



## Connecting refugees and asylum seekers in need with welcoming hosts



**Refugees at Home was set up to address the homelessness crisis among refugees and asylum seekers.**

Since we formally began operating in February 2016 we have provided over **109,500** nights of accommodation all around the country – nights that would otherwise be spent sleeping on park benches, night buses or worse.

(Data as at February 2019)

### **WHAT WE DO**

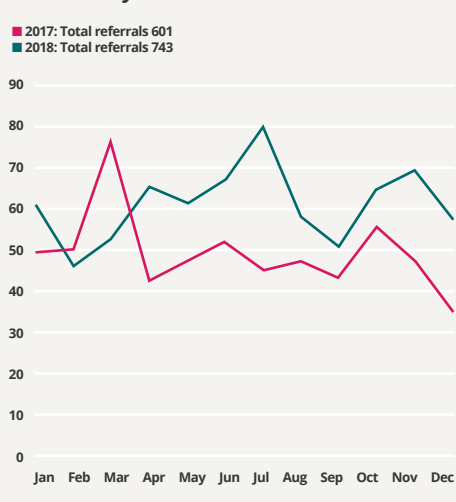
We introduce destitute refugees and asylum seekers to registered hosts who have a spare bed. We host adults of any nationality, race, gender, sexual orientation, religion or political persuasion; if someone needs hosting and we are in a position to help, we will do our very best to provide that help.

## THE PEOPLE WE HELP ARE:

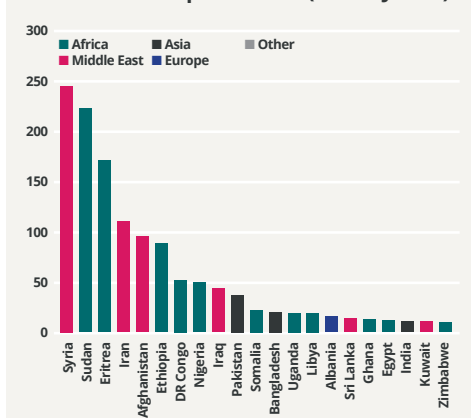
- **Refugees:** people who have been granted refugee status following a successful asylum application who need a little help to establish their lives in the UK
- **Asylum seekers:** people who have applied for asylum and whose application is ongoing.
- **Refused Asylum Seekers:** people who have been refused asylum and are appealing
- We also support a small number of people who have 'other' statuses e.g. those who have right to remain through a family member and whose relationship has broken down, or those who have been identified as victims of human trafficking

Over the last 3 years we have been able to host c75% of the people referred to us for help, who meet our criteria. We need more hosts to be able to keep pace with demand.

## Referrals by month



## Total number of placements (Feb 16-Jan 19)



## WHO WE HELP

Our guests are much more diverse than ever before. We have now hosted people from **68 different countries** (and some stateless people, too), up from 54 countries last year. 6 countries – **Syria, Sudan, Eritrea, Iran, Afghanistan and Ethiopia** – now account for more than 50% of our guests, whereas a year ago, 90% of our guests came from just 5 countries.

The number of women we are asked to help is creeping up too – from 12% in our first year of operation to 25% 3 years later – as cuts mean the usual support is more difficult to access. But the vast majority of our guests remain single men between 18 and 40- as they are the people with fewer alternative options

## HOW WE WORK

We ask referrers and guests searching and extensive questions to ensure guests are suitable for hosting, and our hosts are all visited by volunteers with professional expertise in home assessment. This ensures host placements are as happy and successful as possible. We operate a policy of

complete transparency- if we know something about a guest we will share it with a potential host. In the last 12 months we have developed more guidance for hosts and guests, and a referral agreement to make sure guests get appropriate casework and move on support.

## WHAT NEXT

More hosts, a new website, some really exciting media to help raise hosts and new ways of supporting hosts are all in the pipeline. Thankyou for all your support on our journey so far

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