

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Supporting diverse groups across NI to welcome and integrate children and families seeking sanctuary through project development, training, and sharing best practice.

We aim to create more opportunities for groups to share knowledge, resources, and strategies for community programmes that foster inclusion, wellbeing, and skill-building. By exchanging ideas and best practice, we can learn from each other and keep growing together!

Here's what we offer:

Programme Development Support - Help setting up initiatives and delivering programmes tailored to your community

Training - Flexible sessions on topics such as Myth Busting, Cultural Consciousness, and practical use of our guides. We're open to adapting training to your needs

Parenting Programmes – if your community identifies a need, we can deliver tailored parenting support

Written Guides- We provide resources, training, and initial co-facilitation, enabling you to adapt and implement them in ways that best suit your community

Some examples of our available guides:

Growing Together Guide - a programme guide to support social and emotional development, through play, for young children who have arrived seeking sanctuary

School Readiness Guide - a programme focused on helping children learn and prepare for formal education

Cultural Kitchen Guide - a recipe for promoting integration and community wellbeing

UBUNTU

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Or got to our website

www.barnardos.org.uk/get-support/services/ubuntu



Ubuntu is an ancient word which appears in several African languages. Roughly translating to **“I am because we are”** at its core it recognises that each person's identity and well-being are shaped by our relationships with others.



THE UBUNTU PROJECT

Who we are

The 'Ubuntu' philosophy recognises that we all impact one another, it calls on us to consciously ensure this impact is positive. It values community, interconnectedness, and shared humanity, promoting compassion, respect, and mutual support—extending to how we care for nature and the environment.”

Barnardo's Ubuntu Project, funded by The National Lottery UK Fund, operates across Hertfordshire, Northern Ireland, and Scotland. We support communities by connecting voluntary and statutory organisations that support children, young people, and families seeking sanctuary in the UK. We use this term as we support regardless of the path taken to seek protection, including those seeking refuge and those claiming asylum.



YOUTH VOICE NETWORK

Amplifying the voices of young people seeking sanctuary through a rights-based approach rooted in the Lundy Model of Participation.

We are guided by five core principles that shape everything we do **CONNECTION, COMPASSION, CONFIDENCE BUILDING, CHALLENGING and CHANGE MAKING**

We deliver a range of youth provisions across NI for young people aged **12–19** who have arrived seeking sanctuary. New members can join our programmes within this age range. As our established members progress through the Network, those aged **18+** have the opportunity to become Young Leaders—empowering them to guide and inspire the next generation.

The Network creates opportunities for young people to engage directly with key stakeholders, influencing policy, research, and decision-making to ensure their voices are truly seen, heard, and valued.

The Ubuntu Youth Voice Network is a collaborative platform where young people share their experiences, highlight the challenges they face, and work together to propose and drive solutions that create meaningful change.

PRACTITIONERS NETWORK

A fundamental element of the Ubuntu model is the creation of a multi-agency regional network that shares intelligence and develops joint solutions, focusing exclusively on children and young people who have arrived seeking sanctuary.

The Ubuntu Practitioners Network will ‘knit together’ agencies and stakeholders committed to the welfare and well-being of children seeking sanctuary, as well as the wider communities into which they and their families are placed. By working collaboratively across regions, the network will align goals, share information, identify systemic challenges, and advocate for meaningful change through:

PEER SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION

Creating a safe space for practitioners to exchange challenges, ideas, and examples of good practice.

DEVELOPING BETTER SYSTEMS & IMPROVED OUTCOMES

Strengthening services and ensuring consistent, high-quality support for children and young people.

ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE

Amplifying children's voices to influence local and national policy, inform action plans, and shape government strategies.