

# HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE



ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2018–19



'I've been volunteering at the Hackney Migrant Centre for just two months now, but considering how I've been welcomed into the team, it feels like much longer. Despite the often very distressing situations and unjust cases the HMC staff and volunteers help with on a weekly basis, the centre always manages to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for visitors and staff alike. In my role at HMC I'm fortunate enough to get involved in most aspects of their operations, from working in the HMC office, to checking-in with the ever-jovial kitchen team at the drop-in, and benefiting from training events and everything else in between. The team here do amazing work and are always happy to answer any questions and share their experiences with me, no matter how busy they are!'

HMC volunteer

## CURRENT STAFF MEMBERS



Daf Viney  
Director of Services



Sue Marris  
Director of Operations



Anna Rudd  
Destitution Coordinator



Lauren Stewart  
Caseworker for Migrant  
Families and Young People



Ida Jarsve  
Fundraiser



Sarah Emm  
Finance Officer

## WHAT WE DO

Hackney Migrant Centre was established in 2008 to meet the shortage of advice available to refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants in Hackney. Many were living in deep poverty, experiencing destitution and homelessness as a result of their immigration status or because local services were not accessible to them.

### **Our primary aims are to:**

- Provide holistic advice and assistance to migrants on immigration, welfare and health issues
- Offer a welcoming environment to migrants and help reduce social isolation
- Raise public awareness about migrants' social and economic circumstances

Our weekly drop-in is open to all migrants, regardless of immigration status, nationality or current place of residence. In particular, we try to assist migrants who have few other sources of support and who face complex issues. They include victims of trafficking and human rights abuses, survivors of gender-based violence, and people with irregular immigration status, including refused asylum seekers. Many of our visitors are destitute or face destitution.

Over the last 11 years, thousands of migrants have come to our drop-in for advice and help. Volunteers collect basic information to identify what advice individual visitors require, and professional advisers then offer immigration and welfare advice and health advocacy as appropriate. Many people need to see more than one adviser.

Volunteers provide a welcoming atmosphere and a delicious lunch and also carry out myriad other tasks, such as applying for cash grants for individuals in poverty, filling out forms or writing letters.

Outside the drop-in, our in-house welfare advisers provide ongoing help to obtain housing and financial support for destitute individuals and families with No Recourse to Public Funds or who are undocumented migrants. We also help those visitors who need to make immigration or asylum applications to obtain immigration solicitors. Our approach is to provide a holistic service, linking immigration with welfare advice, as irregular immigration status is often at the heart of our visitors' problems.

We have used the knowledge and experience gained through our work to challenge aspects of the hostile environment that have a particularly harmful effect on our visitors. We are currently campaigning with other organisations for free school meals for all children who need them, regardless of their parents' immigration status, and to end NHS charges for migrants accessing health care.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND TRUSTEES

At Hackney Migrant Centre we continue to prioritise helping visitors to our drop-in to solve their immigration, housing and welfare problems. However, although this remains our core activity, we have significantly developed the work of the Centre in the last few years.

Cuts in legal aid, a reduction in the availability of immigration advice and an increasingly 'hostile environment' for migrants have led us to develop our own in-house services rather than relying on sessional advisers and onward signposting. We now have two welfare advisers and have set up an 'Access to Justice' team of legally trained volunteers. They provide invaluable assistance in moving forward our visitors' immigration cases, especially through finding solicitors and helping visitors obtain legal aid through applying for 'Exceptional Case Funding' (ECF).

Our partner agency, Coram Children's Legal Centre, has recently trained some volunteers to carry out the non-legal part of the complex process of making ECF applications. We are currently considering employing an in-house immigration adviser and plan to re-launch a volunteer 'Destitution Support Team' to support our welfare advisers.

All this means we now do much more intensive work both during the drop-in session and in our office. We took a first step in extending the scope of our work by publishing Section 17 Support: A Guide for Families, a co-production with families with experience of requesting Section 17 support from local authorities. This was led by Giulia Gosi and produced in partnership with several other migrant support agencies.

Our two campaigns - on free school meals for all children who need them regardless of their parents' immigration status and against NHS charging migrants for hospital care - have grown over the year, led by two really dedicated volunteers, Nadia Chalabi

and Mamie Joyce. They have obtained robust evidence from our visitors' experiences about the hardship these policies inflict on families and have also been instrumental in helping us advocate for affected individuals.

Extending our work has involved some big organisational changes. We now have a staff team of six, having split our former Centre Manager role between two co-directors, Daf Viney, now Director of Services, and Sue Marris, Director of Operations. We also recently appointed Ida Jarsve as our first Fundraiser. We welcomed back Anna Rudd, our Destitution Coordinator, from maternity leave, though lost Benjamin Morgan who did excellent work to cover for her. Sarah Emm continues as our amazingly efficient Finance Officer.

This year we were sorry to lose Giulia Gosi and Amira Rady, both superb job-share caseworkers for the Lottery-funded Families and Young People post at HMC and Haringey Migrant Support Centre (HMSC). Giulia has been replaced by Lauren Stewart, and HMSC now administers its share of the post independently.

It has been heartening and exciting for us as Trustees to see our staff taking on real leadership roles, making the day-to-day decisions which are vital to keeping the organisation running. Without the commitment, hard work, imagination and flair of them all, HMC would not have the successes, which we now celebrate on an almost weekly basis, of people obtaining leave to remain and getting housed and financially supported. Their work is enormously appreciated.

