

Community Sponsorship Stakeholder Group

Meeting 5: Summary of Proceedings

13th February 2020, 2pm-4:30pm; 2 Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF

The Community Sponsorship Stakeholder Group brings together the experience and expertise of a range of stakeholder perspectives from across society.

If you have any questions, please contact director@resetuk.org.

OVERVIEW

Attendees

Phil Arnold, British Red Cross (Co-Chair)

Kate Brown, Reset (Secretariat)

Gemma Barlow, Home Office

Natasha Chetty, Home Office

Meredith Kelly, Reset

John Delahunty, Innisfree Housing Association

Nadine Daniel, Church of England

Phil McCarthy, Caritas Social Action

Ulrich Kober, Bertelsmann Stiftung

Gayle Findlay, COSLA

Bindu Issac, IOM

Mallory Carlson, IOM

Margaret Winskill, Community Sponsorship Group

Josh Hunt, Home Office

Ayham Alsuleman, London SMP

Maria Calem, Home Office

Dee Cook, Community Sponsorship Group

Apologies:

Cathryn Morgan, Ceredigion County Council; Katie-Lee Flanagan, the Syrian Charities and Associations Network; Bekele Woyecha, Sponsor Refugees; Jackie Walder, Scottish Government

PROCEEDINGS

1. Future of stakeholder feedback within Community Sponsorship (CS)

The Home Office thanked everyone who contributed to the CS Stakeholder Group. Reset explained that CS Group members will be able to give feedback via the **CS Council**. The Home Office and Reset will both continue to actively engage SMPs and other key stakeholders.

2. Community Sponsorship national picture and Reset update

Reset has received confirmation of its 3rd year of grant funding from the Home Office, allowing for the continuation of established services including Reset's application checking service, workshops and training. More information will be delivered in Reset's upcoming **newsletter**.

3. UK Resettlement Scheme (UKRS) update

The Home Office explained that the UKRS will begin with the 20,000th refugee arrives. Refugees welcomed through CS after this time will be additional to government resettlement targets. Reset will communicate more information to CS Groups in the spring via the **newsletter**.

4. Sharing the story of a refugee resettled through CS

The Stakeholder Group watched a video produced by the Refugee Council telling the story of a refugee welcomed to the UK by a CS Group and now working at Starbucks. **Watch here.**

5. Empowerment approaches to supporting refugees

Reset modelled a section of Reset's CS training, focusing on how to support Groups to empower refugees to independence.

6. Evaluation of CS

The Home Office outlined how it is monitoring and evaluating CS. It is using: monitoring data collected through Local Authorities for all resettled refugees at 3 months and 12 months after arrival; and interviews conducted by Ipsos MORI over a 3 year period with national stakeholder panel members, local stakeholders, resettled refugees and caseworkers/volunteers. Research is not currently published.