

**We very much hope you will join us as a member of the  
East Area Asylum Seekers Support Group**

Membership is open to anyone who supports the work of Common Ground

Membership is FREE because we want to encourage as many people as possible to join up.

However we suggest a donation of £5p.a. to cover costs. Those who already donate to Common Ground are welcome as members with no further requests.

I would like to be a member of EAASSG:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you. Welcome to membership of EAASSG. We will be in touch with you very soon.

*Optional:* I enclose a donation of £\_\_\_\_\_

**Just tick here**  if you would like us to collect Gift Aid on your donation - 28p for every £1 you give. To be eligible for Gift Aid the income tax or capital gains tax you pay must equal the amount we claim in a tax year.

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Would you like to support the

**East Area Asylum Seekers Support Group -  
Common Ground?**

If so, please become a member by filling in the tear-off slip and returning it to

E.A.A.S.S.G., 'Common Ground',  
Church Walk House, Church Walk Shopping Centre,  
Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 3DH

Tel: 0191 262 2522 [eaassg@googlemail.com](mailto:eaassg@googlemail.com)

Thank you

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Supported by the Sir James Knott Trust, Sherburn House Charity, Anglican Diocese of Newcastle Initiative - Partners In Community Action, Newcastle City Council, Your Homes Newcastle Asylum Seeker Unit and many individuals, churches and other groups

Common Ground is a drop-in centre in Walker a safe, welcoming place, open to asylum seekers, refugees and local residents alike. We offer:

- Support for c. 70 destitute 'failed' asylum seekers each week with £10, some food and toiletries
- A store with clothing, household goods, toys, books free for any who need
- General support on any issue a client may raise
- Support for asylum seekers as their cases are processed through the New Asylum Model and as they prepare their legal appeals
- Referrals to a wide range of services in the fields of law, health, education, employment, volunteering, child care
- Advocacy for clients where the system finds it hard to hear their case
- Someone to accompany vulnerable clients to court hearings, immigration, hospital or other appointments
- 2 computers with internet access in use almost the whole of every day
- Access to sports facilities and gym sessions for asylum seekers in the east end of Newcastle
- Tea, coffee, and a relaxed, friendly atmosphere

Common Ground very positive and helpful and there is biscuit and coffee and some time have an interpreter that is very good and have a computer. So there is very good and thanks for every help at there.

**HM**, who has been coming to Common Ground for 2 years

Members receive:

- An invitation to the AGM and a vote
- Annual Report and Accounts
- A newsletter with, for example, news of EAASSG/Common Ground, relevant events, information about asylum seeking and being a refugee, and about developments in public policy.
- Invitations to at least 2 events a year
- Information about other events of related interest
- The opportunity to invite a Common Ground speaker to a group

In the future we hope members will help with

- Occasional fund raising events, and
- promoting the work of Common Ground to wider audiences

The membership scheme will be run by a committee working closely with the EAASSG trustees (who are responsible for managing the charity as a whole).

Overall we hope that membership will

- Sustain the range of support that people give to Common Ground
- Encourage people to become more engaged with the work of Common Ground
- Widen understanding of the issues around asylum seeking and being a refugee

We hope you will join us.