

'My Future' is exciting with Ashley Community Housing

Ashley Community Housing is delighted to be part of the “My Future” project which is being coordinated by Borderlands. ACH, along with other local organisations including Bristol Refugee Rights, Pennywise and Talking Money, are delivering a four-week course aimed at people who have recently received their refugee status to prepare when for independent life in the UK. The four sessions focus on Housing, Benefits, Budgeting and Employability. ACH is delivering in the first, housing session and the last, employability session.

The transition between being an asylum seeker and living independently in the UK can often be a particularly challenging time. When people receive their refugee status they are given a 28-day period within which they have to leave their NASS accommodation and find somewhere different to live. A significant number of people will experience homelessness during this time.

The “My Future” project aims to provide learners with the skills they need in order to find somewhere to live, manage their money, apply for whatever state benefits they may be entitled to and find a job. Attendees of the course can be also offered referrals for one-to-one appointments with partner organisations so they can receive more tailored support.

One of the course tutors said:

“The “My Future” provides students with vital information and knowledge which can allow them to develop and maintain fulfilling lives throughout their life in the UK.”