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New Beginnings Project

- Supports refugees and asylum seekers to understand and gain the benefits of volunteering, education, employment and opportunity to participate in different social activities.
- The project helps clients integrate in the local communities through volunteering and the awareness support that is available to local charity organisations which has successfully led to the involvement of refugees and asylum seekers.

Who are you?does it matter anyway?

Migrant - A person who leaves their country of origin to live in another country.

Refugee - Someone who is forced to flee their home and country, escapes to another country and is recognised as a refugee under International law by the government of the new country.

To be recognised as a refugee, there has to be a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, sexuality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion should the individual be returned to the country of origin.

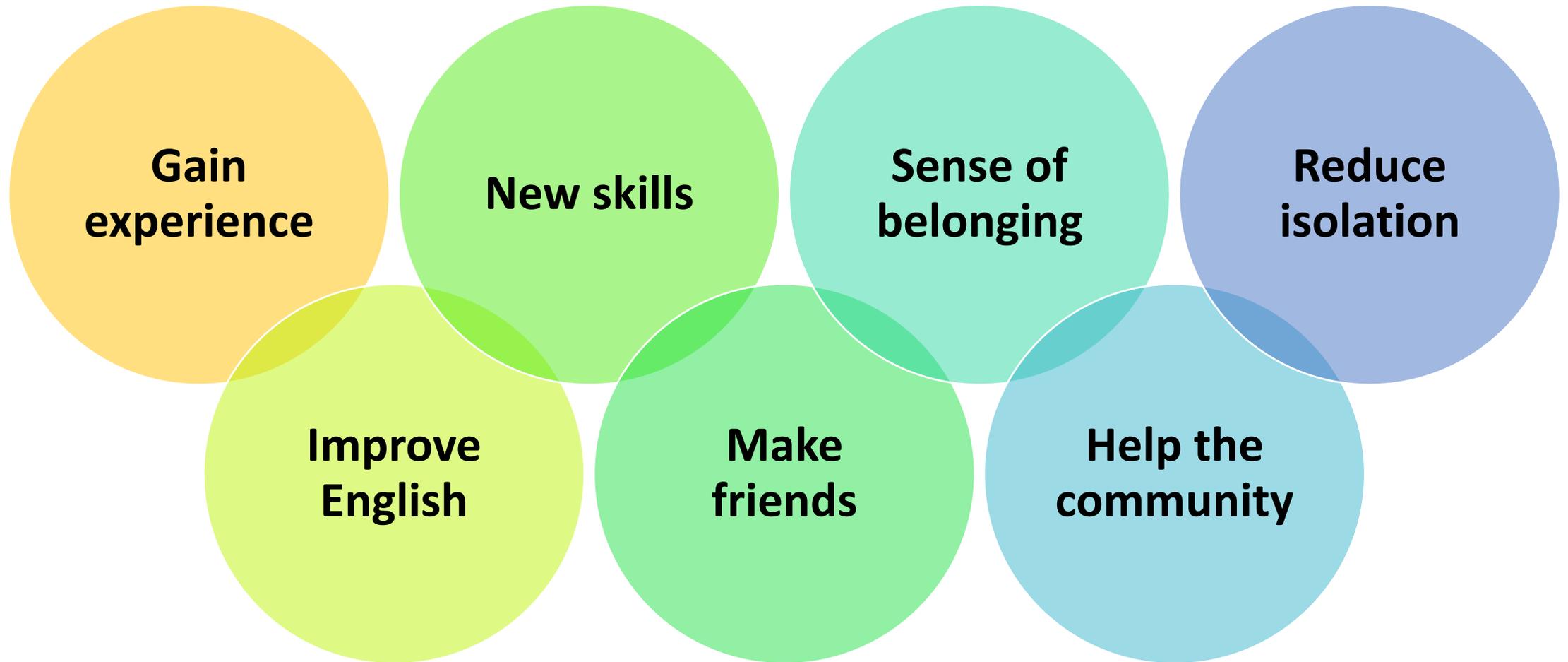
An **asylum seeker** is someone who has fled from his or her home country and is seeking to be recognised as a refugee under the asylum laws in the new country.

What does volunteering mean to you?

Note: At the NB project, we recommend for someone to start volunteering, he/she should have a minimum of Entry 3 level of ESOL.

