Journey LGBT+ Asylum Group



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About the Journey LGBT+ Asylum Group

The Journey LGBT+ Asylum Group is a support group for asylum seekers and refugees in the West Midlands.

Our mission

Empowering people who identify as LGBT+ through the asylum process and beyond.

Our vision

To create a safe space for LGBT+ asylum seekers and refugees in the West Midlands, helping them find community, healing and support, throughout their asylum journey.

Our aims

- To create safe and welcoming spaces for connections and community among LGBT+ asylum seekers.
- To enhance confidence, resilience, and self-acceptance among members.
- To provide information and signposting through the asylum process and beyond.
- To promote greater inclusion across the West Midlands and collaborating with other groups to support LGBT+ asylum seekers.

Our values

- **Security:** We prioritise creating a safe and liberating environment where everyone can be themselves without fear.
- **Acceptance:** We embrace all individuals with compassion, openness, and a non-judgmental attitude, ensuring everyone feels valued.
- **Recognition:** We acknowledge each person's dignity and experiences, ensuring they feel seen, validated, and respected.
- **Empowerment:** We encourage and support individuals to take agency over their lives, fostering self-respect and partnership.
- **Belonging:** We cultivate a sense of family and trust, building deep connections and friendships within our community.
- **Positivity:** We inspire hope, optimism, and courage, promoting a positive outlook and resilience in our members.

2025/26 at a glance

The group continues to grow – we started 2025 with 265 members, and as of March 2026, now have 299. We marked our tenth year of operation by officially becoming a charity and recruiting our first paid member of staff.

Throughout 2025, 186 members in total took part in group activities, and we continue to regularly attract 50 members to our monthly meetings. As a result, food and travel are still key expenses – in 2025 we gave out over 600 bus passes to cover travel costs, and spent over £1000 on pizza.

Our volunteers and Buddies continue to play a vital role in the group, helping organise and run activities, as well as providing one-to-one and peer support to 112 members in 2025. 40 members were given letters of support from Journey as evidence in their asylum claims, and over 60 members were granted leave to remain in the UK.

We have also connected with even more other organisations this year. This has helped us provide a greater range of activities for members, attract more volunteers, signpost members to more sources of specialist support, and raise greater awareness amongst support organisations of the specific needs and challenges faced by LGBT+ asylum seekers in the West Midlands.

> *"At first I felt worried and insecure, but through the welcoming smile of the team you all have made all of us feel home and happy."*
> - Journey member

> *"Being a Buddy gives me a deep sense of fulfilment, sharing my time and experience brings greater joy than always being the one receiving support. It also boosts my confidence and self-esteem."*
> - Journey Buddy

> *"I think about how I would want to be treated if my life was swapped with one of our members. If I can help someone smile or feel safe and happy then I feel good. I am always amazed by our members' strength, resilience, joy and creation of a chosen family. Everyone should be free to love openly without fear and repression."*
> - Journey volunteer

> *"Journey's passion, compassion, and tireless advocacy shine through everything they do. Their impact on the communities they support is both visible and profound. We're incredibly proud to work alongside Journey, and to continue building spaces where everyone feels welcome, safe, and valued."*
> - Ashlee Elizabeth-Lolo, Birmingham Hippodrome

Connections and community: group activities

Monthly meetings

Our monthly in-person meetings are the core of Journey's programme of activities. These are where the majority of our members connect with the group. Here are just some of the highlights from 2025.



In February, members tested their knowledge in an LGBT History Month quiz, and shared wellbeing tips.

Our March meeting focused on LGBT+ identities, providing an opportunity for members to clarify the meaning of key vocabulary and gain a better understanding of the whole rainbow family.

> *"It was really an amazing day. I really enjoyed the love and support that was given."*

In May, members prepared for Pride by creating colourful bracelets and posters, and reflecting on why Pride events are important.

