

Gweithgor | Working Group

Cenedl Noddfa | Nation of Sanctuary

16/06/2025

Mynychwyr | Attendees

REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) (Chair standing in for REDACTED – SECTION 40(2))
– Welsh Government

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REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) – Wales Strategic Migration Partnership
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Ymddiheuriadau | Apologies

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1. Welcome and introductions

REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) welcomed everyone to the meeting, and explained that she would be chairing, in REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) absence.

REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) provided an overview of recent changes within the Sanctuary and Integration team. She introduced the team members and outlined the specific areas of work each individual is responsible for.

REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) explained that REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) is no longer in the Migration and Nation of Sanctuary Branch but is now heading up a new team within the Cohesive Communities Division, as REDACTED – SECTION 40(2).

REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) explained the role change, noting that his work with community cohesion and hate crime is continuing. He thanked everyone for their work on Nation of Sanctuary and explained that he will still be involved in this Working Group.

2. REDACTED – SECTION 38(1) update

REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) provided an update on the project, including its aims, objectives, and key workstreams. This includes setting up a 3-day training programme for ambassadors delivered by REDACTED – SECTION 38(1), covering policy background and report writing.

Action – Anyone interested in supporting the ambassadors with support with policy background, training, etc. to contact REDACTED – SECTION 40(2).

The project will also include psycho-social support, regular feedback sessions, training refreshers, and support to access Welsh lessons. There are plans to offer advice sessions on participation tools developed by the REDACTED – SECTION 38(1), and space can be created for others to hear more about this.

It is hoped that the ambassadors will be at the next Working Group meeting.

REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) also extended an invitation to attendees to a Refugee Week event at Cardiff University - Stronger Community: Brighter Future, Friday 1.30-4.30.

3. Welsh Government update: Welcome Ticket

REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) explained that they are working with partners, but that it is proving challenging. They are waiting for a viable system and will then come out with more information but stated that Welsh Government is still committed to delivering.

REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) explained that they were aiming to launch the Welcome Ticket in autumn 2025 but will keep the group updated.

4. Indicators and next steps

REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) explained that the indicators had been discussed in the previous meeting, and REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) confirmed that no responses to the indicators had been received over email.

Participants were asked to review the indicators and highlight those they felt the group should prioritise. The following indicators were mentioned during the meeting and in the sidebar chat:

- No.3 – REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) noted that ESOL policy is being reviewed with colleagues in the sector, working with CAVC and Reach hubs. Any interested parties in the meeting can contact REDACTED – SECTION 40(2), as they want to hear about demand on the front line.
- No.9 & no.11 – REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) said his team could liaise on these ones.
- No.10 – REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) noted that the Accessible Communications Standards will be published soon and will include measures and indicators – will be collecting data for indicator no.10.
- No.20 – how would we measure how the promotion is being carried out? And would no.30 help with no.20?
- No.30 – REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) mentioned that victims in rural Wales may lack the knowledge of what services are available, and there should be a discussion point for future meetings on the changing political landscape in Wales and increased racism.

It was also asked what percentage increase people would want to see as a guide for improvement, and what are the potential data gaps.

REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) highlighted the Migrant Integration Framework for Wales and noted that an MSc student will be starting a 12-week placement to explore how best to present the data. He also mentioned that funding is in place for a statistician, with recruitment currently underway.

REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) mentioned a pilot being run for employability and skills for young, trafficked people. REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) noted that the best contacts for REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) in the Nation of Sanctuary Policy and Integration team would be REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) (health) and REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) (employability).

Actions:

- **All members to go through the data source column in the indicators document and add suggestions of relevant data sources, by the end of July.**
- **Each member to suggest the top indicators we should prioritise as a group – please suggest a minimum of 5.**

3. Terms of Reference

REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) asked members to consider who may be missing from the meeting.

Suggestions made included:

- REDACTED – SECTION 38(1) (invited this time but unable to attend)
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- Welsh Government housing colleagues

Actions:

- **REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) to check whether the Terms of Reference were signed off in a previous meeting**
- **REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) to invite above organisations to the next meeting in September.**

4. AOB

REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) asked attendees if there were any specific issues they would like to focus on in the next meeting.

- REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) suggested discussing racism and hate crime, rural areas, the political landscape, and that some employers only consider paid work experience, not voluntary experience.
- REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) suggested an update on the Welcome Ticket.

REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) mentioned that the overarching [Strategic Equality and Human Rights Plan 2025-2029](#) has been published, and there was a [Written Statement](#).

REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) invited attendees to the Sanctuary in the Senedd event on 3 July (***please note that the event has been postponed until the autumn – members will be notified when a new date has been confirmed**)

REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) mentioned the WISERD project, and will send an email to attendees with details. REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) suggested that WISERD colleagues could attend the meeting in future to provide an update.

Action – REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) to discuss attending with WISERD.

REDACTED – SECTION 40(2) mentioned that the [Anti-Slavery Wales Conference 2025](#) will be held on 16 October in Llandudno Junction.

Date of next meeting: Monday 29 September 2025, 11am