

## PLEDGE (Please sign yourself, or on behalf of your organisation)

I/We support Hay, Brecon & Talgarth Sanctuary for Refugees and its initiative:

- to welcome refugees, to provide information to our own communities about the plight of refugees and help to co-ordinate the efforts of all who wish to assist them;
- To establish a programme to provide short-term respite and sanctuary for refugees in the peaceful countryside in and around the Brecon Beacons National Park;
- To make our elected representatives aware of our views.

Signed:	
Name:	
Organisation:	<i>(leave blank if individual)</i>
Date:	

## CONTACT

Please complete if you would like to be added to the list of HBTSR supporters and receive news about our work by e-mail or post:

Name:	
e-mail:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Phone(s):	

## OFFER

I/We would like to help HBTSR's work. We are interested in / have skills / can offer\*:

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*\*We especially need: offers of accommodation, meeting space & transport; language teaching; language/experience of Syria and other refugee countries of origin; health and mental health skills; counselling; children's play skills; outdoor recreation skills; cookery*

Please return this slip or write to: [hbts4refugees@gmail.com](mailto:hbts4refugees@gmail.com)  
or HBTSR, c/o 1b The Pavement, Hay-on-Wye, HR3 5BU



# Hay, Brecon & Talgarth Sanctuary for Refugees

***Please join us to provide welcome and sanctuary***

### **A proud tradition of welcoming refugees**

The UK and Wales have for centuries welcomed people whose lives were in danger in their own countries –French Huguenots; Jews fleeing from the Nazis and earlier persecutions; Hungarians and Czechs; Asian people expelled from Uganda; Chileans and Argentinians fleeing military dictatorships.

Many refugees have lost their homes, families and possessions. But they bring with them skills, rich cultures and a commitment to contribute to their new home countries.

### **What is a 'sanctuary for refugees'?**

We are part of a national movement of local people and community groups working to make their localities a place of welcome and safety for people seeking sanctuary from war and persecution.

### **Why 'respite' sanctuary?**

We recognise that relatively few refugees may wish to settle in our area – where they might feel too isolated from others of their own community. Those who do wish to come we will welcome.

But we believe we are uniquely qualified to offer 'Respite Sanctuary' – relatively short-term stays for refugees to recover from traumatic experiences, enjoy the peace and beauty of our countryside, take advantage of recreation opportunities, especially for children, and be helped with some immediate needs for clothing, toiletries, children's toys and perhaps counselling, English language classes and introduction to our culture.

*Hay Brecon and Talgarth Sanctuary for Refugees is an informal partnership of community, church, voluntary and public organisations. For similar initiatives across the UK, see [www.cityofsanctuary.org](http://www.cityofsanctuary.org)*

