylum seekers and other vulnerable migrants in Cornwall and beyond.

Ellie stepped down as Chair in November 2023.

Rae Preston (Chair)

October 2024



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Statement of Financial Activities: Income and Expenditure for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Income	Total
<i>Total</i>	£20,971.89
Individual donations	£550.00
income Cornwall Council	£15,000.00
Grant - Cornwall Community Fund	£5,000.00
Bank refund to cover fraudulent transactions	£71.84
E Stacey refund	£20.05
Cornwall Council reimbursement for NRSG support	£330.00
Expenditure	
<i>Total</i>	£6,297.00
Fee to DCRS for outreach worker	£3,461.50
Individual grants from IHCW grant fund	£1,680.00
Public liability insurance	£96.00
Events expenses	£966.99
fraudulent bank card use	£91.89
Net surplus	14,674.89

Summary:			
	year end 2023	year end 2022	
opening balance	£1,553.57	£2,494.84	
Total Income	£20,972.00	£1,156.24	
Total expenditure	£6,297.00	£2,097.51	
Net deficit/surplus for the year	£14,675.00	-£941.27	
Balance brought forward	£1,553.57	£2,494.84	
Balance carried forward	£16,228.57	£1,553.57	
Balance sheet as at 31.12.2023	£16,228.57	£1,553.57	
Current assets - cash in bank	£16,228.57	£1,553.57	
Total assets	£16,228.57	£1,553.57	
Current liabilities	£0.00	£0.00	
Total net assets	£16,228.57	£1,553.57	
Funded by brought forward	£1,553.57	£2,494.84	
surplus for year	£14,675.00	-£941.27	
Total funds carried forward	£16,228.57	£1,553.57	

These financial details have been approved for issue by the Board of Trustees on 26th September 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Rae Preston

Chair of trustees