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| Image  **LMP Strategy Group Agenda**  **Tuesday 30th April 2024 10.00-12.00**  **Venue: RETAS, 233 – 237 Roundhay Road, Leeds, LS8 4HS** | |
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| **Item** |  |

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies – Karen Pearse (5 mins)
2. Minutes, Amendments and Actions from the Last Meeting - Karen Pearse (5 mins)
3. Key Themes: (70 mins)

* Partner updates on asylum discontinuations: (45 mins)
* Leeds Housing Options: Kerrie Murray, Head of Homelessness and Amber Khan, Senior Housing Advisor, LCC
* DWP: Gemma Sharratt, Senior Partnership Manager, DWP
* RETAS: Roger Nyantou, Chief Executive, RETAS
* Partner Updates: All partners are invited to share insights and establish any next steps.
* LMP and upcoming elections – what’s our role? Jon Beech (25 mins)
* Local and national elections are taking place this year, how can LMP and the migrant third sector engage politicians to represent the views of migrant communities?

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| * + Session structure  1. What’s already happening/what resources are available? 2. Is anything important “missing”? 3. What do we have time/capacity to add? |

1. **What’s already happening/what resources are available?**

**Leeds**

**Third Sector Leeds - 4 key lobbying messages:**

* To extend the Household Support Fund and invest in tackling the root causes of poverty.
* To focus on community-led housing and planning to move out of the housing crisis and preventing homelessness.
* To limit the profit that private businesses can make from public money.
* To prioritise the third sector to support people to live in good health as they age.

**National**

**Asylum Matters March 24**

* [**‘Building a compassionate refugee protection system’**](https://asylummatters.org/app/uploads/2024/03/Building-a-compassionate-refugee-protection-system.pdf) (2 pages, National focus) <https://asylummatters.org/app/uploads/2024/03/Building-a->compassionate-refugee-protection-system.pdf
* Commitment to the right to seek asylum in the UK
* Building an asylum system that treats all people with dignity and compassion
* [**‘Campaigning ahead of the 2024 General Election’**](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Np0BQVFl2OFT5DsG1ctf1_VNYqxX2lPHB1dCje4nHQM/edit?usp=sharing) tons of links, including guidance on keeping within charity and electoral commission rules.
* City of Sanctuary - Questions for canvassers [‘What to do when a political canvasser knocks on your door...’](https://cityofsanctuary.org/2024/04/22/what-to-do-when-a-political-canvasser-knocks-on-your-door/) - City of Sanctuary UK

1. **Is anything important ‘missing’?**
   * Looking at LMP’s focus on Health, Housing, Work and Safety

* **Are there local priorities where local politicians can make a difference?**
* **What are the questions we might want to ask of *local* elected members (councillors)?** Eg <https://asylummatters.org/app/uploads/2019/03/Local-Elections-Questions-for-Candidates-on-RAS-2019-AM-word.docx>
* **Are there issues beyond asylum and refuge that we wish to highlight?** – eg Windrush, EU Migration, restrictions on migrant workers & family joiners

1. **What do we have time/capacity to add?**
   * What are LMP members’ planning to do in the run-up to the coming elections?

* Piggy-backing on bigger campaigns eg #togetherwithrefugees
* Providing briefing sheets to clients and supporters?
* Engaging/meeting candidates

**Additional resources**

* + **Voter registration and requirements (Local and National Elections)**
* Who can vote in 2024 elections?

<https://migrationpartnership.org.uk/can-refugees-and-migrants-vote-in-uk-elections-2024/>

* Voter ID requirements

<https://migrationpartnership.org.uk/elections-4-may-2023-voter-id-requirements-and-who-can-vote/>

* Promoting Migrant Votes

<https://promotemigrantvote.org.uk/resources/>

1. Updates on [Priorities](https://migrationpartnership.org.uk/lmp-priorities-for-2019-21/): (20 mins)

* Housing, Health, Safety and Inclusion, Employment and Learning, Legal Advice and the Cost of Living Crisis - All
* LCC Asylum Grant Funding - a summary of funded organisations is available on LMP [here](https://migrationpartnership.org.uk/grant-funding-to-support-people-seeking-asylum-a-summary-of-funded-activity/) – Sam Powell
* All partners are welcome to share updates

1. National, Regional and Local Updates (15 mins)

* Migration Yorkshire Regional Updates – Vicky Mulhern, Integration and Partnerships Officer, Migration Yorkshire
* Mears Update – Jade Raybould
* LMP Operations Group update – Ali Maghoub
* West Yorkshire Sub Regional Migration Group update – Ally Swaddling / Kathryn Ashworth. [VCS update from Migration Yorkshire, April 2024](https://migrationpartnership.org.uk/regional-report-on-migration-april-2024-from-migration-yorkshire/).
* Leeds Strategic Migration Board – Roger. A summary of the previous meeting on 6th Feb 2024 is available on LMP blog [here](https://migrationpartnership.org.uk/notes-leeds-strategic-migration-board-6-feb-2024/).
* **All partners are welcome to share updates.**

1. Any Other Business (5 mins)

* Next thematic meeting – partners are invited to share suggestions. Contact - Third Sector Team [thirdsectorteam@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:thirdsectorteam@leeds.gov.uk)

Future meeting dates – 2024/25

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| **Meeting** | **Date** | **Venue** |
| [**LMP Strategic Group**](https://migrationpartnership.org.uk/dates/) | * Thursday 18th July 2024 (10am-12pm) * Tuesday 15th October 2024 (10am-12pm) * Tuesday 21st January 2025 (10am-12pm) | **TBC** |
| [**LMP Operational Group**](https://migrationpartnership.org.uk/dates/) | * Monday 17th June 2024 (10am-12pm) * Monday 9th September 2024 (10am-12pm) * Monday 16th December 2024 (10am-12am) | One Community Centre, Cromwell Street, Lincoln Green, Leeds LS9 7SG |
| **Leeds Strategic Migration Board** **(LSMB)** | * Tuesday 7th May 2024 * Tuesday 10th September 2024 * Tuesday 10th December 2024 | Teams |