

Volunteer Centre Sheffield

Volunteer Centre Sheffield runs a Refugee and Asylum Seeker project. The project helps refugee and asylum seekers to find volunteering opportunities. The Volunteer Centre found that obtaining CRB checks was particularly challenging because refugees and asylum seekers did not always have the relevant or sufficient identification documents to apply for the check.

Volunteer Centre Sheffield has produced a pro-forma letter (available to download at: www.vas.org.uk/volunteering) that can be used with any volunteer who does not have a passport or other documents needed to apply for a CRB check. Using this pro-forma will result in the CRB requesting that the volunteers goes to the police station to get their fingerprints taken, but it does mean that a CRB check is still possible.

On their website Volunteer Centre Sheffield also suggest ways in which organisations can involve refugees and asylum seekers in volunteering opportunities whilst they wait for CRB checks to be processed.

More information is available from:

www.vas.org.uk