

PRO BONO DIRECTORY FOR REFUGEE LEGAL ASSISTANCE

For information regarding NGO's which assist refugees and migrants, please go to <http://www.refugeelaidinformation.org/refugee-resources> for information about the Rights in Exile Programme. Scroll down to find the Pro Bono Directory by country. Here are some examples of NGO's where lawyers can volunteer pro bono assistance for refugees.

AUSTRIA:

www.asyl-in-not.org/#sthash.sgiDOUC0.dpuf has a telephone helpline which provides information and assistance in 8 languages. There are 9 NGO's which provide assistance, some known to the Austrian National Bar Association.

BELGIUM:

Belgian Refugee Council (CBAR-BCHV)

<http://www.cbar-bchv.be/> Email: info@cbar-bchv.be

The Belgian Refugee Council is a non-profit association that provides advice and assistance to refugees and asylum seekers, and also to their lawyers and NGO's acting in the field. Its main working areas are legal aid to asylum application, family reunification of beneficiaries of international protection, and aid to asylum seekers in detention.

CIRE- Coordination et Initiatives pour Réfugiés et Etrangers (Coordination of Initiatives for Refugees and Foreigners)

www.cire.be Email: cire@cire.be

CIRE coordinates a network of NGOs providing services to refugees and asylum seekers including over 600 beds, assistance in finding and affording more permanent accommodation, visits to detention centres, French language classes and assistance integrating into Belgian culture, interpretation and aid in voluntary repatriation. Also works on advocacy for refugee and migrant policy.

CZECH REPUBLIC:

Association for Migration and Integration

<http://www.migrace.com/> Email: poradna@refug.cz

The Association for Integration and Migration is a non-profit organisation helping foreigners in the Czech Republic, with special focus on asylum seekers and refugees. It has a well established tradition of providing legal and social counseling to foreigners, such as asylum seekers, refugees, labour migrants, undocumented migrants and their families. As integral part of its activities it is working with the broader public on cultivating tolerance and combating xenophobia and racism.

FRANCE:

Association Pierre Claver

www.pierreclaver.org/

Pierre Claver Association is made up of lawyers and volunteer lawyers willing to help those displaced by force from their home country and taking refuge in France, especially asylum seekers within the meaning of French law and international levels.

Pierre Claver offers a service for free legal assistance for all steps, from entering French territory to the possible review of their cases by the National Court of the Right of Asylum.

Pierre Claver works closely with government agencies and private bodies, and provides services regardless of origin or religion. Among the cases presented to it, the association is focusing its efforts on those that meet the criteria set by the French and international conventions.

Association Revivre

<http://association-revivre.fr/> Email: refugiesrevivre@gmail.com

Online service dedicated solely to Syrian refugees in France to welcome them, inform them, orient them and accompany them at all steps, speaking Arabic, French and English.

Cimade <http://www.lacimade.org>

GERMANY:

agisra e.V. Email: info@gisra.org

Agrisa offers support for female refugees and migrants and their children. They provide a free and confidential advisory service for refugee and migrant women which includes legal and social service advice; run training courses to educate and inform these women about their rights; provide psychosocial counseling and therapy; and can provide details of partner organisations able to assist in other ways.

Arbeiterwohlfahrt Bundesverband (AWO)

www.awo.de Email: info@awo.org

AWO have offices throughout Germany, and offer legal aid services to those pursuing claims for asylum as well as lobbying the government and wider society on the issue of migrant's rights.

Arbeitskreis Asyl Rheinland-Pfalz (Working Group on Asylum Rhineland-Palatinate)

www.asyl-rlp.org Email: info@asyl-rlp.org

We are one of the 16 refugee councils in Germany and offer legal aid in the area immigration for the Rhineland-Pfalz county. We can provide advice and support for asylum applications. Volunteers in Rhineland-Palatinate can call and write to the Immigration Office on behalf of the applicant.

HUNGARY

The Cordelia Foundation for the Rehabilitation of Torture Victims

www.cordelia.hu Email: cordelia@cordelia.hu

The Cordelia Foundation for the Rehabilitation of Torture Victims offers complex psycho-social rehabilitation to severely traumatized asylum-seekers and refugees and their families. The professional staff usually treat refugee clients at the Hungarian reception centres. Specific services include: psychiatric, psychological and non-verbal therapies and social assistance; assisting torture survivor clients in the legal process with medical reports documenting the evidence of torture; offering trainings and supervision for professionals working with refugees, and organising awareness raising programme on the international day of torture victims.