> *"Today I have spent a wonderful moment in my UK life. All members are very friendly. I'm very happy about this meeting."*

> *"Today I really had a great time and it was wonderful to see everyone interacting with each other and had discussions on different topics and sharing their experience and supporting each other. Thank you everyone I'm really grateful."*





AJ from Birmingham Hippodrome brought the beats to our July meeting, working with our members to create our very own Journey hip hop track, helping them select the sounds and rhythms, and even drop their own lyrics. In September, Birmingham Opera Company put our members through their singing, moving and acting paces. The lively workshop involved lots of laughter, and some members got to share their own devised performance.

> *"It was a great time. I enjoy a lot really."*

Other topics included how to work effectively with your lawyer, what makes good evidence to support your claim and how to prepare for your Home Office interview. We also talked about safe relationships and consent, UK cultures and customs, and did a festive Christmas quiz.

We also continued to hold monthly Zoom meetings, covering topics such as new year's resolutions, International Women's Day, the UK education system, how to write to your MP and the very strange traditions around Halloween and Bonfire Night.

> *"We did enjoy it very much. Thank you for always finding something to remind us that we are loved and cared for."*

Birmingham Pride

This is a very significant event in the Journey calendar. Many of our members have come from countries where even speaking about LGBT+ matters is taboo. To march in the streets, waving rainbow flags, and to be cheered and applauded by the general public is a joyful and powerful experience.

> *"It was one of my best experiences for the first time attending Pride with Journey LGBT+ Asylum Group. I'm so happy to be part of this family."*

This year our joyful Journey posse included beautiful headdresses made in our 'Finding Pride' creative sessions and rainbow bracelets made in our May meeting.

> *"In my country, Pride events are barely recognised or understood by most people. Last year was the first time I attended one, and this year again, I found myself surrounded by a community full of love and support. It made me feel safe, seen, and accepted. The most powerful part is realising how much it means to be embraced for who we are - especially in a place where awareness is still growing."*



> *"It reminded me how special it is to be yourself and feel accepted. Pride is about love, support, and standing together. I'm happy to be part of a community that celebrates everyone for who they are. Happy Pride!"*

Finding Pride

In July, Journey members and volunteers braved torrential rain to walk in the Queens Heath Pride parade, and visit the 'Finding Pride' exhibition. This was the culmination of a series of creative workshops with Journey members, organised by Kings Heath Action for Refugees (KHAR). Members worked with textiles, photography and block printing to create some amazing and powerful pieces.

> *"Thank you to the members of the group to make this day memorable."*





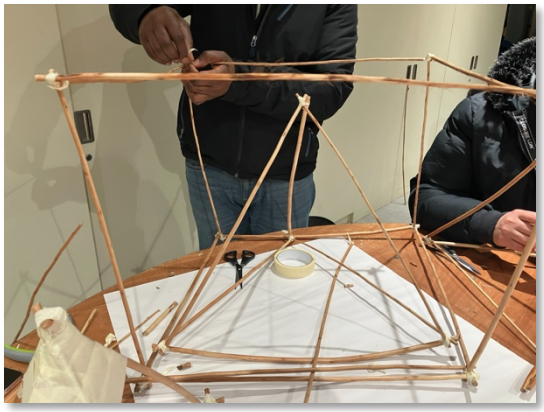
"I enjoyed the activities and my most favourite one was fabric printing and decoration stuff which I made little birds. Thank you so much for giving us opportunities to explore ourselves."

Light Up Fest

From December to February, Journey members attended workshops where they made lanterns from willow and paper. Organised by Autin Dance Theatre, these workshops culminated in a spectacular lantern parade through Cannon Hill Park, where our members got to show off their illuminated creations.

"Honestly, I had a really good time! The vibe, lights, and everything made it enjoyable. I'm happy I went."

"I am very happy that I participated in this beautiful carnival. We enjoyed this wonderful evening. I will eagerly await next year."





