Infrastructure support needs for refugee and migrant community organisations. A report exploring provision and support for refugee organisations in Bradford.

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Aims

To identify gaps in refugee infrastructure support, needs of refugee community organisations [RCOs] and to provide a clearer understanding of refugee organisational capacity in Bradford.

Methodology

The research, funded by ChangeUp, is based on questionnaires completed by 21 organisations providing services to refugee organisations and 27 individuals with experience of services offered by RCOs.

Key issues

The report presents findings on the diversity, size and nature of RCOs, the types of services they provide, and views on the prioritisation of services. Issues of adequate and appropriate funding in relation to needs are discussed. Gaps are identified in terms of multi-agency work, legal support, referral to infrastructure support organisations and development plans.

Conclusions

There are disparities in services, a lack of clarity on what resources are available to RCOs, particularly related to confusion about services are accessible to asylum seekers. Standards of service are variable. There is concern that increased numbers of migrant workers will lead to RCOs being marginalised by local authorities and service providers.

Recommendations

The report suggests short term and long term action plans to address RCO capacity, continued monitoring of RCOs, resourcing, meaningful partnerships, and ESOL provision.

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