

Our UASC Journey.....so far



Who we are

The Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking team was set up in November 2016, and consists of 1 senior social worker, 2 social workers, and 2 accommodation support workers.

We currently provide support to 18 young people , aged between 11 months and 19 years of age.

Who are our young people

Our young people have arrived in Renfrewshire through various routes. Some of which are,

- * Dubs Agreement
- * Vulnerable Children's resettlement scheme
- * Trafficking/Smuggling
- * Unplanned arrivals presenting at Glasgow airport

Our young people have arrived from countries such as Vietnam, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Syria, Sudan, Iran and Iraq. They speak a variety of languages which include, Vietnamese, Tygrinian, Oromo, Pashto, Farsi and Arabic

National Flags



Some of the experiences our young people have had to face when fleeing their countries prior to arriving in Scotland

- * War
- * Military Service
- * Forced militia
- * A persons sexual orientation/preference
- * Persecution of minority ethnic groups or religious groups
- * Trafficking/smuggling
- * Exploitation/ forced labour including cannabis cultivation.
- * Domestic servitude
- * Refugee Camps
- * Separation and loss

How we tailor support for our young people

Using the GIRFEC model with SHANARRI indicators, helps us provide a person centred approach that helps lead to positive outcomes. We also incorporate SOCIAL PEDAGOGY practices into our support which creates holistic development



Areas of support

- Getting to know the local area, transport systems, local shops that sell ingredients/produce that suit a person's dietary requirements
- Registration with local GP/Dentist
- Interpreting services
- Referrals to specialised Health services such as **Anchor, Crisis Counselling**, and **CAMHS** who offer in depth trauma support
- Provision and preparation of accommodation including – cooking, cleaning, self care, budgeting etc
- Linking in with lawyers, Home Office, Scottish Guardianship Service
- Accessing English courses within the community and via **The British Red Cross (chrysalis)**

Areas of support

- Recently the team and Young People participated in research carried out by the **UNHCR**
- Supporting young people who are pursuing **Family Reunification**
- Accessing ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) via Renfrewshire adult learning services and **West College Scotland/Cardonald**
- Accessing funding
- Opportunities to enhance young people's social experiences through **activities** and celebrating their cultural and religious identity
- Employment opportunities through **INVEST, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SCOTLAND**
- **RELATIONSHIP BUILDING**

Meet Yamman



I regularly use the gym and often go after school. The gym is good for my mind as well as my body

Yamman aged 17

Meet Rita and Naher



I like to stay here coz everything is near like DOCTOR, GYM, SOCIAL WORK AND SHOPS I want to learn english so I can get a job. I want help people and My wish is to study pharmacy

Rita and Naher, aged 18 and 1

Meet Ali



Scotland have good people and every body is good behaviour. Scotland is very beautiful. Gaby is kind, Billy is energetic and Belinda is sensitive. Ali aged 17

Meet Tinh



My name is Tinh Quang Dang. I live in PAISLEY I have been working with Nuvi, Billy and Gaby about over one year. When I came here there were many difficulties and I did not what to do but I was lucky to meet these people. Billy and Gaby helped me my accommodation and things needed for my daily life also They are very enthusiastic and Nuvi she is a good person. She helped me a lot of things. For example, education, food, confidence, doctor, attention and many other things.

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I am very grateful about these things. Finally, my case is having a lot of difficulties it makes me very stressed and sad a long time ago. And also I always think about my family and now I don't know what to do. I hope you guys keep helping to me. Thank you very much
Tinh aged 18

Meet Motasim

" My name is motasim I have been living in Scotland for two years I love football and I support Celtic. I have an amazing support worker they help me so much in my life since I moved here they support me in school and when I moved to my flat they take me to my appointment take me to McDonald's I'm glad I have a support worker like them and I want to say thank for all support"



Social experiences

A significant part of our role is providing positive experiences for our young people such as;

In 2018 we celebrated the 1st year of being in Paisley for our family of 5 siblings.

We also attended two games at Celtic Park, courtesy of the KANO foundation and in the summer we had a day out in Edinburgh where we also took a tour of Parliament during the FRINGE festival.



Achievements

- * All young people aged 16+ have participated in a course within the first few months of their arrival into Renfrewshire
- * 4 young people have progressed onto additional learning courses which include Prince's Trust, IT courses and advanced ESOL courses
- * All young people have been linked in with Renfrewshire's leisure services to access further learning and sports/fitness
- * Staff have made significant links with the EAL team (English as an additional language) and LAC Home link services to help young people integrate into schools and college's
- * Staff member and a young person participated in the Ocean Youth Trust programme. The young person achieved recognition and has an opportunity to volunteer with the trust in future

Achievements

- * 6 young people are linked in with their local Mosque participating in Koran classes and progressing in Islamic studies
- * 1 young person is volunteering in a local Catholic Church and is a valid member of the congregation.
- * 4 young people play football for local teams within Renfrewshire and Glasgow
- * 2 young people play cricket for local teams in Glasgow. Both have been chosen to play at regional level with the view to playing at national level
- * 2 young people are managing to sustain their own tenancy alongside studying/working

Achievements

- * 9 young people actively engaged in primary and secondary school
- * 5 young people actively attending local colleges studying ESOL.
1 Young person being a single parent
- * 3 young people have positively settled into foster placements
- * 1 family managing in a supported tenancy along with independently integrating into the local community
- * 1 family accommodated together in a residential children's house receiving support with living in a communal environment