

Launch Event of the College of Sanctuary of Resource Pack

2 February 2021

Today's Programme

- Share the newly launched of the College of Sanctuary Resource Pack
- Introduce CoS UK & award process
- Hear from the Association of Colleges
- Showcase Gower College Swansea
- Start a dialogue





City of Sanctuary UK

**A UK wide network building a
movement about welcome and belonging**

**Local people and community groups
committed to creating a culture of welcome
and safety, especially for people seeking
sanctuary from war and persecution**

How City of Sanctuary began

- Started in Sheffield in 2005 by Dr. Rev. Inderjit Bhogal & Craig Barnett.
- Growth of CoS groups across the UK led to the creation of the [CoS Charter](#).
- CoS UK is an umbrella organisation to link & support groups & support streams in the network.
- We focus on Awareness, Advocacy & Action.



Values



City of Sanctuary

Integrity

We aspire to high standards of honesty and behaviour, and always to act in the interests of people seeking sanctuary.

Inspiration

We work with enthusiasm and positivity and are determined to surpass what has already been achieved to welcome refugees and people seeking sanctuary. We act as a catalyst for change by being open to new and innovative ideas and through sharing knowledge gained with others and working in partnership.



Inclusiveness

We welcome and respect people from all backgrounds, place the highest value on diversity and are committed to equality.

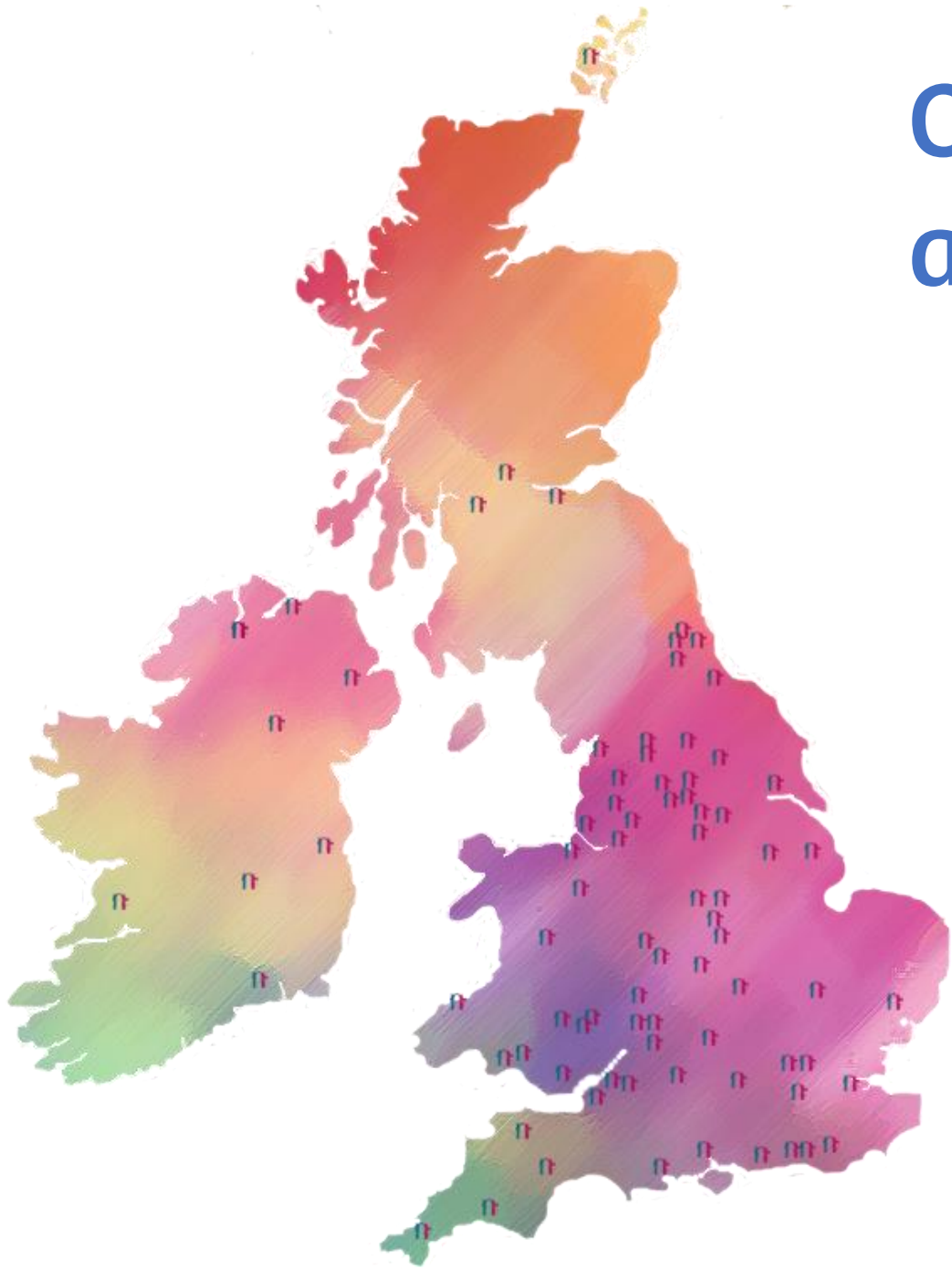
Openness

We are committed to a culture of working collaboratively within the network and in partnership with others.

