**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Who is eligible to join?**

The group is open to anyone living in the West Midlands with direct, personal experience as a migrant regardless of their immigration status.

**How long will the group operate?**

The group will meet for a minimum of 12 months and, subject to funding, will continue for a further period.

**How much time will it take?**

Meetings will take place every three months and last for around two hours.

We may send you reports to read before the meetings so that you can give your opinions and suggestions.

**Where will meetings take place?**

We want to be as flexible as possible so may hold meetings in the evenings or weekends. They will be a mix of in person and online sessions.

**Do I need to speak English to take part?**

We would ideally like members to have a reasonable level of English to the equivalent of ESOL level 3 or higher.

**Will I be paid for taking part?**

We want to ensure that all participants are fairly compensated for giving their time and as such we will provide each member with a payment of £50 for attendance and participation in the group.

We will also reimburse travel expenses for in-person meetings.

**What if my immigration status does not allow me to work?**

We are keen to ensure the participation of those seeking asylum but recognise the restrictions on receiving payment for work.

Successful applicants who are currently seeking asylum will still receive travel expenses and we will provide alternative benefits equivalent to the same value paid to other participants. This will be agreed with individuals once appointed.