Demokratikus Jogok Fejlesztéseért Alapítvány (Foundation for the Development of Democratic Rights)

www.demnet.org.hu Email: info@demnet.org.hu

Projects supporting the Roma community as well as migrants and refugees.

Magyar Helsinki Bizottság (Hungarian Helsinki Committee)

helsinki.hu; <http://helsinki.hu/en/> Email: helsinki@helsinki.hu

The HHC ensures access to effective, free-of-charge legal counselling and representation at all places (reception centres, community shelters, alien policing jails) where persons in need of international protection are accommodated or detained in Hungary.

IRELAND:

[www.legalaidboard.ie/lab/publishing.nsf/Content/Refugee Legal Service](http://www.legalaidboard.ie/lab/publishing.nsf/Content/Refugee_Legal_Service)

The RLS provides a service to asylum seekers at all stages of the asylum process. There is legal aid for assistance to make asylum applications

The Integration Centre

www.integrationcentre.ie Email: info@integrationcentre.ie

The Integration Centre - Connecting Communities Advancing Integration - is committed to the integration and inclusion of people from immigrant backgrounds in Ireland. The Centre specializes in planning, monitoring and advocacy at city, local, national and international levels and provides regionalized information, advice and training services. Evidence-based research influences positive change in legislation, policy and practice. We have more than 250 affiliated organisations as part of our network.

ITALY:

Programma Integra (Migration, Asylum and Social Integration Centre)

<http://www.programmaintegra.it/> Email: socio-legale@programmaintegra.it

Programma Integra is an integrated social cooperative founded in 2005. Its main function is facilitating and supporting the social integration of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers into local communities in Italy. It provides a range of services such as social and legal counselling, job orientation, encouraging employers to hire migrants and refugees, vocational training courses and Italian language courses, intercultural mediation initiatives, and social mediation services in the field of housing. Such interventions are carried out by a team of professional social workers.

Asilo in Europa (Asylum in Europe)

www.asiloineuropa.blogspot.co.uk/

Asilo in Europa is an Italian NGO based in Bologna (Italy) and focuses on asylum protection in the EU. Their main aims are to promote the development of a common understanding of the European dimension of asylum law, as well as to improve the exchange of information among NGOs that work in different countries. Their blog *Asilo in Europa* provides news, analysis and commentaries on EU asylum law, jurisprudence and policy; and a description of the main points of the asylum systems of each EU Member State.

Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration (ASGI)

www.asgi.it Email: segreteria@asgi.it

The Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration (ASGI) is a membership-based association focusing on all juridical aspects of immigration. As a pool of lawyers, academics, consultants and civil society representatives, ASGI's expertise relates to various areas of immigration and migrants' rights, including but not limited to anti-discrimination and migrants rights, xenophobia, children's and unaccompanied minor's rights, asylum seekers, refugees, stateless, and citizenship.

Avvocati per niente (APN) (Lawyers for Free)

www.avvocatiperniente.it Email: info@avvocatiperniente.it

APN is an association of volunteer lawyers that deal with immigration and asylum cases.

Borderline Sicilia

www.siciliamigranti.blogspot.it/ Email: borderline-sicilia@libero.it

Borderline Sicilia monitors migration in Sicily: the arrival of migrants, their arrival in centers, and their administrative detention, with a particular focus on vulnerable categories (women, minors, asylum seekers). It publishes on their blog material about their activities, sends monthly newsletters, provides legal, social and medical assistance. It also focuses on lobbying and advocacy activities. It promotes important cases in different tribunals and works with other organisations, like the Observatory against discrimination "Noureddine Adnan".

Consiglio Italiano per i Rifugiati (CIR) (Italian Refugee Council)

www.cir-onlus.org/ Email: cir@cir-onlus.org

The CIR have offices all over Italy, in Malpensa, Gorizia, Venezia, Verona, Ancona, Caserta, Napoli, Lecce, Brindisi, Badolato, Palermo and Catania, details of which are available on their website. The goal of CIR is to defend the rights of refugees and asylum seekers through assistance at the border to ensure access to refugee protection; social and legal assistance for asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection; Reception and care for victims of torture; assistance to refugee women; legal assistance and social guidance for unaccompanied minors; and assistance to refugee communities.

LUXEMBOURG:

Association de Soutien aux Travailleurs Immigrés (Support Association for Immigrant Workers) (ASTI)

www.asti.lu Email: zerktouni@asti.lu

Support services for refugees including providing information and translation.

Caritas Luxembourg

www.caritas.lu Email: caritas@caritas.lu

Website provides contact details for different departments offering services to refugees: housing, legal assistance, advice, integration support.

