

Community Sponsorship Stakeholder Group

Terms of Reference

Purpose of the Group:

To support the growth of Community Sponsorship in the UK by:

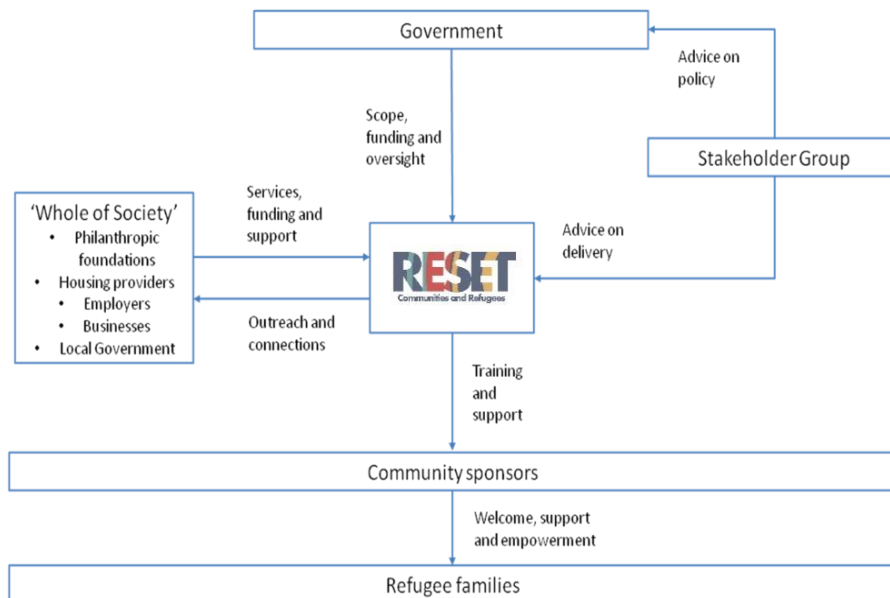
- bringing together the experience and expertise of a range of stakeholder perspectives from across society;
- providing support and challenge to enable Reset to deliver the best possible outcomes (see Reset’s responsibilities below);
- providing support and challenge to the Home Office on policy, evaluation, and the application process (see the Home Office’s responsibilities below).

The Group will focus on issues and policies that are directly related to growing the Community Sponsorship scheme. Discussions will be focussed on changes that can be actioned by the Group, Reset, or the Home Office.

Issues outside the remit of the Group, include:

- the monitoring of Reset’s performance;
- wider government policies or processes;
- individual cases.

Illustration of Roles of Government, Reset and Stakeholder Group



Reset are responsible for:-

1. Providing training and support to Community Sponsors to prepare and deliver high quality resettlement for refugees.
2. Supporting community groups to make successful applications to become Community Sponsors
3. Connecting people and organisations, and exploiting opportunities for partnership working, to develop a Whole of Society approach to Community Sponsorship.
4. Supporting a wide awareness of Community Sponsorship across a diverse range of UK communities.
5. Identifying barriers to the growth of the Community Sponsorship Scheme and collaborating with others to find solutions.
6. Supporting the evaluation of the Community Sponsorship Scheme to inform a better understanding of what works and why.
7. Providing an effective secretariat function for a Community Sponsorship Stakeholder Group.

The Home Office are responsible for:-

1. Developing new Community Sponsorship policy.
2. The Community Sponsorship application process.
3. Evaluating the impact of Community Sponsorship on refugees and communities.
4. Monitoring Reset's performance.
5. Engaging with stakeholders within and outside government to tackle barriers and policy issues.
6. Engagement with international partners including support for other countries wishing to implement Community Sponsorship.

Membership

The membership of the Group will be by invitation only from the Home Office. Membership of the Group will be capped at 25 attendees. All attendees will be asked to serve as part of the Stakeholder Group for 18 months, with the exception of the sponsor group representatives and Regional Strategic Migration Partnership Leads who will rotate between meetings. The Home Office will liaise with Reset to identify sponsor group representatives.

Group Member	No of attendees	Role
Home Office	2	Co-Chair: Gideon Winward Group Member: Jane Kennedy / Natasha Chetty
Independent Civil Society Representative	1	Co-Chair: Phil Arnold, Head of Refugee Services, British Red Cross
Reset	1	Secretariat: Kate Brown/Monika Kruesmann
Local Authority Representatives	2	Group Members: John Dimmer (Merton) Cathryn Morgan (Ceredigion)
Strategic Migration Partner Representative	2	Group Member: Two on rotation
Community Sponsor group representatives	2	Group Member: Two on rotation
Key Resettlement Stakeholders	2	Group Members: Sasha Ali (UNHCR) Bindu Issac (IOM)
Faith/Interfaith Representatives	2	Group Members: Nadine Daniel (Church of England) Phil McCarthy (Caritas Social Action Network)
Business Representative	1	Group Member: Matthias Stausberg (Virgin)
Housing Representative	1	Group Member: John Delahunty (Innisfree)
Refugee Representatives	2	Group Member: Samer Khaled Karob Bekele Woyecha
Devolved Administration Representatives	4	Group Members; Alyson Francis (Welsh Government) Naomi Alleyne (Welsh Local Government Association) Linsey Farrell (Northern Ireland Executive) Jackie Walder (Scottish Government) Gayle Findley (or Andrew Morrison) (COSLA)
Syrian Diaspora Organisation	1	Group Member: Anas Toma (SCAN-UK)

Format and Frequency of Meetings

Meetings will be held every four months with dial-in options made available.

Travel expenses will not be paid except in exceptional circumstances and by prior agreement with the Home Office.

Agendas for the meetings will be sent out by Reset via email 7 days in advance of each meeting. Reset will circulate notes from each meeting to the Co-Chairs via email within 14 days of the meeting taking place and these will be shared with the Reset Board of Trustees.

The Resettlement Strategic Engagement Group will receive updates on the Group's discussions.

The meetings of the Stakeholder Group will follow an agenda and will aim to give all those attending an opportunity to share their views and experiences on and of community sponsorship. The Co-Chairs will seek the view of the group on future agenda items.