Participation

We aspire to ensure people seeking sanctuary are fully involved in decision making processes and supported to become leaders within the City of Sanctuary organisation and network as well as within the wider movement.

Over 115 local groups across Britain & Ireland



What are we doing?

Local groups
(over 100)

City
Councils

Retreats and
holidays

Befriending
and mentoring

Theatres of
Sanctuary

Universities
of Sanctuary

Sanctuary in
Parliament

Health
and
maternity

Wales –
nation of
Sanctuary

Sanctuary
Awards

Pledges

Faith
groups

Gardens

Schools of
Sanctuary
(over 200)

Hosting

Campaigning

Fundraising



City of Sanctuary

Streams & Sanctuary Awards

- Evolved over time
- Recognise commitment to welcome
- Celebrate good practice
- Fosters community-wide awareness of sanctuary & welcome
- Creates peer networks of professional organisations around sanctuary



Sanctuary Award Processes

LEARN about what it means to be seeking sanctuary.



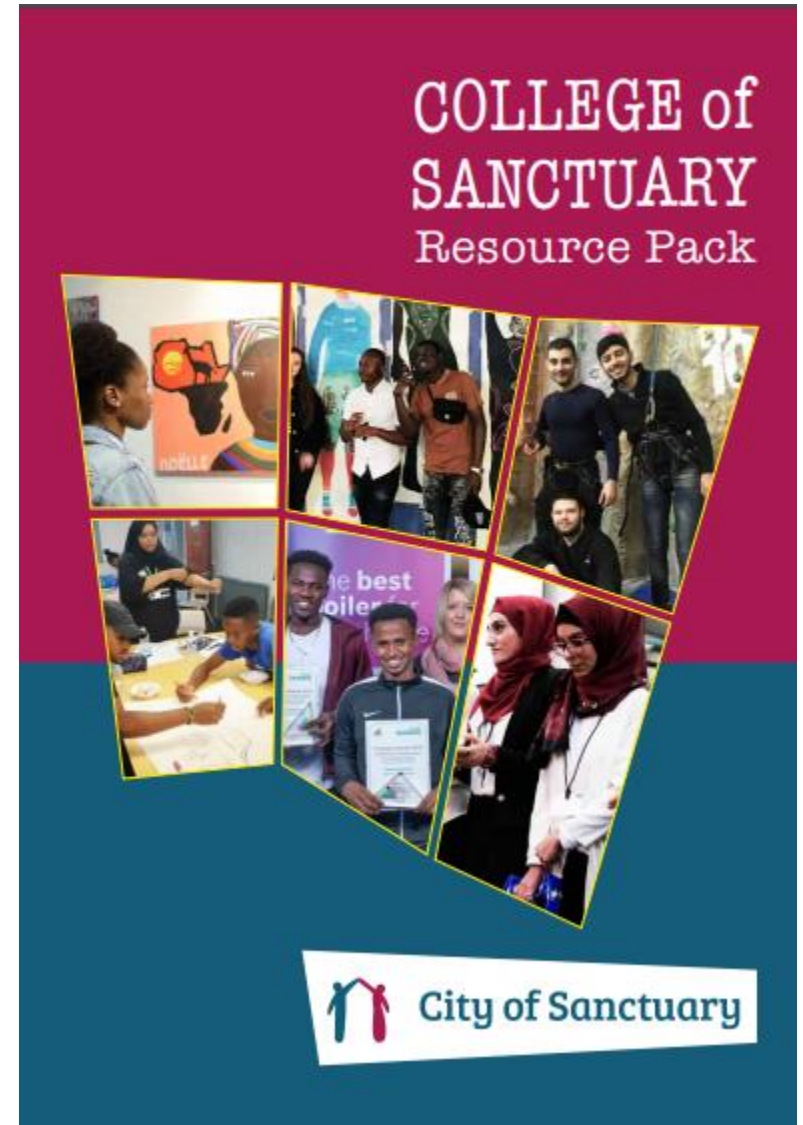
Take positive action to **EMBED** concepts of welcome, safety and inclusion.



SHARE your vision and achievements

Resource Pack

- **Developed over last year**
- **Support from first Colleges of Sanctuary & partner organisations**
- **Outlines the award process & criteria**
- **Provides case studies & examples from across the network**



Next steps for the stream

- **Create a steering committee**
- **JISC list/sharing information**
- **Quarterly online webinars about best practice**
- **Fostering links between educational institutions to foster welcome & sanctuary on campuses across the UK**



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