Provides support for asylum seekers including housing (Foyer Sainte Antoine: capacity 88 people), legal advice, integration support and translation.

- See more at: <http://www.refugeelaidinformation.org/luxembourg-pro-bono-directory#sthash.oSz4GO8w.dpuf>

MALTA:

The People For Change Foundation

www.pfcmalta.org/ Email : info@pfcmalta.org

The People for Change Foundation (PFC) is a Malta-based human rights think tank with a Maltese, European and global scope. PFC provides evidence-based, independent, practical and creative ideas on the protection, respect and promotion of human rights in Malta and across the European Union. PFC can provide advice to asylum seekers and their lawyers, particularly those facing return to Malta under the Dublin II system. They are also in a position to refer asylum seekers to other entities that may be better able to assist in particular cases.

Aditus Foundation

www.aditus.org.mt Email: info@aditus.org.mt

Aditus was founded in 2011 by a group of young lawyers who made it their mission to monitor, report and act on human rights access in Malta. Our main activities include offering pro bono legal information and advice to refugees, both through community advocacy projects and aid to individual clients. For the latter, we make regular visits to detention facilities and welcome refugee clients at our offices. We focus primarily on the laws and government of Malta but also address the EU institutions, the UN, the Council of Europe and other relevant agencies. We remain in constant communication and cooperation with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental entities to maintain a comprehensive approach and to ensure that refugees know they can solicit our help.

MOROCCO:

Droit et Justice

www.droitjustice.org Email: maud@droitjustice.org or sofia@droitjustice.org; jonah@droitjustice.org; aminata@droitjustice.org.

With the support of the Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders (EMHRF), the British Embassy in Morocco and the Arab Human Rights Fund (AHRF), the Association Droit et Justice launched in August 2013 a program of legal aid for asylum seekers in Morocco. Migrants in Morocco mainly come from sub-Saharan Africa. Some of them have had to flee their country after being persecuted because of their race, religion, nationality, political opinion or because they are members of a particular social group. The goal of this project is to train a team of lawyers and jurists willing to invest voluntarily in legal aid for asylum seekers by being assigned one case per year under the supervision of Droit et Justice. In this way, lawyers will use the acquired theoretical skills to assist migrants in their application for asylum in Morocco. Of course, our association provides permanent legal support, as well as ongoing training, to the volunteer lawyers and jurists.

Association Beni Znassen pour la Culture, le Développement et la Solidarité (ABCDS)

www.abcds-maroc.org/ EMail: abcds.asso@gmail.com

Le programme « Migrations et Droits Humains » de l'ABCDS Maroc a pour mission : Fournir un soutien humanitaire d'urgence pour les migrants en situation de vulnérabilité, aux personnes entrantes sur le territoire marocain et aux personnes reconduites à la frontière; Offrir aux migrants un accès à l'information socio-juridique ; Accompagner et orienter juridiquement les migrants, réfugiés et demandeurs d'asile et faire valoir leurs droits ; Récolter les données et recueil des témoignages sur les violations des droits des migrants aux frontières maroco-algériennes ; Promouvoir les actions de sensibilisation et de plaidoyer au Maroc et en Europe sur les conséquences des politiques migratoires sur les droits des migrants.

Beni Znassen Association for Culture, Development and Solidarity (ABCDS) is an association governed by the Moroccan law, established in June 12th, 2005 by a group of young activists. Among other programs, ABCDS leads a program of humanitarian and legal support to migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in distress in the zone of Oujda and its neighborhood. ABCDS is engaged alongside other associations, in the denunciation of the pitiful living conditions of the migrants in

transit in Morocco and the important infringements of their rights and physical integrity from which they are victims as well in Morocco as during their crossing attempts towards Europe.

Association Démocratique des Femmes du Maroc (ADFM)

www.adfm.ma/ Email: contact@adfm.ma

The democratic association of women in Morocco –ADFM- is an autonomous, feminist, and non profit NGO. Its principal objective is the promotion of women’s rights and strategic interests. ADFM is a member of the Euromed Human Rights Network’s Migration and Asylum Working group.

Association Marocaine d’Appui à la Promotion de la Petite Entreprise (AMAPPE)

<http://www.amappe.org.ma> Email: amappe@mtds.com

Runs a socio-economic integration project in partnership with the High Commissioner for Refugees United Nations in Morocco. This creates micro income generating activities.

