

# Refugee Support Devon – fundraising trustee



Refugee Support Devon is looking for a trustee with experience of charity fundraising or other relevant experience in the business world to support the fundraising work of staff and volunteers and bring fresh perspectives to the charity's initiatives. This is a voluntary (unpaid) position.

As an Exeter based charity, independent of statutory agencies, RSD supports refugees and their families to ensure that they are given the protection they need to settle successfully in Devon, rebuild their lives in safety and dignity and reach their full potential as equal members of society. With the committed help of a large number of volunteers, RSD provides practical support to help individuals build their confidence and access local services and other opportunities so that they can become part of the local community.

Inaugurated in 2001, we have built up extensive knowledge and experience working with refugees and asylum seekers and have learned to respond to frequent changes and developments in the political and economic climate. We are the only organisation in Devon (outside of Plymouth) whose sole purpose is to support people seeking to rebuild their lives here.

RSD's Board currently consists of eight trustees who meet at least 6 times a year. The organisation has a small staff team and its fundraising is usually led by a manager with support from relevant staff members and trustees. There is also a small team of volunteers who assist with this work. Besides these initiatives, trustees and volunteers are often involved in local fundraising events. Recently the trustees launched RSD's "400 Appeal" with the aim of getting 400 subscribers to commit to a monthly direct debit to support its work.