



**JUMP creates an environment where friendships can flourish, breaking down social barriers, combating isolation and promoting a sense of belonging for these young individuals.**

*Young Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Volunteers become advocates for their communities, supporting each other through long-lasting friendships.*

Long Term Change

Beyond a year

**Outcomes**

9 to 12 months

6 to 9 months

3 to 6 months

Initial Meeting to 3 months



**The Need**

Young refugees and people seeking asylum face considerable challenges in establishing and rebuilding their lives here in the UK. They have precarious status in an unwelcoming national environment, many have had to make multiple appeals to gain protective status. Stuck in hotels and dispersed away from supportive communities, they are structurally isolated from British society.

As a result young people experience mounting feelings of isolation and loneliness. Whilst dealing with the outcome of trauma they may have experienced prior to arriving in, and enroute to, the UK, young people are made to wait for the result of asylum claims for months, and even years. Anti-migrant sentiment pushed by the Home Office and UK media outlets further ostracizes young people and only aims to damage independence.

Young people have the experiences and capabilities to pursue their own aspirations and support others to do the same

Young people feel confident about what the future holds

Young people feel they are part of a wider support network and know they can access the Hardship Fund if they need to

Young people know they can go to their JUMP project coordinator for support if they need it

**Casework**



Befriending pairs feel more confident navigating British Society. Befrienders leave JUMP with a better understanding of UK's asylum system

Befriending pairs feel mutually empowered and inspired by the friendship they have formed

Befriending pairs feel more comfortable meeting up with each other, and young people feel less isolated in their new city

Befriending pairs meet every two weeks and begin to develop friendships

**Befriending**



Befriending pairs plan and lead future events and trainings and feel they are active members of a larger community

Befriending pairs feel able to suggest and develop new ideas that benefit the wider community

Befriending pairs connect with each other and are able to support one another

Befriending pairs attend a JUMP community event, meet other project participants, and have a fun experience

**Community**



**Strategies**

**Our Work**

JUMP works with displaced young people, aged 16-25, who arrived in the UK unaccompanied, and match them with volunteer befrienders. We:

- Pair young people with a volunteer befriender who they can meet with every two weeks for a year (or longer), and cover all expenses for these meetings.
- Offer casework support covering legal, housing, employment, and education needs.
- Have a hardship fund young people can access to cover travel, food, clothing, and other necessities
- Host bimonthly community events and trainings where young people and volunteers can meet one another, learn, and have fun.