**Swansea City of Sanctuary**

**WE NEED NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Are you interested in taking an active part in Swansea City of Sanctuary?**

The new three year Wales Cities of Sanctuary Project started in April 2015, offering new ways to support Asylum Seekers and organisations working in Swansea during these challenging times. The next three years will be very exciting for Swansea City of Sanctuary. Our current project gives us a huge opportunity to continue to develop our vision into a reality:

*“To be one of a network of cities which are welcoming to all, which are proud to offer sanctuary and support to those fleeing violence or persecution, and which celebrate the contribution of asylum seekers and refugees to city life”.*

**If you share this vision, why not find out more about joining our management committee?**

**We are looking for people** –

from all backgrounds with various skills and experiences skills, who support our vision and want to help make Swansea City of Sanctuary more successful. You could be an asylum seeker, refugee, local person or nominee of one of our pledged organisations.

There will be opportunities to get involved for anyone who is interested.

**Further information about joining the Management Committee**

***What is our Management Committee for?***

* To share responsibility for Swansea City of Sanctuary and to ensure that it has a clear sense of direction
* To make sure that for years to come Swansea will have the people, the money and the commitment to do this work
* To turn our vision into reality by working on plans and priorities with all involved
* To make sure that funds are raised and managed properly, we act within the law, and the people who take part are valued and supported.

***Things you need to think about if you are interested.***

* **Do you support SCoS vision? –** Shown above
* **Are you willing to attend meetings regularly**

Under our new structure we have 6 committee meetings a year but this could change.

* **Are you willing to contribute to discussion and decision making at Management Committee Meetings**

Listen to the wide range of views and experience around the table and share your own ideas to help ensure that good decisions are made

* **Are you willing to contribute in other ways?**

***Things you could do as a Committee Member***

We hope most committee members will share responsibilities for SCoS by using their skills and participating in at least one of the jobs listed below.

There are things that would suit everyone on the committee whether a new or experienced member. For example:

* Share or take a lead in the chairing and organising meetings
* Take a lead in planning and monitoring the work of SCoS and the current project with DPIA
* Lead or help with funding applications
* Speak on our behalf or facilitate at events, this could be as part in the speakers team which raises awareness of asylum and refugee issues
* Help us raise awareness, for example by taking the lead on things like developing our website, liaising with the press, working on our newsletter, working on our social media presence
* Help obtain new pledges and meet with pledged organisations to help them develop their pledge into action.
* Take a lead or share in the organisation of events such as the networking meetings and AGM
* Take part in the national City of Sanctuary movement
* Take part in or lead a special interest group – for example on Mental Health, Schools of Sanctuary, Destitution, Education, Family and Play
* If you are from a Swansea organisation, encourage it to plan practical actions to support City of Sanctuary such as pledging support and putting the pledge into action.

***What you need to do if you want to get involved of find out more.***

* Come along to one of our information drop in sessions

16/05/2016 12.30 – 2.30 in SCVS- ask in reception for City of Sanctuary.

20/05/2016 11 – 1pm in SCVS- ask in reception for City of Sanctuary.

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