Arts and culture

Our members got to enjoy a lot of arts and culture in 2025, thanks to Birmingham Rep and Birmingham Hippodrome, who between them provided tickets to plays 'A Christmas Carol', 'A Thousand Splendid Suns' and 'Marriage Material', dance performances 'Plue' and 'Dragons', and a stunning Catwalk Extravaganza hosted by Rikki Beadle-Blair. Members also enjoyed new musical 'Fairlight', 'Home is Where I Belong' by Stories of Hope and Home, 'The BBC's First Homosexual' by Ink Brew Productions, and 'Too Desi Too Queer', a screening of queer South Asian short films by Birmingham Indian Film Festival. The Journey Film Club (no relation!) also welcomes our members to its monthly movie nights.

> *"It was fun with friends. We listened to Chinese music and got rid of anxiety and tension."*

> *"Thank you for this wonderful evening and film. I first saw this film when I was little."*

There were also monthly music concerts at B:Music Community Cafe, plus trips to Birmingham Light Festival in February, the B:Side Hip Hop Festival in June, and the Birmingham Weekender in August. We ended the year with a visit in December to Thinktank science museum.

> *"The tight [hip hop] competition between the teams made everything way more exciting, and just being with everyone else in the group was one of the best parts of the day."*

Nature and the outdoors

In May, an intrepid bunch of members and volunteers went on a 'bluebell walk' into the Lickey Hills. In April, we were once again invited to the New Art Gallery Walsall for a tour of its exhibitions 'Earthbound' and 'The Joy Project'. Members then worked with clay and plaster to create pieces inspired by the collection.

> *"I really enjoyed the nature and fresh air. and I liked the blue flowers, their fragrance was really nice."*






THE HMV SHOP
Patrick Trust
Foyer

In June, July, November and February, Journey members joined in events at Calthorpe Interfaith Community Orchard, organised by Fruit and Nut Village. The orchard picnic, the 'cricnic' (picnic with a cricket match) and the winter 'helping hands' day all included the sharing of delicious Syrian food.



"I felt really happy. I really enjoyed meeting people and working together. I love gardening!"

We held our own summer picnic in Cannon Hill Park in August, with over 40 members enjoying food, games and chat. We also took the opportunity to say thank you and goodbye to volunteer Phil, who stepped down after nine years. Phil helped establish the group, and was a director for many years, steering the organisation alongside giving one-to-one support to dozens of members. Heartfelt thank you, Phil - we wouldn't be here without you.

"Really friendly people, didn't feel like that I am meeting everyone for the first time. Though games and food were fab too."



Working with partners

There was more cricket in June, thanks to Warwickshire Cricket Foundation. Members were invited to watch top tier matches at a 'rainbow laces' day at Edgbaston Stadium, and also enjoyed an evening of cricket training. Both events were organised as part of the foundation's Pride month celebrations.

> *"I had my first cricket practice in the UK, and it was an amazing experience. A special thanks to our coaches, who were incredibly kind and supportive."*



In March we worked with support group Imaan to hold a special gathering to celebrate the holy month of Ramadan. Many Journey members, both Muslim and non-Muslim, gathered together to celebrate Iftar, the breaking of the daily fast.

> *"It was a lovely event. The food was so delicious too, and the company. It felt like family vibes, just how we gathered to break our fast in our home countries."*



We also continue to work closely with FABRIC at Birmingham Hippodrome, which offers free places to Journey members at their weekly Disco and Vogue/Waacking dance classes. We supported members to attend LGBT+ social group Rainbow Connections, which holds monthly meetups and the chance to connect with the wider LGBT+ community in Birmingham. Journey members are also supported with bus passes to attend free swimming sessions with LGBT+ swimming group Moseley Shoals.
From October, we also partnered with the Bike Project which refurbishes donated bikes and gives them to asylum seekers and refugees. As of March 2026, eight of our members have received a bicyle, enabling them to save money, get fit and combat isolation.

> *"This class is very important to me, it makes me happy, especially forget about stress."*
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> *"Swimming pool was very good. The person was very good, he teach me how to do swim again. Thank you."*
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> *"I got my bike from the Bike Project team and it has really been of great help for me. I use it almost every day to and fro from work. It has gone a long way to relieve me from the stress."*

Annual celebration and AGM

This event, held in February, is a chance to come together to celebrate our milestones and achievements. Buddies Virginia and Maurice compered, and many members spoke with passion and emotion about what the group means to them.



