



Positive Action for Refugees & Asylum Seekers

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Immediate Release

British Muslim COVID-19 Fund supports Positive Action for Refugees & Asylum Seekers

[Positive Action for Refugees & Asylum Seekers \(PAFRAS\)](#) are delighted to have received a grant from [the British Muslim Covid-19 Fund](#), to help us to provide mobile phone top-up to asylum seekers in Leeds. Top-up is essential to keep connected with friends and family, keep up to date with the latest news and guidelines and a great source of entertainment in these lonely and isolating times. Not a luxury, but a necessity that most of us take for granted.

We have rapidly changed the way we operate in response to Covid-19, in order to meet the needs of the most marginalized and isolated people in Leeds. We are distributing food, toiletries, mobile phones, phone top-up, radios and other useful items, as well as continuing to offer telephone case work and mental health support.

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About Positive Action for Refugees & Asylum Seekers (PAFRAS)

PAFRAS is a small charity which has been supporting migrant communities in Leeds since 2002. PAFRAS specialises in working with asylum seekers who are destitute or at risk of destitution through:

- emergency crisis intervention (food parcels, vouchers & emergency accommodation);
- independent Office of the Immigration Service Commissioner (OISC) regulated immigration advice;
- destitution casework and integrated mental health support.
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We also have the Young Migrants Matter project which is dedicated for young migrants aged 16-24 years old with an insecure immigration status, offering more intensive support.