

Wrexham Town of Sanctuary Launch



A Town of Sanctuary is a welcoming place of safety for all, where people are proud to offer sanctuary to those fleeing violence and persecution. Over 100 people attended the launch of the campaign to make Wrexham a Town of Sanctuary at Tŷ Pawb, including sanctuary seekers, the Deputy Mayor of Wrexham Cllr Rob Walsh, Michelle Brown AM, Lesley Griffiths AM, Mark Isherwood AM, Ian Lucas MP, the Bishop of St. Asaph, pupils from St. Joseph's School, and the Happy Choir.

At the event, TCC's Patron, Bishop Gregory Cameron said "There is a lie going around in modern society, and the lie is that immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees make a country weaker. And I want to say that I believe the absolute opposite, that in welcoming refugees, in welcoming in asylum seekers, in welcoming immigrants and diversity, we make our country stronger."

Godwin Akinyele said "Despite my hard experience in Wrexham during my first year of staying here, I can safely say I and my family have found home and safety in Wrexham. In the last two years, I have met people in churches, places I volunteer, and through my children's schools and playgroups. It has been mind-lifting."

Groups and individuals are being asked to sign a pledge supporting Wrexham becoming a Town of Sanctuary, and to display a 'We Welcome Asylum Seekers and Refugees' sticker (pledges and stickers available from TCC). A group is now meeting to work on how Wrexham can become a Town of Sanctuary. If you'd like to be involved please get in touch.

Jack Sargeant AM supports young leaders' campaign



Young leaders from TCC's group at St. Richard Gwyn Catholic High School recently met with Alyn and Deeside Assembly Member Jack Sargeant, to discuss anti-social behaviour and mental health. As a result, he agreed to ask a question in the Senedd on mental health first aid training in schools. After the meeting Jack Sargeant AM said "I was very pleased to meet such an inspirational group of young people from TCC. I was especially pleased to hear them talk about mental health – something which I have been working very hard on in the Assembly. I look forward to working with them in the future."

Meeting with Mark Isherwood AM



Young people from TCC groups met with North Wales Assembly Member Mark Isherwood recently to talk about British Sign Language (BSL) and mental health. Young leaders from St. Christopher's School asked if he would support their campaign to improve BSL provision in schools. Mark Isherwood agreed to support them, & invited the group to submit evidence to an inquiry in support of BSL legislation in Wales.

Young leaders from St Joseph's Catholic & Anglican High School / TCC Youth Meeting asked Mark Isherwood if he would support their campaign for schools to have a mental health first aid trained member of staff, and a safe space for students struggling with their mental health. He agreed to sign a petition campaigning on the issue of mental health first aiders, and also offered to put a question to the Education Minister Kirsty Williams in the Senedd on this matter.

Remembering TCC in your will



TCC is an unusual organisation. We don't provide a service, but instead bring diverse people together and create change. We listen, build long-term relationships, and grow power. We support ordinary people to tell their stories of poverty, exclusion, and injustice, and together hold decision makers to account.

This means we may not fit the criteria for every grant maker, and we do not seek any government funding in order to remain fully independent.

Thousands of generous people in the UK choose to leave a gift - big or small - to a charity in their will. A gift in a will could make a huge difference to TCC's work and our communities. For more information please get in touch, or visit the gifts in wills page on our website .

Our team - get in touch

TCC has a small staff team, with a lead community organiser (a job-share with Kay Polley and Sam Rex-Edwards), youth and community organiser (a job-share with Lucy Allin and Chloe Gallagher), and part-time administrative support worker (Sue Williams). Sam is currently on maternity leave, but due to return to work soon.

If you'd like to speak to us about any of the issues we're working on, or want to know more about TCC's work please contact us by phoning 01978 262588. There may not always be someone in the office, but you can email office@tcc-wales.org.uk or leave us a message. Anyone from a TCC member group is welcome to attend our meetings and training sessions. TCC staff are always happy to meet up to talk about being involved, or arrange to speak with a group.

Best wishes

Kay & the TCC team



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