L’Association Marocaine des Droits Humains (AMDH)

www.amdh.org.ma/ E-mail: amd1@mtds.com

AMDH is an independent NGO which promotes the respect for all human rights. AMDH intervenes to officials and to the concerned responsible in order to protect and ensure the respect of human rights and to support and bring justice to victims of violations. The AMDH is a member of the Euromed Human Rights Network's Migration and Asylum Working group.

Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network (EMHRN)

www.euomedrights.org

Email: information@euomedrights.net

NETHERLANDS:

Vereiniging Asieladvocaten en Juristen Nederlands (Association of Asylum Lawyers) (VAJN)

www.vajn.org/ Email: vajn@vajn.org

VAJN is an association of asylum lawyers who provide legal aid. You can find associates of VAJN in several Dutch cities.

VluchtelingenWerk Nederland (Dutch Council for Refugees)

www.vluchtelingenwerk.nl Email: info@vluchtelingenwerk.nl

VluchtelingenWerk Nederland (Dutch Refugee Council) is an independent, non-governmental organisation, founded in 1979. They offer refugees practical support during their asylum procedure and can help them rebuild their lives in the Netherlands. With one National Office, 14 regional offices, and 310 local branches, they are active in 90% of all local council districts. The National Office supports the regional and local branches with advice, education, and information. They provide personal and legal support, and can access lawyers for asylum claims. They also provide information about countries of origin to lawyers, as well as sources to substantiate asylum claims, research case law history and (European) legislation.

POLAND:

The Halina Niec Legal Aid Centre

www.pomocprawna.org Email:
przybyslawska@pomocprawna.org, pajura@pomocprawna.org

HNLAC is a non-profit non-governmental organisation established in 2002 in Kraków. HNLAC's main objective is to protect human rights by providing free legal aid to persons at risk of social exclusion and discrimination, including the poor, victims of domestic violence, foreigners, asylum seekers and refugees. The HNLAC also monitors the adherence to standards of human rights, undertakes legal interventions and advocacy activities, and pursues research and educational projects. The Center also undertakes activities aimed at preventing and tackling human and child trafficking by organising social campaigns and offering legal aid to the victims. Since 2003 the HNLAC has become an implementing partner of UNHCR in Poland and is involved in regular provision of free legal aid in refugee centers, detention centers, monitoring of access to refugee procedure and the non-refoulement principle. HNLAC lawyers provide free legal aid to people at risk of social exclusion and discrimination, including the poor, victims of domestic violence, foreigners and refugees.

Helsińska Fundacja Praw Człowieka (Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights)

www.programy.hfhr.pl Email: uchodzcy@hfhr.org.pl

Provides free legal assistance to refugees and aliens in Poland. The assistance includes legal advice on application for refugee status, legalisation of stay, administrative, family, labour and penal law, family reunification as well as representation of cases that risk human rights violation. The activities of Helsinki Foundation also comprise monitoring the deportation areas and reception centres, publication of a series of brochures and leaflets informing about the Polish law and procedures pertaining to foreigners and refugees, and participation in a legislative process.

Polskie Forum Migracyjne (Polish Migration Forum)

www.forummigracyjne.org Email: info@forummigracyjne.org

The Polish Migration Forum runs an online information service for migrants, equips Polish libraries with migration-related reading, and runs various projects and activities to support the education of migrants and refugees (training teachers, conducting information meetings for Polish parents, and running multicultural projects in schools for Polish and refugee children, amongst others). The PFM Helpline welcomes legal queries online via its website. The Helpline offers an opportunity to ask question on asylum and migration and to receive an answer via the website.

Stowarzyszenie Interwencji Prawnej (SIP) (Association for Legal Intervention)

www.interwencjaprawna.pl Email: biuro@interwencjaprawna.pl

The Association for Legal Intervention was established in 2005 to give legal advice to people, whose rights and freedom are threatened. We provide free legal and integration counseling to foreigners, including forced migrants – asylum seekers and recognized refugees, and we represent them during the administrative procedures.

PORTUGAL:

Conselho Português para os Refugiados

www.cpr.pt Email: geral@cpr.pt

Conselho Português para os Refugiados provide legal advice, help with finding housing and accessing social allowances. They also undertake training and professional integration services (especially with Portuguese language courses).

ROMANIA:

Consiliul National Roman Pentru Refugiati / Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR)

www.cnrr.ro/ Email: office@cnrr.ro

The Romanian National Council for Refugees (CNRR) is a non-governmental organisation, founded in 1998 in Bucharest, Romania. CNRR is the main partner of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in regard to the implementation of the assistance programs offered to asylum seekers and refugees. CNRR provides social assistance services and legal counseling through its specialized departments to asylum seekers, refugees and migrants. CNRR's research and documentation centre ROCCORD specializes in providing COI (Country of Origin Information) for all parties involved in the asylum procedure. All these services are offered free of charge. CNRR provides legal counselling for asylum seekers throughout the entire asylum procedure, training for lawyers and interpreters involved in the asylum procedure.

