## VOLUNTEER WITH ASYLUM SEEKERS Slough/Heathrow Group



Care4Calais is a volunteer-run charity delivering essential aid and support to asylum seekers and refugees. We believe in a fair and tolerant British society and advocate for a welcoming and inclusive attitude towards refugees.

In the Heathrow Region we currently have 21 hotels housing over 7,000 refugees at any one time, and turnover means more per month. We support with a change of clothes, with understanding which organisations provide each service, and with activities that help with mental health and life chances, such as English classes, football, kids clubs, women's groups, etc.

## Do you want to make a difference to refugees' lives every day?

We are looking for passionate people to join our Care4Calais team. If you love working in diverse environments and have the ability to support others by taking initiative with patience and inclusive attitude – get in touch!

Working with a team of like-minded volunteers you will use your strengths to support asylum seekers.

There is a role for everyone, whether you prefer paperwork from home, collecting clothes or working to organise events.

Time commitment is flexible. Some volunteers are addicted and do something every day, others, a few hours a week, or a few hours a month, or even school holidays / term time only.

The hotels are in the Heathrow and Slough areas (mainly Hillingdon and Hounslow) and the clothes sorting is mainly in Hanger Lane, Ealing.



- This volunteer role will use your strengths and passions. You can make this role your own.
- You will enjoy putting a smile on people's faces, working with motivated volunteers and with asylum seekers / refugees.

The role responsibilities will be confirmed, depending on your interests and strengths.

- You will need to complete the DBS check and online Safeguarding training (approx. one hour) as part of the registration process.
- You will have a national induction to Care4Calais as well as a
  1:1 induction to the Slough/Heathrow group.
- To 'meet' and get support from the rest of the team you will be expected to join the relevant WhatsApp groups and attend at least two of the regular weekly zoom meetings.
   After that, if you cannot attend the zoom meetings you can receive short, weekly updates and read the minutes/notes.
- Support will be provided by an experienced volunteer until you feel confident enough to support others.

We are happy to discuss your volunteering at any stage if you want to change something. It is crucial that any volunteering must work for you. This is a flexible role and a flexible organisation.

You will report to the Regional Lead (Heathrow) or the local Hotel Lead.

We are happy to be a referee at any stage of your volunteering.



Please ask if you want to speak to Care4Calais before applying for this role.

To apply, an H4ALL application form must be completed. Please note H4ALL require two references.

To obtain an application form:

- Visit <u>www.h4all.org.uk</u> and download or print an application form
- Email <u>volunteerhub@h4all.org.uk</u> to request an application form to be sent to you by email or post

Send your fully completed application form by:

- Email to <u>volunteerhub@h4all.org.uk</u>
  OR
- Post to H4All, Volunteer Development Team, Key House, 106 High Street, Yiewsley, UB7 9BQ