

What is a McKenzie Friend?

McKenzie Friends are volunteers, who support asylum seekers who have no legal representative, at a time that is often bewildering and full of anxiety.

They are independent of the court system and the Home Office.

Bradford McKenzie Friends is a voluntary group based in Bradford and affiliated to BEACON (Bradford Ecumenical Asylum Concern).



What is a McKenzie Friend able to do?

- ▶ Provide moral support throughout the appeal procedure.
- ▶ Provide informed help.
- ▶ Work with the person to prepare their case and assist them with research.
- ▶ Accompany the person to court, take notes, act as a witness to the proceedings, and organise papers.



What is a McKenzie Friend not able to do?

- ▶ Give legal advice. She/he is an advocate and can not act as a legal representative. The person remains the advocate for their own case.
- ▶ Does not have the right to speak in the courts, unless given permission by the person and the judge.
- ▶ Provide funds for food, accommodation or expenses.
- ▶ Offer ongoing moral support.



Are you interested in becoming
a **McKENZIE FRIEND?**

Contact the McKenzie Friends
Coordinator to request a
volunteering application form:

07531 576330

or

mckenziefriends@beaconbradford.org

New volunteers are encouraged
to attend hearings at the Bradford
Immigration and Asylum Tribunal
at Phoenix House, Thornbury
before training.

Please get in touch for further
info.




IF YOU ARE AN ASYLUM
SEEKER IN NEED OF
SUPPORT, PLEASE CONTACT
US **AS SOON AS** YOU
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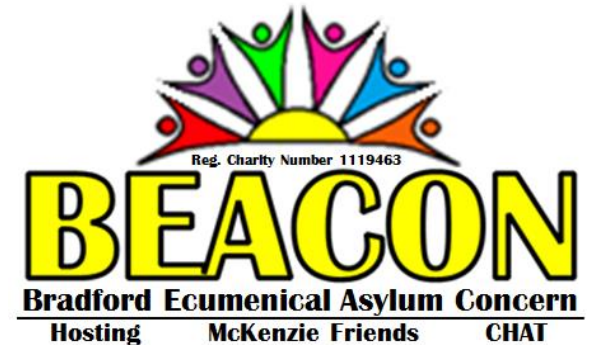
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McKenzie Friends



Are you an asylum seeker
facing an appeal in court
against your asylum decision
or wanting to submit a fresh
claim and unable to find a
solicitor?

McKenzie Friends may be able
to help you