Forumul Român pentru Refugiați și Migranți / Romanian Forum for Refugees and Migrants (ARCA)

<http://arca4refugee.wordpress.com> Email: office@arca.org.ro

ARCA aims at defending and promoting the universal human rights, especially the rights of refugees, of persons granted subsidiary protection and other migrants. ARCA also aims at developing a network of organisations and institutions working to answer adequately to refugees' needs. ARCA works on the monitoring integration of refugees and advocates for improving legislation and practice in the migration field. ARCA also provides social services, legal assistance and assistance on citizenship procedure.

SPAIN:

Comisión Española de Ayuda al Refugiado (CEAR)

www.cear.es Email: nuria.diaz@cear.es

The Spanish Commission for Refugees (CEAR) is a non-profit organization founded in 1979. Our mission is to defend and promote Human Rights and assist refugees, stateless persons and migrants who need international protection and/or are exposed to social exclusion and to defend the right to access asylum.

Centro Hispano-Africano/FUNDESO

Manuel Marañón, 13, 28043 Madrid Tel: +34 91 759 01 62

A cultural and educational reference for both the African population along with other nationalities in Madrid. This center offers a variety of services and activities, from judicial advice to language courses, job search, and other integration oriented activities.

COMRADE - Comité de Defensa de los Refugiados, Asilados, e Inmigrantes en el Estado Español

www.comrade.es Email: admon@comrade.es

Provides support and legal guidance to all those who come to the headquarters of our organisation, or doing telephone inquiries from other parts of the State. Legal advice is focused on the following areas: information on obtaining work permits and residence permits, family reunification, getting the Spanish nationality, administrative appeals against refusals, withdrawal of removal orders, asylum applications .

COMRADE also offers social assistance and advice on accessing education, housing, healthcare etc as well as psychological counselling.

ONG Rescate Internacional

www.ongrescate.org/ Email: rescate@ongrescate.org

Provides legal advice and practical help to asylum seekers.

SWITZERLAND:

Swiss Refugee Council

www.fluechtlingshilfe.ch/ Email: info@fluechtlingshilfe.ch

The Swiss Refugee Council OSAR is a non-governmental, politically and religiously independent organization. It is the umbrella organization of Swiss NGOs supporting asylum seekers and refugees. OSAR also organizes training courses for lawyers and for the professional staff of legal advice centers.

UNITED KINGDOM:

Asylum Aid

www.asylumaid.org.uk/ Email: info@asylumaid.org.uk

Asylum Aid is an independent, national charity who work to secure protection for people seeking refuge in the United Kingdom from persecution and human rights abuses abroad. They provide free, accessible, high-quality legal services to asylum-seekers with a particular focus on the most vulnerable and excluded.

Bail for Immigration Detainees

<http://www.biduk.org/> Email for general enquiries: enquiries@biduk.org
Email for bail casework: casework@biduk.org

Bail for Immigration Detainees' vision is of a world in which there is no immigration detention. While it exists it believes it should be judicially sanctioned and time-limited. The organisation provides legal advice and representation to people held in prisons and detention centres under immigration powers to enable them to secure their release from detention and gathers evidence from its research and casework to influence detention policy and practice.

MIGRANT CHILDREN'S PROJECT

Email: mcp@coramclc.org.uk

The Migrant Children's Project offers free initial legal advice on all issues affecting migrant, asylum-seeking and refugee children, young people and families including: immigration, asylum and nationality law, support and accommodation, age assessment, education, work and training, and health care.

Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants

www.jcwi.org.uk/ Email: info@jcwi.org.uk

The Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI) is an independent national voluntary organisation campaigning for justice and combating racism in immigration and asylum law

and policy. The JCWI provides free legal advice and casework, training courses for legal practitioners and a range of publications.

Manuel Bravo Project

www.manuelbravo.org.uk/ Email: office@manuelbravo.org.uk

The Manuel Bravo Project was set up to provide free legal advice to asylum seekers looking to appeal against a negative first decision or submit a fresh claim for asylum and who cannot obtain legal aid. Within the Manuel Bravo Project paid and voluntary Immigration Caseworkers work directly with their clients by preparing their bundles and representing them in court wherever possible.