

CONVERSATION OVER BORDERS



ABOUT US

We are a community of volunteers, staff and displaced people supporting refugees and asylum seekers to thrive in their new lives in the UK.

Our vision is more equal, connected communities, through reducing social isolation and ensuring that everyone the tools they need to succeed.

WHAT WE DO

English & Befriending Programme: Our flagship programme brings together people seeking asylum with people living in the UK one-to-one to bridge borders, make friends and practice English. Our classes are run one-to-one online to ensure they are accessible to people across the country.

Wellbeing Programme: We offer online peer-to-peer mental health support groups and counselling in English and Arabic, for volunteers and learners. We encourage active participation and facilitation of the group sessions by people with lived experience of displacement.

Digital Inclusion Programme: To tackle digital exclusion, we repurpose donated phones, laptops and tablets and offer them with internet connection and digital training to refugees and asylum seekers across the UK. This works in conjunction with our other Programmes so that clients can access our online support, and stay connected to their friends, families and communities.

Storytelling Programme: We platform the voices and stories of displaced people through film, photography and writing. Through our current 'Refugee Heritage Project', run in partnership with Refugee Radio and National Lottery Heritage Fund, we are platforming refugee heritage stories through a documentary, podcast series and book, releasing at the end of 2022.

Join our community to welcome people seeking sanctuary to the UK!

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

Role Description

PERSON SPECIFICATION



TO APPLY:

Email a paragraph explaining why you're interested in the role and an outline of any relevant lived or professional experience to info@conversationoverborders.org with "Advisory Board" as the subject line by 15th August 2022.

Please get in touch if we can make this process more accessible for you.

We are bringing new voices onto our Advisory Board to steer our future development as an organisation!

We are seeking people with lived experience of displacement and/or professional experience in fundraising, finance/accountancy and communications/PR to guide our future direction and support us at an exciting time in our organisational development.

The ideal people would have an interest in or lived experience of seeking asylum in the UK. They must be confident working in close contact with the Founder and volunteers to advise on our direction.

We are an equal opportunities employer. We encourage people with lived experience of displacement and of all ages to apply.

The commitment is one quarterly meeting (every three months) and ad hoc email or one-to-one support as needed. This is a home-based, remote volunteer role, based in the UK, with the opportunity to visit our work as desired.

KEY TASKS

- Steering our future strategical direction as an organisation
- Voting on ideas and issues brought to the Board by the Directors
- Supporting on finance, fundraising or communications enquiries as needed and as suited to professional expertise
- Representing Conversation Over Borders within your networks

BENEFITS

- A friendly and supportive team of people striving to support refugee rights
- Playing an impactful role in the development and growth of an organisation supporting refugee rights across the UK
- Professional skills development and training as desired
- The chance to have your voice heard and your skills and experience valued in the sector