



# Annual Report

## 2019-20



#cupofkindness

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Charity no. 1171590





# Thank you!

2019-20 was a year of consolidation for Thousand 4 £1000. While continuing to provide practical support for a growing number of refugees and migrants in Brighton & Hove, we developed a new website, strengthened our internal policies and procedures and made productive connections with other local organisations.

T4K is run entirely by a dedicated team of volunteers. Without their work, none of this would be possible.

## Supporters and partners

- BBPoets
- Brighton & Hove City Council Adult Social Care
- Brighton & Hove Community Land Trust
- Budding Foundation
- Community Works
- E and B Richardson
- East Sussex Credit Union
- Exeter Street Hall
- Fred Pipes
- Hollingdean Wholefoods
- Institute of Development Studies (IDS) at Sussex University
- J Lansdell
- LOSRAS (Lewes Organisation in Support of Refugees and Asylum Seekers)
- Maya Goodfellow
- NACCOM
- One World Nursery
- Out of Town Housing Co-op
- PAIH (Positive Action in Housing)
- Refugees at Home
- Sanctuary on Sea
- Sussex Refugee & Migrant Self-Support Group
- Unison





# A Cup of Kindness

If you had to leave everything behind and start again far from home, who could you ask for help?

Thousand 4 £1000 gives destitute migrants and refugees in Brighton somewhere to turn to. We represent a community effort to provide a safe place to live for people who need a hand to make a new start. Anyone who can spare the price of a cup of coffee each month can be part of it.

In 2019-20, we:

- Raised £28,241 from regular monthly donations, averaging around £5 per person per month
- Used this money to provide homes for 16 adults and 4 children
- Helped a further 20 people with living costs, legal fees and other costs of settling into life in a new country
- Made 8 interest-free loans to help people renew visas and claim settlement in the UK
- Organised 3 community events, which raised £4,888, and received £13,283 in other donations and grants
- Responded swiftly to the Covid-19 pandemic, setting up a crisis fund which was later used to help a total of 50 asylum seekers and other migrants survive the crisis

During 2019-20, the number of migrants at risk of destitution in Brighton & Hove was swelled by the establishment of four shared houses where 29 single asylum seekers have been placed by the Home Office. We have supported these individuals by inviting them to attend the weekly Jollof Café and by ensuring that all four houses have access to a working internet connection.





# Space for all

Our residents have made their way to Brighton from all over the world. This year, one family moved on from our housing to larger accommodation elsewhere in the city and we were able to offer a home to one of our own volunteers, who had been living in a private sector hostel while he pursues his immigration claim. We also continued to house two other families and eight single people (either in properties we rent or through hosting arrangements), and gave financial and practical support to 20 other people.

Like so many charities, our beneficiaries have been severely affected by the Covid pandemic: loss of income, loss of vital community facilities and loss of companionship and support, and we have had to adjust accordingly. On 29th March we set up a Covid emergency fund and by 4th April, the end of the financial year, it had attracted £3,114. We have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of our supporters in response to the crisis.

## Family A

This family, now reunited, continue to settle in to a very new and sometimes confusing life – dealing with banks and utility companies is very difficult when your English is still quite basic. The daughter, who came here two years ago without a word of English, is getting on extremely well at school and made a fine start to her first year at secondary school. The son continues to be a huge asset as the family “interpreter”, as he now speaks English so competently. The mother is an extremely accomplished seamstress and hopes to start a small business this year.

## Flat share

During the year, a young couple who were living in our shared two bedroom flat had their first baby and moved out into independent accommodation. All are doing very well.

We have been able to use the room they vacated to accommodate one of our own volunteers, who is awaiting a decision on his human rights-based claim for residence in the UK. His accommodation is funded by Brighton & Hove City Council Adult Care Services on health grounds. He has serious health issues and had been living in very poor quality hostel-type accommodation, which was extremely detrimental to his mental and physical health. He now has much better living conditions and we are also able to give him support.

The flat is shared with another single man, who is seeking to move on to his own place soon. The high cost of rents in Brighton & Hove, combined with his ill health, mean that this has been a slower process than he would have preferred. We continue to offer him support and a secure base for his efforts to establish an independent life.

## Family B

We are continuing to support this family of five (a mother, three adult children and a 22 month old boy). They have “survived” in very inadequate accommodation and unfortunately, like so many others, despite having a very clear case for refugee status, have spent another year waiting for a Home Office decision (and are still waiting). Meanwhile their much-needed qualifications in maths teaching, medicine and dentistry are being totally wasted.

*(Update: in July 2020 they moved into a four bedroom house thanks to the generosity of Brighton and Hove Community Land Trust and are settling in to the very friendly and welcoming neighbourhood.)*

## Family C

This mother and 6 year old son, whom we supported for a couple of years while they were in Sussex, were eventually re-housed in Kent by the Council, and subsequently moved to Leeds where accommodation is much more affordable. She has found a nice house

with a garden and her son is attending school and getting support for his educational and emotional needs. We are still in touch with her and offer her friendship and support where possible.

## Single man D

We have a longstanding private hosting arrangement for this single man. He continues to live quietly in Brighton. He volunteers at the Jollof Café and takes part in community events. He is working hard to rebuild his relationship with his son. That was going well until the New Year when the child's mother abruptly cut contact. During this year, he worked with his solicitors to obtain a copy of his Home Office file and is preparing a private and family life application for leave after 20 years in the UK.

