SANCTUARY COALITION CYMRU

The leading voice for the refugee and asylum sector in Wales.



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Sanctuary Coalition Cymru exists to help build a Wales where people seeking sanctuary are welcomed, valued and able to thrive.

We **bring together** organisations, communities and people with lived experience to strengthen collective action, influence policy and create lasting systems change. Through collaboration, advocacy and shared learning, we work towards a Wales that is compassionate, rights-based and **committed to becoming a true Nation of Sanctuary.**

Membership reflects a shared commitment to solidarity, dignity, and justice. It is also a **collective investment** in sustaining a strong, connected, and credible movement for sanctuary in Wales.

WE ARE A VOICE THAT IS HEARD

The conversation about sanctuary in Wales is changing, and Sanctuary Coalition Cymru is helping to shape it.

Across the Senedd, in local government, through national campaigns and across civil society, the Coalition's messages are increasingly reflected in the way leaders talk about sanctuary, integration and community. Ideas developed alongside our members and Experts by Experience are reaching the places where decisions are made.

Last year, through our Sanctuary in the Senedd, our manifesto campaigning and cross-party engagement, we worked with politicians, partners and communities to challenge misinformation and promote honest, evidence-based conversations about sanctuary. Those conversations are increasingly being reflected in Wales' national debate.

Following our campaign, Members of the Senedd praised the Coalition's call for ***"honest, evidence-based conversations"*, urging political leaders to use *"accurate, respectful and responsible language" and to recognise sanctuary as "a strength that enriches our communities."***

Be part of the movement shaping sanctuary in Wales.

These themes were echoed again during a landmark Senedd debate on the Nation of Sanctuary. Speaking in support of the cross-party amendment, Shav Taj MS rejected the politics of fear and reflected one of the Coalition's long-standing messages: that integration benefits everyone. ***"Integration isn't charity, it's common sense. A person who learns English or Welsh, finds work and contributes isn't actually a burden. They are an absolute golden asset."***

She continued:
"Our communities are stronger when people belong, safer when neighbours know each other, more prosperous when everyone can contribute. Belonging builds nations; division never actually ever has."

Anthony Slaughter MS reinforced the Coalition's evidence-led approach, describing the Nation of Sanctuary as "practical and common sense" and highlighting how it enables people seeking sanctuary to ***"integrate, gain independence and contribute to Welsh society."*** *He also warned that* ***"misinformation has no place in this Chamber",*** reflecting the Coalition's continued commitment to promoting informed, respectful debate.



Closing the debate, Sioned Williams MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Minister for Social Justice and Equality, highlighted the impact of supporting people to rebuild their lives in Wales: ***"These are real, current examples of the contribution people seeking sanctuary are making across Wales. These aren't isolated stories, they're the result of a consistent approach that supports integration and strengthens our communities."***

The debate concluded with the Senedd resolving to ***"proudly uphold the principles of international solidarity... by working with partners to support people seeking sanctuary to integrate and contribute positively to our nation."***

These moments tell a bigger story. The Coalition is helping to shape how Wales talks about sanctuary. The ideas our members develop together, grounded in lived experience, frontline practice and collaboration, are increasingly reflected in political debate and national policy. Together, we are building partnerships, influencing decisions and helping create a Wales where people seeking sanctuary can belong, contribute and thrive.



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Speaking in support of the cross-party amendment, members echoed messages the Coalition has carried for years.

"Building confidence, solidarity and practical skills."

"Sanctuary Coalition Cymru brought Right to Remain to Cardiff at a time when organisations urgently needed space to learn, reflect and connect. The workshop helped me better understand detention, legal support and misinformation, while building confidence, solidarity and practical skills to support people seeking sanctuary."

Coalition Member

"Building confidence to navigate broadcast media."

"NEON supports people, organisations and movements working for progressive social change. We recently delivered Spokesperson Media Training in Cardiff with a brilliant group from the Welsh Refugee Council, building their confidence and giving them the tools to navigate broadcast media, take up space and tell their stories."

NEON Training Lead

"Every voice matters, courage drives change."

"As asylum seekers and refugees, we understand the pain of being uprooted — but we also know the power of being heard. Sharing our stories isn't just about seeking understanding; it's about driving change. In a Nation of Sanctuary, every voice matters, and every step forward is built on the courage of those who dare to dream of fairness, dignity, and hope for all."

Annie (Co-Chair)

THIRD SECTOR AND COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

Stronger together for a more welcoming Wales.

For charities, grassroots groups and community organisations.

Why Join?

Navigate misinformation and rising reputational risk

Strengthen collaboration and partnership working

Influence policy and national conversations

Access shared learning and peer support

Support sustainable coalition coordination

Membership benefits

- Direct policy influence and early insight
- National policy briefings and evidence updates
- Funded training places
- Operational collaboration meetings
- Shared learning and peer support
- Crisis communications support
- Access to funding and partnership opportunities
- Resource packs and practical guidance
- Opportunities to shape coalition policy positions

Your membership directly supports the participation and leadership of people with lived experience in shaping national responses across Wales.

PUBLIC SECTOR & EDUCATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Supporting inclusive, informed and cohesive communities across Wales.

For councils, NHS organisations, housing providers and educational institutions.

Why Join?

Support cohesive and welcoming communities

Respond confidently to misinformation

Strengthen inclusive practice and public trust

Access practical guidance and policy insight

Connect with national networks and shared learning

Membership benefits

- Policy briefings and emerging insight
- Access to national conversations and consultation opportunities
- Communications and reputational risk guidance
- Funded staff training places
- Resource packs and practical tools
- Networking and peer learning
- Shared intelligence on emerging issues
- Participation in coalition policy development
- Visibility through national campaigns and partnership work

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COMMERCIAL MEMBERSHIP

Responsible partnership for a more welcoming Wales.

For businesses committed to equality, inclusion and community cohesion.

Why Join?

- Demonstrate leadership on sanctuary and equality
- Strengthen social value commitments
- Support community cohesion across Wales
- Access trusted guidance and insight
- Build meaningful and responsible partnerships

Membership benefits

- Funded staff training
- Access to national briefings and intelligence
- Reputational risk guidance
- Inclusive language and myth-busting resources
- Visibility through coalition campaigns
- Networking and partnership opportunities
- Opportunities to engage in national conversations
- Responsible partnership opportunities with the coalition

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

Our membership fees are based on the size and type of your organisation.
Choose the option that best fits your needs.

Third Sector and Community Membership

Membership fees

Volunteer
Under £100k turnover
£50

Small organisation
£100k–£350k turnover
£75

Medium organisation
£350k–£500k turnover
£150

Large organisation
£500k–£2m turnover
£250

Public Sector & Educational Membership

Membership fees

Public sector and educational institutions
£350

Commercial Membership

Membership fees

Small organisation
Under 50 staff members
£350

Medium organisation
50-250 staff members
£500

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WHAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP SUPPORTS

(and why this matters to you)

Your membership makes it possible for people with lived experience to be in the room — covering travel, time and support so their voices are heard where it matters.

It also directly helps:

- A credible, cross-sector coalition trusted by government and communities
- Events and forums that shape national conversation in Wales









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