



Asylum Aid is a singular organisation that combines the provision of free, expert, legal advice and representation, with highly effective lobbying and campaigning for a fair asylum system in the UK and Europe.

We are presently recruiting to the volunteer post of Refugee Legal Group Volunteer.

These notes are intended to give an overview of Asylum Aid and the RLG, a role description for the position and an outline of Asylum Aid's volunteer policy.

Please read these notes and all the other written material relating to this position before submitting your CV. We also advise that you visit our website (www.asylumaid.org.uk) and read our most recent annual report (2008) to get a sense of our legal and campaigning work.

About Asylum Aid

Asylum Aid has a positive profile within the asylum and refugee sector. We are highly regarded for the authority of our legal services and the effectiveness of our policy and campaigning work.

Though a relatively small organisation – with 17 full and part-time staff – Asylum Aid exerts significant influence on a broad range of asylum law, policy and practice issues. This is, in large part, because everything we say in our policy and campaign work is grounded in our legal service experience and our original research.

Asylum Aid provides a positive, friendly, flexible and mutually supportive working environment. We are keen that all staff, including volunteers, obtain personal satisfaction from their work and, in return for carrying significant responsibilities, enjoy the opportunity to develop their particular interests and skills.

The Refugee Legal Group

The RLG is an on-line network that presently connects over 700 legal practitioners, researchers, academics and campaigners who work in the field of UK asylum, refugee and immigration law. The Group provides a responsive forum for members to exchange information about, and discuss the latest developments in, asylum and immigration law and practice. At £20 per year for organisations or individuals, the cost of subscribing to the RLG is kept low in order to encourage membership and facilitate the spread of good practice throughout the asylum and immigration legal sector.

Asylum Aid's Commitment to Volunteers – a summary

Asylum Aid agrees to:

1. To provide adequate information, training and assistance for the volunteer to be able to meet the responsibilities of their volunteer role.
2. To ensure satisfactory support to the volunteer and to provide feedback on performance.
3. To respect the skills, dignity and individual needs of the volunteer, and to do our best to adjust to these individual requirements.
4. To be receptive to any comment from the volunteer regarding ways in which we might better accomplish our respective tasks.
5. To treat the volunteer as an equal partner with the organisation's staff, jointly responsible for completion of the organisation's goals and the fulfilment of its mission.

Asylum Aid's offices are on Highbury Corner in Islington NI, convenient for public transport and the facilities of Upper St and Highbury Fields.

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