## Single man E

We partnered with Out of Town Housing Co-op to provide a home for a single man. His asylum claim had been rejected and he had been relying on the kindness of strangers to keep him housed. He became part of the Co-op and was able to prepare a fresh claim for asylum. It will be submitted in the next couple of weeks. He stayed at Out of Town until the start of the pandemic and is now happily living in a placement arranged through Room for Refugees

## NASS houses

In December 2019, 29 young single men from numerous countries, including Iran, Russia, Eritrea, Vietnam and Yemen, were placed in four houses under NASS (National Asylum Support Service, a Government scheme for asylum seekers who are awaiting a decision about their claim.) Although housed and entitled to the NASS allowance of just under £38 per week, they clearly had no money for “extras” like wifi. As we consider this to be essential, we took out and now pay for a wifi contract for each house. Some of them were regular visitors to the Jollof Café.

## Hosting and other support

We arranged or continued with placements through our hosting network, Room for Refugees and Refugees at Home for 3 single women and 2 other single men. We also provided financial support for 13 other adults and 7 children.

## Jollof Café

Until it was forced to close by the Covid 19 pandemic, this was a vital link between ourselves and the community. Jacob and Cath attended every week, meeting 2 or 3 new people each time and regularly dealing with one-off enquiries related to immigration fees, finding a lawyer and healthcare, as well as more general issues such as dealing with utility companies or accessing City College. These enquiries can also be picked up by other volunteers, where more in-depth support is needed.

## Loans

In partnership with East Sussex Credit Union, we have made eight more loans to local people who needed funds to renew their visas and progress immigration cases.

The loan fund was set up in 2018 using a grant from NACCOM. This innovative project has so far helped 26 people. In 2019-20, we were able to help two people apply for settlement, though one application was rejected. We assisted three people to renew their visas, keeping them and their families from destitution. We were able to help three people to apply for family reunion, reuniting a father with his wife and three children, including a new born, and a mother with her daughter.

The loans are being steadily repaid, and further loans are being made as funds become available.





# Behind the scenes

## Trustees

Three trustees were re-elected at our Annual General Meeting in September 2019, and the other four trustees remained in post. All of our trustees are active volunteers in the charity:

- Jacob Berkson
- Anne Feltham
- Sally Griffin
- Paul Humpoletz
- Jenny Priestman
- Peter Samuels
- Sue Williams

## Financial Management

In September 2019, we adopted a new set of financial procedures and agreed to look after the funds of Sussex Refugees and Migrants Self Support group, with whom we work closely to run the weekly Jollof Café. During the year, the SRMSSG fund received £1,819 income from fundraising events and crowdfunding. £472 was spent and the fund stood at £1,347 at the end of the year.

We reaffirmed our reserves policy, which is to maintain a balance of £2,500 in an account at the East Sussex Credit Union.

Our administration costs remained very low, at less than 2% of our overall spending.

## Volunteer support

In October 2019 we arranged a free training session on immigration law for all our volunteers.

## Publicity

During the year we produced new publicity postcards, which were distributed by volunteers at over 20 events in the 2019 Brighton Festival. We redesigned our website and continued to grow our social media presence on Facebook and Twitter. As part of the Cup of Kindness campaign to increase the number of regular



monthly donors we have achieved increased engagement and reach with a variety of original content, videos and images, as well as sharing content from our friends and allies, such as petitions and urgent actions. We began a drive to install collection tins in local shops and cafes around Brighton & Hove. This was interrupted by the pandemic but is now beginning to pick up again.





# Accounts

## Income

Donations.....	39,383
Fundraising events .....	4,888
Grants .....	2,141
Gift Aid.....	2,743
Payments from residents.....	19,030
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>68,184</b>

## Funds at end of year

Current account .....	24,798
Reserves.....	2,699
Loan fund at end of year.....	990
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>28,487</b>

## Loan fund

Loans made this year .....	15,201
Loan repayments this year.....	4,141
Loans to be repaid .....	16,760

## Expenditure

Rent .....	31,972
Subsistence.....	3,048
Utilities .....	9,991
Travel.....	1,380
Legal and other fees .....	500
Education and training.....	458
Clothing .....	313
Household goods .....	1,019
Fundraising.....	657
Publicity .....	202
Moving expenses.....	535
Holidays .....	1,084
Admin.....	338
Loan fees.....	2,000
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>53,496</b>



**Cuthman and the Devil - the Legend of Devil's Dyke**  
by David Jarvis

Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>,  
Exeter Street Hall,  
7pm to 9pm (doors 6.30)

Play reading in support of Thousand 4 £1000

A vegetarian dish will be served at the interval

Cash bar

Tickets £12/£0 from <http://cuthman.eventbrite.co.uk>

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## Ceilidh!

**Supporting Homeless Refugees**



**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Knoyle Hall**  
**Knoyle Road, Brighton, BN1 6RB**  
**Doors open 7pm**  
**Ceilidh 7.30 - 10pm**  
**Live band & caller - Moves Afoot**  
**Bar & Food**  
**Raffle**

Transport: 5/5a bus or train to Preston Park

**Tickets £10/£5**  
[t4ceilidh2019.eventbrite.co.uk](http://t4ceilidh2019.eventbrite.co.uk)

**Don't miss out - book now!**

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## More Friendship



Another evening of prose, poetry and music on the theme of friendship, presented by a troupe of professional actors. All funds raised will help support homeless refugees and migrants.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 6.30pm**  
**Exeter Street Hall, Brighton, BN1 5PG**

Doors open 6.30pm, performances start at 7pm.  
Bar open before the performance and in the interval.  
Hot vegan food included in ticket price.

Tickets: waged £12, unwaged £5  
<https://morefriendship.eventbrite.co.uk>

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**450**  
donors

**£2300**  
monthly donations

**20** refugees no longer homeless in Brighton

**3** safe homes & 4 kind hosts

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**£20,000**  
grant from NACCOM

**3** families reunited, including 5 children

so far **26** people helped

**9** interest-free loans

**3** visas renewed, so people can work

**3** settlement application fees paid

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