# Supporting Services and Community Organisations

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# Nationwide services and support

#### Barnardo's Helpline

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The hotline provides advice on a range of issues including, but not limited to, housing options, access to education, benefits, settlement and resettlement. It has a team of culturally diverse staff who speak multiple languages, including Cantonese and English.

Helpline opening hours

Monday – Friday (10am-8pm)

Saturday (10-3pm)

via phone 0800 151 2605, and by email Boloh.helpline@barnardos.org.uk.

#### On your side

On Your Side is a UK-wide support and reporting service for anyone in the UK who identifies as East and Southeast Asian who has experienced racism or any forms of hate.

# The Growth Company

The Growth Company's <u>Jobs for Hongkongers</u> supports people from Hong Kong find work and settle into life within England.

Programme overview

- 8 weeks of support
- Digital or telephone support
- Dedicated advisor/support worker/case worker
  - Tailored plan of support

#### **Eligibility**

To access Jobs for Hongkongers support you must be on the Hong Kong (BN(O) Scheme.

Documentation will be required to support your eligibility.

If you are a referral organisation, please email <a href="mailto:Jobsforhongkongers@gcemployment.uk">Jobsforhongkongers@gcemployment.uk</a> or call 07918 289 897

#### **UKHK**

In UKHK's website, you will find <u>events</u>, <u>information</u>, <u>stories</u>, and <u>opportunities</u> to connect with new friends that will help you to settle in and navigate your new life in the UK.

#### Hongkongers in Britain (HKB)

HKB is a civil-society organisation established in July 2020. HKB's primary objectives are to provide assistance, advice and support for the Hongkongers community coming to/arrived in the UK; enabling them to settle, integrate, and contribute towards the UK society.

# Local services and support

Yorkshire-wide

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HKSS - Hong Kong Settlement Scheme - Kirklees Citizens Advice & Law Centre (kcalc.org.uk)

KCALC has launched Hong Kong Settlement Scheme in partnership with Hong Kong Hub to provide bilingual advice service for BN(O) Visa holders *who live in the Yorkshire and Humber region* to give general advice (in English and Cantonese) and legal advice (available in English Only) to support new arrivals from Hong Kong. This service is free.

Contact (by phone or WhatsApp): 07946 100 446 (Monday to Friday 9:30 – 16:00)

#### **West Yorkshire**

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#### **PATH Yorkshire**

Positive Youth Pathways offers support and guidance to young Hongkongers aged 17-21 residing in West Yorkshire. This programme's mission is to facilitate their understanding of British culture, language, and values, fostering a seamless integration into British society. In this programme, participants will gain English language skills for both living and working in the UK. This programme provides a diverse range of opportunities for personal and professional growth, including training sessions, seminars, cultural events, and heritage trips. Positive Youth Pathways is delivered by PATH Yorkshire.

Contact: daphne.mak@pathyorkshire.co.uk or 07310 094533

#### South Yorkshire

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#### Leeds

Information sessions and practical support for Hongkongers run by local church. Meet every 2
weeks during school weeks (term-time only)
https://stbarnabaschurch.churchsuite.com/events/jkl43og6

#### Community and faith organisations

Leeds Umbrella CIC

**Re-water CIC** 

#### **Sheffield Chinese Christian Church**

Strings of Life

Social activities, peer support and volunteering opportunities

# **Volunteering Opportunities**

If you are interested in volunteering or helping out with activities involving Hongkongers, contact any of the organisations listed above directly.

For other local volunteering opportunities follow us on Facebook!

# Drop-in sessions on social activities, peer support and volunteering opportunities

Drop-in session on local support in Yorkshire and Humber region – 20 April 2022

This event provided an overview of help available for Hongkongers settling in Yorkshire and Humber. The session was split in two parts covering national and regional support.

Drop-in session on volunteering - 2 February 2022

This session provided an overview of what volunteering is, explained benefits of volunteering and help available to volunteers in Hull, Leeds and Sheffield.

Other drop-in sessions

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