

Volunteering Opportunities with the Northern Ireland Refugee Resettlement Consortium

1. Kiltonga Christian Centre, Bangor

Opportunity: maintaining the refugee storeroom, where the Consortium collate Starter Packs to give to newly arrived refugee families, sorting and displaying clothes throughout the warehouse, collating Starter Packs as part of a team.

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2. British Red Cross, Belfast

Red Cross run the Family Reunion Integration Scheme (FRIS). Meaningful integration of refugees into our communities is so important and can be transformative for locals and new communities when done well. The project involves matching newly arrived refugees with local host buddies.

Melissa McFarlane

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3. Belfast Unemployed Resource Centre (BURC), Belfast and province wide

Opportunity: providing an ESOL programme for Progressors & Absolute Beginners in 4-6 Donegall Street Place, Belfast.

Monday to Thursday from 10.00 to 12.00 and from 2.00 to 4.00pm respectively.

We also offer Conversation classes for Intermediate learners on Wednesday from 6.00pm to 7.30pm.

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ESOL NI

For further information on volunteering as an ESOL tutor, check out the following link: <https://esolwebapp.azurewebsites.net/volunteer>. Submit your interest on the online form and a BURC staff member will be in touch with guidance and information. The 'About Us' section of the ESOL NI website provides a full explanation on how the ESOL volunteer programme works: <https://esolwebapp.azurewebsites.net/AboutUs>

ESOL classes are available all across Northern Ireland. A quick search on the ESOL NI website can show classes near you: <https://esolwebapp.azurewebsites.net/Default>

4. Barnardo's Refugee Support Service, across NI

Befriender Volunteers

Befriender Volunteers meet regularly with service users on a one-to-one basis to support them to learn English, access other services and increase independence.

Integration Support Volunteers

Integration Support Volunteers support service users with practical tasks such as delivering donations, completing forms or assistance with getting to appointments.

We're looking for volunteers in the following hubs: Omagh, Enniskillen, Dungannon, Newry, Portstewart, Greater Belfast. For the latest volunteering opportunities and to apply, check the Barnardo's website and complete this Expression of Interest Form

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=GR8bF2d1PE27mnSK0D8wGr7GgtQordFMID4XpejNKHdURFMxUzNIWUZVRThGSzZUUjM5V0IFVkiYSi4u>

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5. SOS Bus NI, Belfast

Opportunity: SOS Bus works in partnership with other charities to deliver transport to vulnerable refugees arriving in NI. SOS NI utilise four mini-buses, working alongside partner organisations to welcome and transport newly arrived refugee families to their new homes. Volunteers are needed to drive the mini-buses in support of this and for additional projects with other charitable organisations in and around Belfast.

All applicants are required to complete compulsory training.

To become a Driver you must –

- be at least 25 years old
- have had a full driving license for at least 2 years
- have less than 3 points on your current license

You do not need any past experience to get involved in the driving of the mini-buses.
Anyone without experience can book in for an assessment with Swift Transport Training.

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