

The logo for RESET features the word "RESET" in a large, bold, white sans-serif font. Below it, the words "Communities and Refugees" are written in a smaller, white sans-serif font. The text is set against a background of several concentric, overlapping circles in shades of blue, red, and yellow, which are partially visible on the right side of the image.

RESET

Communities and Refugees

Community Sponsorship in the UK

Building for Sustainability

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CS in the UK



- A government programme enabling community groups to welcome refugees into local areas, and help them re-build their lives.
- Established in 2016, there are Groups in all regions and nations of the UK
- Over 100 families have been welcomed, with more applications in process.

“Community Sponsorship is about people with a heart, moved to act, and to see change.”

Lisa Westlake, CHARIS Refugees

What do UK CS Groups do?



Groups apply to the Home Office, are matched with a refugee family from the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Programmes and support them from their arrival in UK. This includes:

- meeting the family at the airport,
- providing a warm welcome and orientation,
- arranging housing for 2 years,
- supporting access to medical and social services,
- organising language tuition,
- support towards employment and self-sufficiency for 1 year

What is Reset?

The UK's Community Sponsorship Learning Hub

- Training and providing support to groups
- Sharing what works and finding solutions to challenges
- Growing the movement – spreading the word, engaging new partners and networks
- Working with the Home Office to refine and develop the Community Sponsorship scheme
- Working with academic partners to evaluate the impact of Community Sponsorship

Towards Sustainability



How to bring more people into the movement?

How to build a supportive policy landscape?

How to develop and grow the programme?

Awareness Campaign



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Communities for refugees

Collaboration

- With policy makers in government
- With others across the resettlement and immigration sectors (eg, Families Together Campaign)
- With partners and friends within the Community Sponsorship movement

Refine and Develop

- Streamline the application and sponsorship process
- Consider ways to adapt and develop the CS model for more situations and cohorts (eg, UASCs)
- Complementary Pathways?

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