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BOAZ TRUST

INTRO

September Update

Against the disturbing backdrop of the intimidating far-right activity on the south coast recently, as well as the ongoing abuse of charities working in the migration sector ([and beyond](#)), we've been continuing to provide the support and accommodation that people are in urgent need of.

Our RESS (Restricted Eligibility Support Service) and RHPP (Refugee Homelessness Prevention Project) outreach support workers continue to meet people out in the community, listening to people's needs and advocating with and for them so that they can make progress with their accommodation situation, legal case or physical/mental health needs.

We're excited that we've now been able to welcome people through the doors of our new house, leased to us on a peppercorn rent by a generous new house owner. We've also had several initial meetings with new people who will be moving into other Boaz houses soon.

We're also thankful that team Boaz is growing! Scroll down to read an interview with our Head of Fundraising about [two part-time roles in fundraising](#) that we're currently recruiting for.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Finding myself in the machinery: a Physics teacher's day at the museum

Below we're delighted to feature an excerpt from a guest blog piece written by one of the people we support, in which they reflect on the impact of a recent wellbeing trip to the Science and Industry Museum.

I used to spend my days talking about momentum, friction, and the laws of thermodynamics. Back then, my life had a clear script: lesson plans, ringing bells, and the lively chatter of students trying to wrap their heads around how the universe works.

Lately, though, my world looks very different. As someone navigating the UK immigration system with the support of the Boaz Trust, my days are mostly filled with waiting, uncertainty, and the quiet weight of starting over. When your entire life is put on hold, it is easy to forget who you used to be. The teacher in me felt like a past life, tucked away in a box I wasn't allowed to open.

Then the Boaz Trust arranged a group trip for us to Manchester's Science and Industry Museum.

I didn't expect much—just a nice way to spend an afternoon, get out of the house, and share some time with others. But the moment I walked into those historic halls on Liverpool Road, something inside me woke up.

Standing in front of the massive, clanking iron of the early textile machinery, my brain instinctively shifted back into gear. I wasn't just looking at old museum pieces; I was watching physics play out in real time. I found myself mentally tracing the energy transfers, picturing the torque, and marveling at how people managed to harness raw mechanics long before modern engineering was even a blueprint.

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RECRUITMENT

Q&A with our Head of Fundraising

Our fundraising team is growing! We're looking to appoint people in two new roles: [Fundraising Officer](#) and [Fundraising Officer \(Trusts\)](#). Below is a mini interview with our Head of Fundraising to give a bit of a window into life as part of the fundraising team at Boaz.

What's it like working at Boaz?

It's a real joy to work at Boaz! It is a friendly and warm team, which makes a huge difference - it's a privilege to work with people who are both brilliant at what they do and also kind and lovely to be around. As fundraisers we get to see the direct impact of every grant secured or gift given through time spent in person with the rest of the team in the office, while also getting to enjoy the benefits of being able to work remotely.

So we've got a good mix of quiet focus time at home and being together, and our team's rhythms - sharing about our work and praying for it, and regular team meetings - mean it is easy to see how our work fundraising fits with the mission of Boaz and the life changing frontline work delivered by Boaz's support team.

What skills and experience are you particularly on the lookout for in relation to the two new fundraising roles?

For the Trusts role, we're looking for someone who can write strong case for support and can put together genuinely persuasive funding applications using evidence - that could come from experience grant writing, bid-writing, or just writing compellingly for a cause you've cared about.

For the Fundraising Officer role, it's much more about relationships and reliability: someone who can be warm and personable with a church group or on the phone to a supporter, who also won't let a donation sit unacknowledged or a database go untidy.

For both cases, we are open to people with transferable skills and not just direct experience, and crucially, we are looking for genuine interest in and passion for our work with people seeking sanctuary.

What are you most excited about for the future of fundraising at Boaz?

I think the future of fundraising at Boaz is really bright! Especially so with the right people in place, so we can build a stronger, more sustainable flow of support for the cause; from trusts and foundations, and from our brilliant community of churches and individual supporters who we are blessed to call friends.

I'm excited for us to have the opportunity to deepen relationships we have with supporters we already know, and to find new friends in our mission to end destitution amongst people seeking sanctuary here in Greater Manchester.

Ultimately, that is what it is all about - growing so we can support more people, see more people find a safe place to stay, and speak up for a fair and compassionate asylum system.

POLICY

Update on the Immigration and Asylum Bill

The Immigration and Asylum Bill is currently at committee stage, where every clause and schedule of the proposed legislation is being examined in detail. Following this, it will go to the report stage, where the whole house reviews amendments to the bill and votes on final text changes ahead of the third reading.

In recent weeks, the UNHCR has [expressed concerns](#) about various aspects of the bill - in particular the proposed Independent Immigration Appeals Authority. They drew attention to the lack of clarity regarding the roles of legally trained versus lay adjudicators, and scenarios in which appeals could be decided without an oral hearing.

Their briefing also suggests that the proposed payment of £10,000 for people with refugee status who have received asylum support would breach Article 29 of the Refugee Convention and undermine integration by delaying settlement and family reunion.

In opposition to the bill, HIAS+JCORE, JPIT, and René Cassin are bringing together people from across the country to stand up for people seeking safety in Parliament through an [interfaith lobby](#).

The interfaith lobby is open to all people of faith from across the UK, including those with lived experience of the asylum system. It will call for policies that support refugee integration, family unity, and protection for people fleeing persecution. The lobby will aim to reach 50 MPs to deliver a simple message: welcoming people seeking safety makes our society stronger.

GET INVOLVED

Fundraise with Boaz

September often feels like a reset, a mini new year, a chance to start something new. Could you take hold of this opportunity and get organising, training or

baking to make a difference in the lives of people Boaz supports?

Fundraising not only raises money, but also awareness - of the injustices of the asylum system and of our work specifically. By inviting your network to sponsor you, come to your event or buy your artwork, you're helping spread the word about Boaz and the urgent need for the accommodation and support we offer.

Ending destitution and homelessness among people seeking sanctuary is a team effort, and we can't do it without you. Taking on a fundraising challenge for Boaz is a powerful way to stand in solidarity with the people we work with. Find out more below and take the step to commit to a fundraising challenge with us.

THANK YOU

Thank you for reading our newsletter and for being part of our community of friends and supporters. If you've been encouraged by our latest update, and would like to support our work financially, you can [make a one off gift](#) or [set up regular giving](#).

If you have any questions about giving to Boaz, or would like to chat to us about how you can support us in other ways, please contact us on 0161 202 1056, or email us on funding@boaztrust.org.uk

Thank you so much for standing with us as we work together to end destitution among people seeking sanctuary in the UK. We couldn't do this work without you.