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**Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children can be part of Greater Manchester Youth Network with the launch of their new programme**

Greater Manchester Youth Network (GMYN) has just launched a new programme for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children across Greater Manchester.

The charity is pleased to be offering this programme to young people who are seeking support and can gain new skills and experiences by coming along to these new sessions.

Over the next three years GMYN will be supporting 240 unaccompanied children who live in the 10 boroughs of Greater Manchester.

Three new members of GMYN staff will be leading this programme. Eleanor Reardon will be the Programme Manager, Sarah Sunarko will be the Programme Coordinator and Faisal Al Raisi will be the Programme Worker.

Eleanor says: "We want to show children seeking sanctuary in our city how welcoming Greater Manchester can be. This new programme will give asylum-seeking children a space to make friends, learn skills and start to feel at home here."

GMYN will be hosting a range of fun, wellbeing activities and social action projects which will help the young people to develop new skills and make new friends. The age group of young people taking part in this programme is 15-21 year olds.

This new programme is part of GMYN's wider strategy to support over 1000 disadvantaged young people over the coming year. There is a need for these young people to be supported with activities, youth work and opportunities they wouldn't otherwise receive. They are hoping to expand this programme and support many more young people in the future.

Alex Fairweather, CEO and Founder of GMYN, says: "This is an exciting and unique programme that we're really glad to be offering for young people across Greater Manchester.

"This programme will partner with Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit who support people subject to immigration control with free advice, representation, and support services."

*For more information about the Manchester-based youth charity, please see their website [here](#).*

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**About GMYN:**

At Greater Manchester Youth Network (GMYN), our vision is #YoungPeopleCan and we help young people in Greater Manchester overcome this. We deliver a range of development programmes and drop-in activities to help young people transition to adulthood feeling skilled, supported and positive. Founded in 2007 by our Chief Executive, Alex Fairweather, we have grown from a single volunteering project to a registered charity and have helped over 11,000 young people.