

**25
January
2025**



RASH

**Refugees & Asylum Seekers
Health course**

**Christchurch
Central,
Sheffield**

God calls us to care for the stranger in our midst, to protect orphans and widows, to ‘act justly and love mercy’. (Micah 6:8) How does this translate to the way we care today?

Over the past 20 years, hundreds of thousands of refugees have come to the UK, with many seeking asylum. The ‘Refugees and Asylum Seekers Health Course’ (RASH) aims to equip Christian healthcare practitioners and others to:

- Improve knowledge of the healthcare needs, responses and challenges for refugees and asylum seekers in the UK
- Hear examples of good practice
- Foster a dialogue among those working with refugees and asylum seekers for mutual encouragement and support
- Inspire creative ways to engage with health systems for better provision, support, and care

The programme is an interactive learning experience led both by those who have been refugees and those who are healthcare professionals in this field. Local charities or churches working with refugees and asylum seekers will also find this day useful. If you encounter people from outside the UK in your everyday practice, then this is the day for you.

For more details or enquiries, contact the Global Coordinator:

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<https://cmf.li/RASH25>

Saturday 25 Jan

10:00	Arrival & Coffee
10:30	Welcome & introduction to the day Fi McLachlan
10:35	Are we called to be ‘Good Samaritans’? Fi McLachlan
10:45	A chance to shape the day
11:00	Commonly presenting problems Andy Lephard
11:30	Common stress factors, short-term and long-term psychopathology among refugees, and efficient approaches Bert Nanninga
12:00	Small Groups
12:10	Women and children come first? Jess Keeble
12:40	Trafficking and Trauma Barbie Nash
13:10	Q&A session
13:15	Lunch
14:00	Seminar Session 1. Choose from: A. Arrival in the UK - Our complex and changing asylum system Rich Jones B. The faith journey of an asylum seeker Paul Mehdi
14:45	Seminar Session 2. Choose from: C. Housing issues when in the asylum system Rich Jones D. Experiences of accessing health services including ‘Helping refugees and Asylum Seekers navigate healthcare in the UK’ Chris Bronsdon
15:30	Open discussion/questions
16:30	Close

CONTRIBUTORS

Fi McLachlan

is head of CMF Global, with a background of involvement in healthcare management and mission.

Andy Lephard

is a GP based in Bradford, with a special interest in refugee and asylum seeker health

Bert Nanninga

is a transcultural psychiatrist who specialises in psychotrauma and migration. As a former long-term tropical practitioner, he now works with refugees and migrants with mental health problems in The Netherlands.

Paul Mehdi

is a refugee from Iran living in the UK. He is passionate about sharing the good news of Jesus and has worked for several Christian organisations.

Chris Bronsdon

is a GP in Sheffield since 1999 with a focus on cross-cultural medicine, use of interpreter, and healthcare for asylum seekers and refugees.

Rich Jones

is a Client Support worker at Boaz Trust. He provides tailored one to one support to the male asylum-seeking clients living in Boaz Trust accommodation.

Barbie Nash

is a PhD Researcher and Lecturer at Nottingham Trent University and an ambassador for Hope For Justice since 2015. She speaks at community and faith events, hosts educational programmes, and serves on research boards to advance anti-slavery initiatives.

Jess Keeble

is a GP at Bevan Healthcare in Bradford, and Training Programme Director for the Bradford GP Specialty Training Scheme.

GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE

Christ Church Central
The DQ Centre,
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S1 4JR

TRAVEL

See Christ Church Central website:
<https://www.christchurchcentralsheffield.co.uk/new/> for full venue location and details.

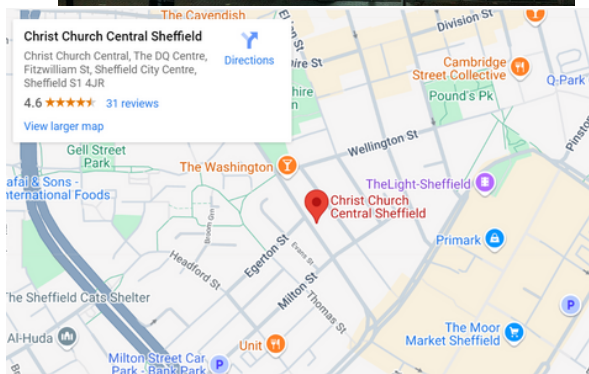
The building is between Devonshire Point and the Imperial Signs warehouse, and just down the hill from Devonshire Green - just look out for the signs.

By Train:

12 minute walk from Sheffield's main train station, or a 5 minute taxi ride.

By Bus:

The nearest bus stops are Fitzwilliam Street/Wellington Street, Moor Market or Moore Street



Booking

Book online:
<https://cmf.li/RASH25>



**Bookings close on Wednesday, 22
January 2025**

All bookings are based on available spaces,
please book early to avoid disappointment.

If the event is cancelled you will be eligible
for a refund. No refunds will be given for
cancellations less than two weeks before
the course except under exceptional
circumstances.

LOCAL ORGANISER

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COST

The cost for the day includes the full day
conference, lunch and refreshments on
Saturday 25th Jan. Ensure you outline any
dietary requirements you may have when
booking.

Booking Options:	£
Charity Workers:	20.00
Charity Workers PM Only/Non- medical Church Members:	10.00
Foundation Year and Retired:	25.00
Nurses and Midwives:	25.00
Qualified Doctors:	40.00
Unwaged and Students:	10.00



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