

FRIENDSHIP ACROSS BORDERS

England & Wales · Charity number 1217580

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2026-04-13

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS: TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF WOMEN DETAINED AT DERWENTSIDE IMMIGRATION REMOVAL CENTRE (IRC) BY THE PROVISION OF BEFRIENDING SERVICES, ADVICE, SIGNPOSTING, SUPPORT, CLOTHING, TOILETRIES, SMALL LEAVING GRANTS AND COMFORTS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WRITING MATERIALS, EYE MASKS, EAR PLUGS AND PHONE CARDS TO ENABLE CONTACT WITH FAMILIES, SOLICITORS OR OTHER SUPPORT NETWORKS.

Activities: We are a group of volunteer befrienders who visit the women detained in Derwentside IRC; offering friendship, appropriate advice, signposting and support. We provide, Friendship Packs of personal hygiene items, slipper socks, eye masks; ear plugs for new arrivals; clothing; footwear; suitcases; emergency small grants towards telephone credit and essential leaving costs such as food and travel.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Durham

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Joyce Kane	Chair	2025-05-08
Catherine Philomena Given		2025-05-08
Christine Ruth Slatcher B.Sc.		2025-05-08
Linda Susan Acres B.Sc.		2025-05-08
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Sandra Anne Burton B.Ed.,M.A.		2025-05-08
Veronica Springford B.A,M.Sc.		2025-05-08