

# Wales: Nation of Sanctuary

***The Welsh Refugee Coalition is committed to making Wales a Nation of Sanctuary and supports this through its Nation of Sanctuary Sub-group. This statement forms the basis of the Nation of Sanctuary Sub-group's work.***

**Vision:** A Wales where people seeking sanctuary are met with welcome, understanding of their circumstances and celebration of their contribution wherever they go.

***In line with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, we want to maximise the potential of people seeking sanctuary in Wales to benefit them and our communities by:***

## 1. Harnessing our **public services** to ensure people seeking sanctuary are:

- fit, healthy and able to access the health and social care they need
- appropriately housed at all stages of the asylum process, including in the event of a refused claim
- able to integrate well through access to language and other training

## 2. Maximising the contribution of **sanctuary seekers** to life in Wales because they:

- feel able to influence decisions affecting them and their local area and are active in supporting others
- can access clear routes to employment from the outset, including related training, volunteering and advice
- are safe, independent and can maintain good mental and physical health
- are able to attend and contribute to arts, culture or heritage and sporting activities

## 3. Empowering our **communities** to provide a welcome because they:

- recognise the contribution of people seeking sanctuary in Wales and listen to a broad range of voices
- understand the asylum process and its challenges, recognising the specific needs of people seeking sanctuary
- are informed enough to challenge negative rhetoric and call for a fair, just asylum system

***Organisations, groups and individuals each have a different role to play in achieving these outcomes. We are asking you to consider where you fit and what you are able to do to make this vision a reality.***

The following National Indicators for Wales (required by section (10) (1) of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act) apply against the outcomes of Wales as a Nation of Sanctuary:

1. Harnessing our <b>public services</b> to ensure people seeking sanctuary are:	
fit, healthy and able to access the health and social care they need	<p>NI 3: Percentage of adults who have fewer than two healthy lifestyle behaviours</p> <p>NI 5: Percentage of children who have fewer than two healthy lifestyle behaviours</p> <p>NI 24: Percentage of people satisfied with their ability to get to/access the facilities and services they need</p>
appropriately housed at all stages of the asylum process, including in the event of a refused claim	<p>NI 34: Number of households successfully prevented from becoming homeless per 10,000 households</p> <p>NI 31: Percentage of dwellings which are free from hazards</p> <p>NI 26: Percentage of people satisfied with local area as a place to live</p>
able to integrate well through access to language and other training	<p>NI 7: Percentage of pupils who have achieved the “Level 2 threshold” including English or Welsh first language and Mathematics</p> <p>NI 8: Percentage of adults with qualifications at the different levels of the National Qualifications Framework</p>
2. Maximising the contribution of <b>sanctuary seekers</b> to life in Wales because they:	
feel able to influence decisions affecting them and their local area and are active in supporting others	NI 23: Percentage who feel able to influence decisions affecting their local area.
can access clear routes to employment from the outset, including related training, volunteering and advice	<p>NI 21: Percentage of people in employment</p> <p>NI 22: Percentage of people in education, employment or training, measured for different age groups</p> <p>NI 28: Percentage of people who volunteer</p>
are safe, independent and can maintain good mental and physical health	<p>NI 25: Percentage of people feeling safe at home, walking in the local area, and when travelling</p> <p>NI 29: Mean mental well-being score for people</p> <p>NI 30: Percentage of people who are lonely</p>

<p>Are able to attend and contribute to arts, culture or heritage and sporting activities</p>	<p>NI 35: Percentage of people attending or participating in arts, culture or heritage activities at least three times a year</p> <p>NI 38: Percentage of people participating in sporting activities three or more times a week</p>
<p>3. Empowering our <b>communities</b> to provide a welcome because they:</p>	
<p>recognise the contribution of people seeking sanctuary in Wales and listen to a broad range of voices</p>	<p>NI 27: Percentage of people agreeing that they belong to the area; that people from different backgrounds get on well together; and that people treat each other with respect.</p>
<p>understand the asylum process and its challenges, recognising the specific needs of people seeking sanctuary</p>	
<p>are informed enough to challenge negative rhetoric and call for a fair, just asylum system</p>	<p>NI 23: Percentage who feel able to influence decisions affecting their local area.</p>