

The British Red Cross helps vulnerable people in crisis, whoever and wherever they are. We help refugees and asylum seekers access essential services and adjust to life in a new country.

Bradford Refugee Support Drop-in: The British Red Cross defines someone who is destitute as “A person who is not accessing public funds, is living in extreme poverty and is unable to meet basic needs, such as income, food, shelter, healthcare, and who is forced to rely on irregular support from family and friends, charities or illegal working to survive.”

There are many reasons why asylum seekers or refugees become destitute; the main reasons are when an asylum application has been refused or when someone is granted refugee status. Someone who is granted refugee status must find new accommodation and gain access to support or find work within 28 days to avoid destitution.

There are a range of reasons why a refused asylum seeker might remain in the UK. They may have been in the UK for a long time and have developed strong ties with the UK, family and children. They may not be able to leave the UK through no fault of their own. Or they may think that it is unsafe and fear death or persecution if they return.

The British Red Cross in Bradford wants to be able to supply destitute asylum seekers and refugees with emergency provisions such as food parcels and warm, good quality, sensible clothing. We rely completely on donations from the general public to do this. If you are interested in assisting our projects please see the donations request on the back page and contact us if you are able to help.

Thank you for your donation, your support goes a long way to helping destitute refugees and asylum seekers in the Bradford area.

Donations

Please bring your donations to our drop-in at Millside Centre on Tuesdays between 9am and 3pm. If this is not possible, please contact our office to arrange for collection 0113 201 5267.

Drop in location: 131 Grattan Road, Bradford BD1 2HS

“The Red Cross has made a lot of difference to my life; I received help from them at a time when I was most in need. It’s something that I cannot fully explain but I feel it inside and it is something I will never and can never forget.”

Sidebay, Sierra Leone



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Basic clothing/sleeping essentials

Duvets and pillows	Sleeping bags
New underwear/ socks	Blankets

Items useful for our food parcels

Tinned tomatoes	Pasta
Tinned tuna/ sardines/salmon	Tea bags
Tinned fruit	Coffee
Dried pulses (lentils)	Rice
Cooking oil	Sugar
Tinned vegetables	Fruit juice
	Breakfast cereals

Other food items

(required in smaller quantities)

Baked Beans	Biscuits
Tinned vegetable soup	Cereal bars
Tinned rice pudding	Chocolate bars
Tinned custard	

Toiletries/hygiene packs

Sanitary towels/ Tampons	Toilet rolls
Toothpaste/ Toothbrushes	Shampoo
Washing Powder	Shower gel
	Deodorant
	Razors

At the Bradford Refugee Support Drop-in we are also looking for donations of fresh fruit, vegetables and bread on a Tuesday to give away to destitute asylum seekers and refugees. Please contact us on the numbers below if you have any inspiring ideas of how to source regular donations of these items!

DONATIONS

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Bradford Refugee Support Drop-in: How you can help