> *"It was a beautiful day. It was the first time I felt like I belonged to an organisation and that made me feel so proud."*

The evening was kicked off by the Oya Batucada samba band, which includes Journey member Kwaku. We were served delicious food from Africa, South Asia and the Middle East, organised by Journey Buddy Faith. Many members came in their national costumes.

> *"A fab celebration of solidarity, compassion, resilience and success. Great to be there, so much love in the room."*





"Tonight was filled with joy and light - a beautiful evening that will remain in our hearts."

We'd like to thank Carrs Lane Church Centre for hosting the event, and to all our special guests, from organisations including Asylum Matters, Birmingham City Council, Birmingham City of Sanctuary, Birmingham Hippodrome, Birmingham LGBT Centre, FABRIC, Healthwatch Birmingham & Solihull, Migrant Help, Out in Cov, Pink Sou'westers and Warwickshire Cricket.

"It was a fantastic night and we had a great time. I'm so happy to see Journey growing, and the impact you have on an underserved community."

"The atmosphere at today's party was fantastic and helped me feel much better.

Especial thanks to all our members that spoke about the activities they've taken part in, the support that they've had, what having or being a Buddy has meant, and about helping to raise awareness of the needs of LGBT+ asylum seekers and refugees in the West Midlands.



"When an organisation performs charitable work stemming from genuine heartfelt feelings the result is what happened today."

It was a true reflection of the family you have built amongst your community."

Information and time to talk: one-to-one support

Volunteers

Journey depends on our team of amazing volunteers. Each person brings different interests and skills to the group, helping to expand the ways in which we can support our members.

Providing one-to-one support to individual members is a key role that many of our volunteers take on. We encourage members to talk through their personal stories in preparation for their Home Office interview as many have never talked to others before about their sexuality or the harassment, abuse or violence they experienced in their home country. Where appropriate, our volunteers also provide letters of support as evidence in our members' asylum claims.

Volunteers also organise Journey events, liaise with external organisations providing activities or services to our members, and speak at events about the group and the challenges our members face. We are committed to offering training and support to our volunteers.

> *"I just want to say a heartfelt thank you to all our incredible volunteers, your dedication, compassion, and the time and energy you give without expecting anything in return truly mean so much. As one of the members of this group, I deeply appreciate everything you do to support us and create a welcoming space."*
> - Journey member

> *"Huge thanks to our awesome volunteers! You're more than just volunteers - you're family. We appreciate you more than words can say."*
> - Journey member

In October, the BCU Sanctuary Refugee Clinic began offering Journey members pro bono legal advice sessions. This has been a lifeline for members, given the limited access to legal aid lawyers. Two members we referred to the clinic have been granted leave to remain in the UK, and the advice and information provided to them contributed significantly to this result. The support and advice given is certainly a beacon of hope at a very challenging time for asylum seekers.

We go into the next year with a team of 15 compassionate and dedicated volunteers, and we want to thank them all for their hard work and commitment.

Buddies

Our Buddies play a key role in the Journey LGBT+ Asylum Group in supporting individual members and supporting the group. These are established members who are given training and support to be a point of contact and advice for new members.
New members often feel nervous about joining in with activities, and our Buddies support them to feel more settled and able to engage. They bring their own lived experience of the asylum process, of being involved with Journey and the benefits it can bring, as well as vital language skills. They are a valuable addition to the support we can offer our members. Buddies also help organise and manage Journey events and activities, and several sit on our steering committee to share not only their own views, but also feed the views of the wider membership into our decisions and processes.

