

Leeds Destitute Asylum-seeker Support is a new charity providing support for male asylum seekers who have **no** recourse to public funds.

Firstly allow me to thank the Parishes of St John Henry Newman, Parish of Mother of Unfailing Help and St Peter and Paul Yeadon for hosting the West Yorkshire Destitute Asylum Network (WYDAN) Night Shelter in the recent past and anyone who helped to make this so successful.

The Night Shelter project came to an abrupt end in the middle of March with Covid-19, when the guests were handed over, on a temporary basis, to the Local Authority to provide accommodation and food. With the uncertainty surrounding the future of provision a night shelter some of the members of the Steering Group of WYDAN agreed to explore setting up a new charity LEDAS (Leeds Destitute Asylum-seeker Support).

We are looking for help in different areas:

- Can you help or know of someone who could help source suitable properties?
- Suitable accommodation, in the LS3, LS4 and LS6 areas.
The charity would pay utility bills, council tax and maintain the building(s).
- Are you able to provide DIY skills to help make the houses ready.
- Can you donate furniture, white goods and other household items.
- Would you volunteer as a befriender, translator, can you teach cooking, English or computer skills, First Aid
- Would you be able to donate financially?.

If you have any questions, we would be delighted to hear from you, we have found that people's questions help shape our thinking.

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