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The Bradford African Community Refugee Support project is supported by Bradford Quaker meeting.

Bradford African Community Refugee Support provides an accessible community space at Bradford Quaker meeting house, offering ESOL and beginners English conversational classes that help participants improve their communication skills, confidence and ability to engage independently with wider society. The aim is to enable beneficiaries to access employment, education, training opportunities, healthcare and local services, and help them to move toward long-term independence and social integration. There are also after-school and Saturday support sessions for children and young people, providing homework support, mentoring, educational enrichment, confidence-building activities, and wellbeing support.

The project arose directly from the lived experiences and expressed needs of refugee and asylum-seeking members. It was developed in response to increased demand for practical, accessible and cultural appropriate support services within Bradford. Community members identified key challenges such as language barriers, isolation, difficulties navigating UK systems, and limited access to support services, education and integration opportunities. The project was co-designed with refugees and asylum seekers to ensure it reflects real needs and priorities and provides targeted support.

The grants will be used to fund public transport costs and refreshments for vulnerable individuals experiencing financial hardship due to the rising cost of living so that they can attend the support sessions.