> *"Thanks for such inspiring training. I learnt so much and look forward to putting it into practice with new Journey members."*
> - Journey Buddy

> *"I learnt about what it takes to be a Buddy from the older Buddies and the importance of having boundaries and how important it is to set the boundaries early. It has really boosted my confidence and I feel I'm ready for the role of being a Buddy."*
> - Journey Buddy

We head into the next year with a team of 13 passionate and committed Buddies.
A huge thank you to all our Buddies, past and present, for their hard work and dedication.

Welcome to our Members Coordinator

We're delighted to welcome El Parnham to the Journey team - our first ever member of staff. Buddies and volunteers were involved in the shortlisting and interviewing process, which saw El starting work with us in January 2026. As Members Coordinator, El will be coordinating the one-to-one support that we offer, and supporting the volunteers who give that support to our members. El brings a wealth of experience, having been working with LGBT+ asylum seekers for several years up in Yorkshire, and will be a valuable addition to our team.



Promoting inclusion: raising awareness

A key part of Journey's work is raising awareness of what our members need, and the challenges they face.



In January, family therapist Sarah Favier visited our January meeting, to speak to our members about how they experience Journey as similar and different to a family, and whether there are any messages they would like to share with mental health professionals. The resulting article was featured in edition #201 of 'Context', the magazine for family therapy and systemic practice in the UK.
You can buy a digital copy of the magazine from the AFT website[1] for £7, or email sarahlfavier@gmail.com for a free electronic copy of the Journey article.



In February, Journey was quoted in a Metro article about member Virginia and her asylum situation. You can read the article below[2] (warning: it includes distressing details of her experiences).
Please continue to give Virginia your support by signing her petition[3] and 'liking' her Facebook page[4].



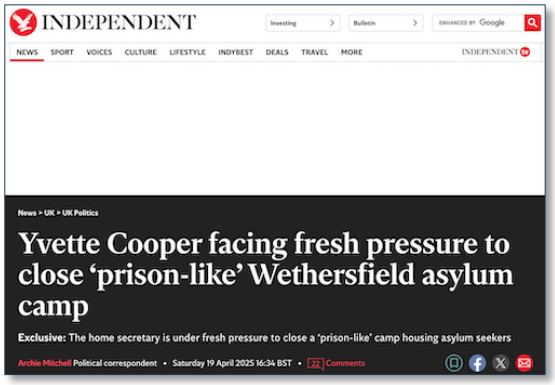
In March, representatives from organisations that support migrants were invited to meet with Ayoub Khan MP, an independent MP for Birmingham Perry Barr. Representatives from Journey, Asylum Matters, Restore, Hope Projects, St Chad's Sanctuary and BIRCH Network, plus people with lived experience of the asylum system, spoke with Mr Khan to raise awareness of the challenges faced by asylum seekers in Birmingham and the West Midlands.

[1] https://www.aft.org.uk/page/Buysingleissuesofcontext
[2] https://metro.co.uk/2025/01/31/home-office-refuses-believe-kenyan-asylum-seeker-a-lesbian-22376158/
[3] https://www.change.org/p/we-are-virginia-wairimu-let-her-stay
[4] https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563747533914



Journey members were amongst the 'Lift the Ban' campaigners who took to the streets in Coventry in April. Journey Buddy Virginia spoke, telling passersby: “Lift the Ban campaign wants the government to allow asylum seekers to work while they wait for a decision their asylum claim. This will restore human dignity, give a sense of purpose, promote self-sufficiency and enable people seeking safety to contribute to the economy.”
You can read the full report from the Lift the Ban Coalition below[5].

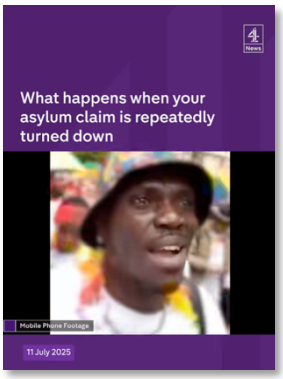
Journey also signed a letter[6] to remind Home Secretary Yvette Cooper MP that asylum camps like Wethersfield are dangerous, traumatising and cruel. Every day they stay open is another day of suffering, at huge cost to the taxpayer. Journey believes that people deserve to live in communities, not camps.





