

Recruitment Information for Housing Issues Volunteers

This Women Asylum Seeker Housing Project aims to make a difference to the housing situation of people supported by the Home Office Compass Contract in Scotland. We will do this by carrying out housing research and by providing support to female residents with housing issues.

The housing issues positions are voluntary ones and will make a vital contribution to our aims. Volunteers will benefit directly from the experience, as detailed below.

What we can offer

- Confidence building in a friendly working environment
- Practical experience in advocating, with payment of out of pocket expenses
- Work experience, a letter of reference for a potential employer and a certificate
- Team working and the opportunity to make new friends
- The opportunity to help a vulnerable group of people living in Glasgow
- Training in asylum housing issues with one to one support during the project

What we are looking for:

- **A female refugee or woman from a Scottish background**
Either women who are refugees or who have been granted other leave to remain.
Or women who are asylum seekers who wish to have refugee status
Scottish long term residents (20% of the team)
- **Communication skills**
Women who have:
 - A good level of spoken and written English
 - Good communication skills
 - Are able to communicate well in a major community language
 - Can use a word processor well enough to report housing issues
- **Interest in the welfare of the asylum seeking community**
Women who have an interest in:
 - What happens to newcomers to Glasgow in relation to their housing
 - Helping asylum seekers overcome housing problems
 - Making a difference within this community
- **Teamwork**
Women who have:
 - The willingness to work as part of a team
 - A flexible approach to making things work and ability to work on own initiative
- **Commitment**
Women who are:
 - Able to respect other peoples' confidentiality
 - Reliable and with good time-keeping
 - Able to commit to agreed times of attendance weekly (excluding holidays)

If you would like to discuss this, please call 07718 896 041

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