- Volunteering is when you give your time to help a charity organisation or an individual to whom you are not related.
- Volunteering should never be something you are made to do, and is not done for financial gain.

The support you get from the project is a brilliant way to gain the following benefits.



What should you expect as a volunteer?

- Your out of pocket travel expenses to be paid.
- A clear outline of what is expected of you.
- Training and guidance on your role.
- Support or supervision from a paid member of staff, or in smaller organisations and groups from an experienced volunteer.
- To be safe and covered by insurance to carry out the tasks you've been given.
- To be made aware of the organisation's policies and procedures, including who you should talk to if you are unhappy.
- To feel valued by the organisation and able to contribute to its development.

How do we support our clients go through the steps to start volunteering.

1. IDENTIFY YOUR SKILLS

2. RECOGNISE YOUR INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

3. SEARCH FOR VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

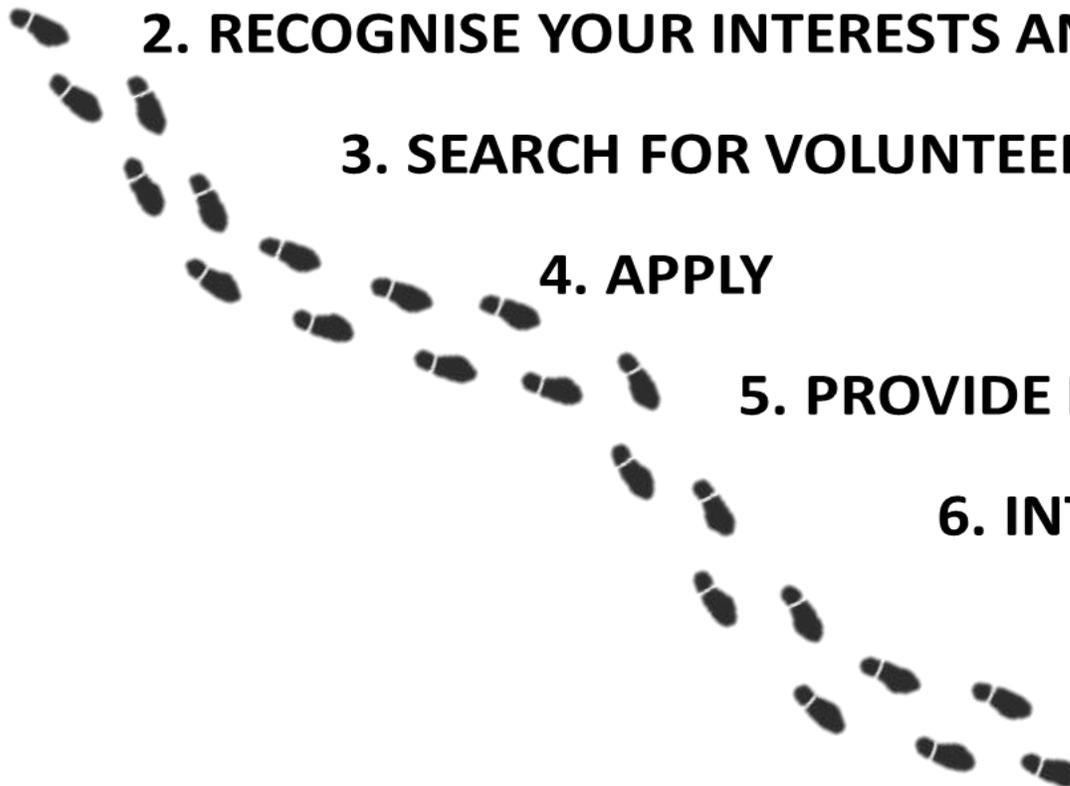
4. APPLY

5. PROVIDE REFERENCES

6. INTERVIEW (and perhaps DBS)

7. TRAINING

8. START VOLUNTEERING!



Once people have started volunteering, it's normal to have the following questions;

- How much time have I committed myself?
- Am I receiving the necessary training?
- How and when do I claim my travel expenses? ..contact person.
- What if I am late or sick, who do I call?
- What if do not understand my tasks and duties?
- Health and safety procedures – in case of Fire, accident ...Covid-19 guidelines?

*Find the answers and enjoy the volunteering experience.



Thank You



ANY
QUESTIONS?

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