In June, one of our Journey trustees, Alex, took part in a research workshop at Birmingham City University. The focus of the day was on academic research with marginalised communities, exploring issues of access, ethics and power relations, as well as sharing best practice. There were many valuable insights raised and discussed, and the organisers hope to take findings from the day to put together a 'best practice guide' for researchers looking to work with community groups.

[5] https://www.refugee-action.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Time-to-lift-the-ban-report-2025.pdf
[6] https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/cooper-asylum-refugee-wethersfield-camp-b2736017.html



In July, one of our longstanding members, Kwaku Appiah, featured in a report by Channel 4 News about the rise in appeals against asylum decisions. Watch the report below[7].

In August, WONKageddon! raised both awareness and money for Journey. Organised by Charlie Octo Girl, this was a 9-hour music spectacular with eight DJs, live on Twitch from a professional DJ studio in the heart of Birmingham. The entire line up generously gifted their time and talent to help raise £1500.

"With everything as it is, with the rise in hate, anger and misinformation around, I'm very conscious of the toll this will be having on you all. This weekend, love and joy won out. People in our community are angry and sad and raging about what is happening at the moment, and those feelings really motivated them to get involved with the fundraiser. They shared it, they shouted about it and they joined us online for a very joyous day, reclaiming some wonder in these difficult times. I hope that this goes some way to be some comfort and practical support to keep doing what you do."
- Charlie Octo Girl





Journey was also one of 60+ signatories to a joint statement:

"The government must end the for-profit asylum accommodation system. While people seeking asylum are housed in miserable conditions and wider communities are deprived of much needed investment in social housing, millions in public money that could be designated for the purpose of providing accommodation for all is simply taken in profit by a handful of private companies."

The statement was cited in October, in an article from the BBC[8] exposing the problems of asylum hotel system.

In October, alongside many other organisations, Journey also signed a statement of solidarity against racism, initiated by Consortium, a charity that supports not-for-profit LGBT+ organisations and groups.

[7] https://www.tiktok.com/@c4news/video/7525901405454863618
[8] https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ce9r5m74de8o

Journey members also contributed to a focus group discussion, organised by the Birmingham LGBT Centre, as part of a Deep Engagement Partner programme, funded through Birmingham City Council Public Health. We hope the findings will raise awareness of specific issues faced by LGBT+ asylum seekers, and ensure that seldom-heard voices are considered in the development of health strategy and policy.

In December, we supported a petition, started by a group of refugees and asylum seekers, against the government's planned changes to migration rules that will force refugees to wait 20 years to settle in the UK, and restrict refugee family reunion. You can sign the petition below[9].

Also in December, LGBT+ social group Pink Sou'Westers raised awareness of Journey by collecting donations of toiletries, which were given out to members at our festive monthly meeting.

We rounded up our campaign activities for 2025 at Birmingham Council House, at an event celebrating 10 years of Birmingham being a City of Sanctuary. Two of our members, Virginia and Maurice, spoke from the stage about the importance of the Journey LGBT+ Asylum Group to their lives, being welcomed and feeling safe. They stressed that, if given the chance to settle, work or study, asylum seekers and other migrants will make a huge contribution to the city.



"Sharing my experience was important to me. I wanted people to see the power of belonging. Our group is a family that offers compassion, care and acceptance, and we feel safe belonging to the group. My hope was the audience would take home the message no-one should ever have to feel alone."
- Virginia

"It was an honour to be part of the 10th anniversary to celebrate Birmingham as a City of Sanctuary. There is a sense of pride speaking about what Journey has done for us, and continues to do, because it has really given us that support when we needed it. I felt satisfied that I was able to speak up for asylum seekers because, being an asylum seeker, I was able to share my lived experience which I believe is more powerful than having someone else speak up for us."
- Maurice

You can read their very moving speeches in full on our website[10].

