



# Booth Centre

## European Nationals

### GM Homelessness Prevention Service



The European Nationals GM Homelessness Prevention Service is a project delivered at the Centre in collaboration with the Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit and Supporting People In Need. The aim of the project is to prevent and relieve homelessness for European Nationals in our community through a variety of activities and specialist advice.

#### Employment Support

We provide a range of activities including Job Club, Skills & IT and ESOL sessions. Employment support provider BITC offer weekly, one-to-one coaching to help people secure employment. Travel costs, PPE and other resources are provided by the Centre to ensure employment is accessible and sustainable.

#### Volunteering & Activities

Our volunteering and activities programme offers an opportunity for people to build relationships in the community, gain new skills including improving English and access support to help prevent homelessness. Trust and confidence built through these programmes enables people to seek support and maintain housing.

#### Reconnection Service

To alleviate homelessness, some European people decide they want to return to family or friends in Europe. We can arrange and fund the travel, including securing travel documents through our contacts at various consulates. This enables the person to return to a place of safety and be reunited with their support network.

#### Accommodation Pathway

We have a direct referral pathway into ABEN provider SPIN; accommodation for European men with no access to public funds. We also have a resettlement pathway for European nationals who are either in employment or in receipt of benefits to secure permanent housing with ongoing resettlement support.

#### Specialist Advice

We work in partnership with many organisations including the Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit and host a range of agencies at the Centre such as Shelter, MCC, Urban Village Medical Practice and a benefits advisor to help European people access the right support and maintain their accommodation.

#### Guidance for Partners

We believe the only way to tackle homelessness amongst the European community in GM is to work together with other agencies and European people experiencing homelessness themselves. We are available to any professional wanting advice and support, contact [alix@boothcentre.org.uk](mailto:alix@boothcentre.org.uk).