**Notre Dame Refugee Centre**

**MISSION STATEMENT (REVISED 2019)**

*Vision*

“At NDRC, our work is driven by a *vision* of a society which offers welcome, support and the opportunity to access a settled life to individuals and families, regardless of age, sexual orientation, ethnic origin or faith, who come to the United Kingdom seeking refuge from slaughter and suffering, persecution and starvation.”

*Mission*

We, the trustees, staff, volunteers and supporters of Notre Dame Refugee Centre, commit to

* providing advice, welcome and assistance to refugees, asylum seekers and other Human Rights applicants[[1]](#footnote-1), many of whom are denied legal aid support, and who seek protection, documentation and a settled status for themselves and their families;
* accompanying refugees, asylum seekers and other Human Rights applicants through the process of achieving such settled status;
* re-uniting refugee families;
* equipping refugees, asylum seekers and other Human Rights applicants with linguistic, personal and professional skills needed to have the confidence to claim their basic rights ;
* responding to immediate need, especially for those who are homeless and destitute;
* responding, where appropriate, to opportunities for countering negative public attitudes to those seeking asylum;
* collaborating, as appropriate, with other players in the sector.
1. Refers to those individuals who have a legitimate claim under the European Convention on Human Rights Article 8 : ‘the right to a private and family life’. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)