

## PRESS RELEASE

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# NO RECOURSE TO PUBLIC FUND GRANTS (NRPF)

NRPF CAMPAIGN DATES: 24 JANUARY 2022 - 31 MARCH 2022

**Support When It Matters (SWIM Enterprises) is the lead partner in a consortium made up of four organisations:**

**SWIM** - SWIM helps seldom heard and vulnerable individuals to access resources and opportunities available to live healthy, purposeful lives. Our activities involve working with government, business, public services and BAME organisations to champion fairness, challenge discrimination and improve well being.

**Refugee Women's Association, Middle Eastern Women in Society (MEWSO)** - Refugee Woman's Association works to empower and enable refugee, migrant and asylum-seeking women with their journey to integration.

**Middle Eastern Women in Society (MEWSO)** - MEWSO aim of overcoming the isolation of vulnerable women who have suffered from domestic and honour-related violence. Working in local communities all over London to forge networks of female refugees, to enable them to become friends, share experiences, advice and support each other to beat isolation., counselling and befriending services. We are able to provide Middle Eastern displaced women with the support that public, local services cannot.

**Kanlungan Filipino Consortium** - Kanlungan is a registered charity consisting of several Filipino and Southeast and East Asian community organisations working closely together for the welfare and interests of Filipino and other migrant communities in the UK.

No Recourse to Public Funds is a condition applied to people who are subject to immigration control and because of this, they have no entitlement to certain health care and welfare benefits including: Universal Credit; Housing benefit; Child benefit; Job Seekers Allowance; homelessness assistance; and allocation of social housing through the council register or other housing provider routes.

## SUPPORT WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED

Hackney Council have funded SWIM and partners to offer support and assistance to families, or individuals over 18 years of age, who are experiencing hardship due to their NRPF status, including people who may be undocumented. Each organisation will carry out a person-centred assessment, to identify immediate need and support those individuals to access the fund.

## WHO CAN MAKE A REFERRAL?

- Community organisations in London Borough of Hackney
- Individuals who fall into No Recourse to Public Funds circumstances

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## NOTES TO EDITORS:

1. Section 115 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 states that a person will have 'no recourse to public funds' if they are 'subject to immigration control'. This means that they are not entitled to most welfare benefits, including Universal Credit, child benefit, housing benefit, and a range of allowances and tax credits. It applies to most non-EEA migrants without Indefinite Leave to Remain.
2. SWIM and partners have been grant funded by Hackney Council to provide financial assistance for individuals and families with No Recourse to Public Funds that have been affected financially by the covid-19 pandemic.
3. SWIM Enterprises (Support When It Matters) is a community interest company that empowers people in Hackney and its neighbouring communities to improve their health, well-being and life chances. SWIM offers support to reduce re-offending, drug and alcohol support, mental health outreach and improved social inclusion and employability.

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