

Forum Membership

Refugee Integration Forum Logo

This is the membership list of the [Yorkshire and Humber Refugee Integration Forum](#), and is current as of April 2024. For more information, please contact us on our email.

Current Membership List

- Co-chair: **Zahra Niazi** - Strategic Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Lead, Wellbeing Board, Bradford Council
- Co-chair: **Akoi Bazzie** - Community Development Officer, Refugee Council
- Migration Yorkshire: **Dave Brown** (**Vanessa Lendzionowski** and **Dinah Beckett** to attend) - Head of Migration Yorkshire (Regional Asylum and Refugee Integration Manager)
- Local Government (West Yorkshire): **Pria Bhabra** - Migration Programme Manager, Leeds City Council
- Local Government (South Yorkshire): **Rachel Payling** - Head of Stronger Communities, Barnsley Council
- Local Government (York and North Yorkshire): **Laura Williams** - Assistant Director, Customer, Communities and Inclusion, City of York Council
- Local Government (Humber): **Sarbast Murad** - Asylum Services Coordinator, Hull City Council
- Voluntary and Community Sector (Resettlement): **Duncan Wells** - Regional Manager, Resettlement Programme, Refugee Council
- Voluntary and Community Sector (Health and Wellbeing): **Kathryn Ashworth** - Director, SOLACE
- Voluntary and Community Sector (Housing): **Rachael Dean-Revell** - Advice Team Leader, Shelter
- Department of Health and Social Care: **Cathie Railton** - Yorkshire & Humber Programme Manager, Office for Health Improvement and Disparities, Department of Health and Social Care and Chair, West Yorkshire Migrant Health Board
- Bevan Healthcare: **Mat Sidebottom** - Chief Nurse/Director at Bevan Healthcare CIC and Clinical Lead for Inclusion Health at NHS England
- Healthwatch: **Tracy Slattery** - Delivery Manager, Healthwatch North East Lincolnshire
- Mental Health (NHS): **Yasmin Khan** - Medical Director, System Improvement and Professional Standards, NHS England, Northeast & Yorkshire Region Specialised Commissioning Team
- Police (Humber): **Andy Maultby** (**David Dosdale** to deputise as needed) - Detective Chief Inspector, Humberside Police
- Police (South Yorkshire): **Gareth Thomas** and **Joseph Hunt** (**Angela Greenwood** to attend on occasion)- Chief Inspector Neighbourhood Policing and Chief Inspector, South Yorkshire Police
- Fire Service: **Sarah Baker** - Prevention Inclusion Advisor, Humberside Fire Service
- Department of Work and Pensions: **Rebecca Owen** - Bradford and Calderdale Senior Operations Lead
- Business: **Lorna Holroyd** (**Jonathan Pickles** and **Jonathan Stephen** to attend on occasion) - West Yorkshire Combined Authority (Business Support and Employment & Skills Teams)
- Trade Union: **Safiyya Patel** - Policy and Campaign Office, TUC
- Library Services: **Steph Shaw** - Asset Development Manager, Libraries (Kirklees), Huddersfield Library of Sanctuary

- The Arts - Theatre: **Rosie MacPherson (Firas Chihi** to attend on occasion) - Artistic Director, Stand & Be Counted Theatre (Theatre of Sanctuary)
- The Arts - Galleries: **Dr Helen Pheby (Emma Spencer** attending) - Informal Learning Manager, Yorkshire Sculpture Park
- Sport: **Mehrun Ahmed** - Co-Chief Executive, Football Unites Racism Divides (FURD)
- Higher Education: **Sara de Jong** and **Rebecca Murray** - Senior Lecturer in Politics, University of York and part of Migration Yorkshire regional research network - Lecturer in Sociological Studies, University of Sheffield
- Further Education and ESOL: **John Zavos** - Director, MESH
- Schools: **Kate Hart** - Project Co-ordinator, Bradford Schools and Colleges of Sanctuary
- UASC and Young Refugees: **Lindiwe Mapuranga** - Service manager (Connecting Opportunities and Hearts project for young people), Children's Society
- Faith Sector: **Phil Champain** - Director, The Faith and Belief Forum
- LGBTQI+: **Patrick Hands** - MESMAC (Humber)
- Ukraine: **Julia Vidal** - New Migrant Welcome Manager, Migration Yorkshire
- Hong Kong: **Ewa Jamroz** - Welcome Hong Kong Support Officer, Migration Yorkshire (Policy, Data & Development Officer, Migration Yorkshire)
- Refugee Community Organisations: **Ali Maghoub** - Chair, Leeds Refugee Forum
- Experts By Experience (Red Cross Voices Network): **Miriam Tansia & Shah Mahmood Nasiri** (Job Sharing) - Red Cross Voices, Participation Officers
- Refugee Women/Experts By Experience: **Zenebu Hailu Dubale** - Support Worker, Women Centre
- Experts By Experience (Migration Yorkshire): **Rawand Ahmed** - Refugee & Migration Participation Officer, Migration Yorkshire
- Experts By Experience (Refugee Action): **Ejiro Ikhifa** - Experts by Experience participant
- Experts By Experience (City of Sanctuary Ambassadors): **Gaida Dirar** - City of Sanctuary Ambassador, Hull
- Experts By Experience (City of Sanctuary): **Ibtissam Al Farah** - Experts by Experience Coordinator, Sheffield City of Sanctuary
- Experts By Experience (Regional Organiser): **Sarli Nana** - Regional Migrant Organiser, Migrants Organisations

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