

## **A message to people living in asylum hotels in Greater Manchester**

We are voluntary and community organisations based in Greater Manchester. We are writing to say that you are **WELCOME** here in our communities. We understand that you may not have chosen to come to Greater Manchester, but we hope that you will be able to feel safe and secure, and that this can feel like home. Across Greater Manchester, there are organisations and groups who will stand alongside you with care, solidarity and hope.



- We know that living in a hotel for a long time can be a difficult and sometimes hostile experience. We understand that it may not feel like a home.
- We know that, unfortunately, there are some people who don't like refugees who spread misinformation about asylum hotels. We understand that this can make you feel unsafe.
- We know that the asylum process can be scary. We understand that the way the Home Office communicates with you can feel hostile. We also understand how hard it is to find a solicitor to support you through the process.

**We want you to know that we stand in solidarity with you during what can be a difficult and uncertain time.**

We also want you to know that the people who show hostility are a minority – they do not speak for our communities.

**YOU ARE WELCOME HERE AS MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES.**



### **NEED HELP?**

#### **Find Local Services – Kompas:**

<https://www.kompasi.org/>

#### **Find information about keeping yourself safe – Hope not Hate:**

<https://hopenothate.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/NEW-FINAL-staying-safe-amidst-far-right-activity.pdf>

#### **Find information about the asylum process – Right to Remain Toolkit:**

<https://righttoremain.org.uk/toolkit/>

#### **Want to be a volunteer?:**

<https://manchestercommunitycentral.org/volunteer-centre-manchester>

**See the names of organisations who stand in solidarity with you:** <https://gmiau.org/solidarity-statement-asylum-hotels>