



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 role of Women's Asylum News volunteer

These notes are intended to give an overview of Asylum Aid and an outline of Asylum Aid's volunteer policy. They should be read in conjunction with the role description.

Please read these notes and all the other written material relating to this position before submitting your application. We also advise that you visit our website (www.asylumaid.org.uk) and read our most recent annual report 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 16 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.

Asylum Aid welcomes applications from refugees / people who have been through the process of applying for asylum.

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 succeed in 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 use their existing skills and help them to develop new ones.
4. To be receptive to any comment from the volunteer regarding ways in which we might better accomplish our goals.
5. To treat the volunteer as an equal partner in the organisation, working together to achieve the organisation's goals.

Asylum Aid's offices are on Highbury Corner in Islington NI next to Highbury and Islington underground station and convenient for public transport.

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