[9] https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/don-t-leave-refugees-in-limbo-scrap-the-20-year-wait
[10] https://journeylgbtasylumgroup.co.uk/testimonials/

In February 2026, Maurice and Virginia, as well as trustees Sheila and Helen, attended the Right to Remain Annual Gathering. The event took place in Birmingham and was a valuable opportunity to meet with others to discuss the current changes to the asylum and immig ration system, build knowledge, and discuss how we bolster efforts to strengthen the migration justice movement.

> *"I realised how when we stand together we can be effective and make loads of difference. It made me think of how important it is to have at least one person you can trust, and how that could be helpful in certain circumstances."*
> - Maurice

> *"It reminded me of the importance of solidarity and network, especially in the moment of crisis. Having the relevant up-to-date information on the system is important as it empowers us to stand up for ourselves."*
> - Virginia

Virginia, alongside volunteer Izzy, also attended the Birmingham City of Sanctuary AGM in February, and Chlo, one of our previous volunteers, ran a sponsored half marathon with their dad, raising £475 for Journey.

> *"Having volunteered with the organisation when I lived in Birmingham, I've seen first hand the difference the group makes to the lives of people."*
> - Chlo

> *"At a time when policies are becoming increasingly hostile toward people seeking safety, living in a City of Sanctuary brings a deep sense of safety, acceptance, and belonging - a reminder that compassion and solidarity are stronger than fear."*
> - Virginia





Organisational matters

Becoming a charity

In 2024 we undertook a strategic review, which initiated a change in the group's legal status from 'company limited by guarantee with charitable aims' to 'charitable incorporated organisation' – in effect, changing from a company to a charity.

We successfully registered as a charity in February 2025, which has opened up more funding opportunities, and other related benefits. We would like to say a big thank you to Birmingham Community Matters for their help and support with our charity registration.

We have developed a steering group, which comprises our three trustees, volunteers, Buddies and our staff member. The steering group meets every three months, and helps steer the development and direction of Journey's activities.
The Buddies and volunteers have been instrumental in capturing feedback and suggestions from our members, and have helped us make a number of changes and improvements in what we do. We hope to encourage members of the steering group to join our growing trustee team.



We would also like to thank IT company CGI for providing a room and refreshments for our steering group meetings.

Pausing new members

Due to the demands of the recruitment process, we put a pause in September on taking new members. Now that EI is in place, we will review when we can open again to new members.

Thank you to our funders and supporters

Throughout this year, the group has received financial support Birmingham City Council, Birmingham Pride Community Foundation, CGI, Friends of South Birmingham Institute, Kings Heath Action for Refugees, Grassroots Grants (Groundworks/Postcode Lottery), MSN Fund, all those who supported Charlie Octo Girl's WONKageddon! event, everyone who sponsored Chlo and their dad, and a number of private donors.

We are also very grateful for the in-kind support we received from the following:

- Autin Dance Theatre
- Birmingham City of Sanctuary
- Birmingham Community Matters
- Birmingham Hippodrome
- Birmingham Indian Film Festival
- Birmingham LGBT Centre
- Birmingham Opera Company
- Birmingham Rep
- Birmingham Unicorns
- CGI
- EcoHosting
- FABRIC
- Fruit and Nut Village
- Imaan
- Jane Barrett, BPP Education Group
- Journey Film Club
- Kings Heath Action for Refugees
- Moseley Shoals
- Out in Cov
- Oya Batucada
- Pink Sou'Westers
- Queer-Side
- Rainbow Connections
- Stories of Hope and Home
- The Bike Project
- The Library of Birmingham
- The New Art Gallery Walsall
- Time to be Out

Looking forward

We go into 2026 with a clear vision, a strong structure, an expanding team and secure finances.

As well as continuing to deliver our core activities, our key aims for 2026 are to:

- Reopen membership
- Recruit more trustees
- Take on more staff members and volunteers
- Increase member involvement in operational decision making
- Connect with more organisations that can offer support, advice, information and activities to our members

For more information on the Journey LGBT+ Asylum Group visit our website:

journeylgbtasylumgroup.co.uk