As chair, I am incredibly grateful to our dedicated Board of Trustees. In the last year we were sad to lose Jose-Charles Makassa, who

continues to manage our kitchen at the drop-in. He is both working and studying for a degree, leaving him little time for anything else. We wish him great success and thank him for his contribution. This year we were delighted to welcome Kathy Meade, housing lawyer and former sessional adviser as a new member of the Board.

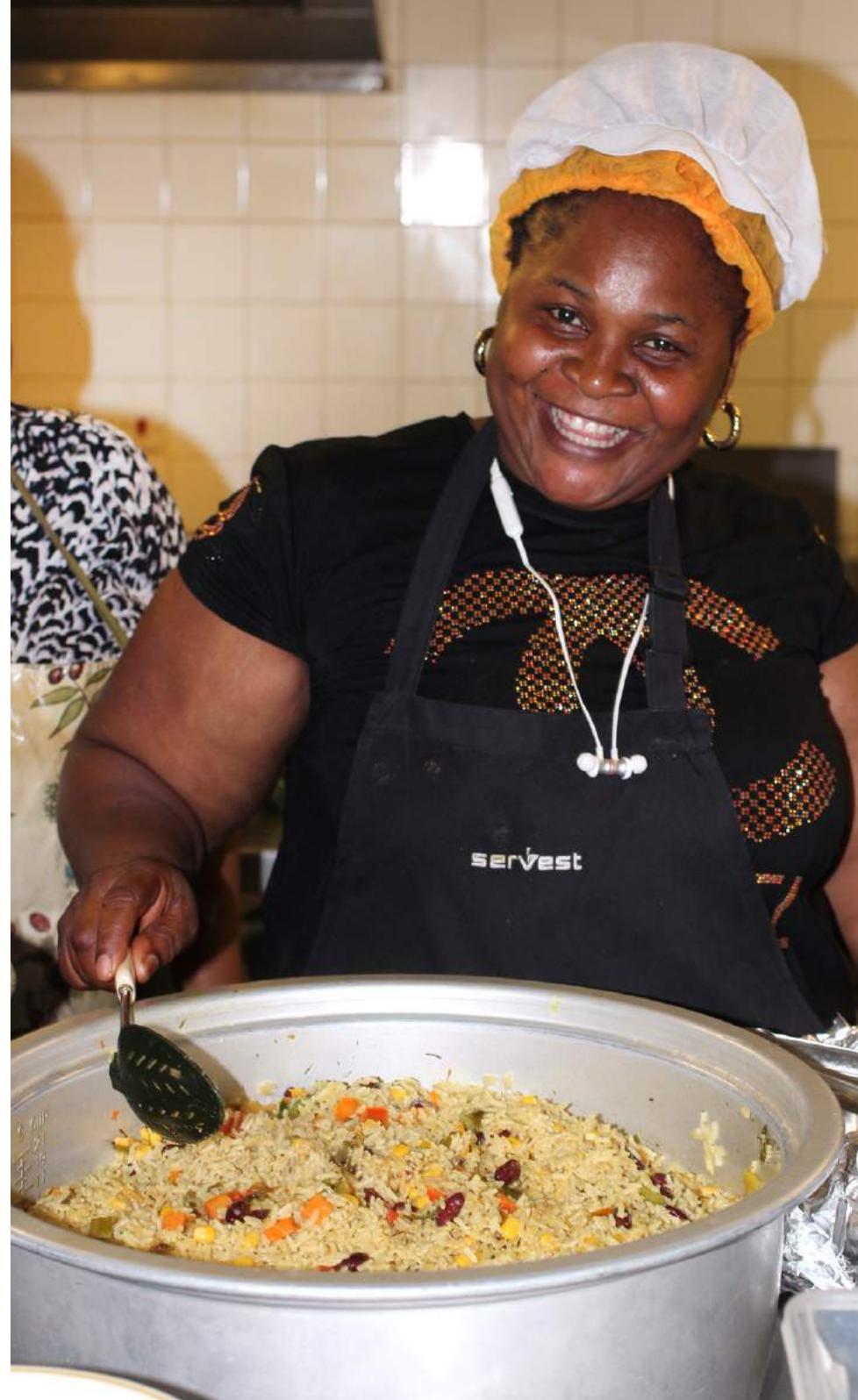
We offer huge thanks to all our volunteers, whether in the drop-in with visitors or in the kitchen, or increasingly in the office helping with follow up work. Finally, we thank all our funders, both grant and community funders, for their faith in us, and their continuing support.

#### **Current Trustees**

Rayah Feldman (Chair)  
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'Oh, I've had such a tough time!  
I've had such problems in  
applying for immigration status  
in the past, and I've had such  
bad advice. My immigration  
lawyers have all been criminals!  
It's been very tough and  
frustrating, but HMC has really  
helped me to sort it out.'

HMC visitor



## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SERVICES – DAF VINEY

Our work continues to tackle injustice on an individual scale. We work with many people who have endured traumatic experiences in leaving their home countries, on the journey to the UK or in their precarious situations here; people who are now being punished by grossly unfair legislation and let down by underfunded public services. We continue to provide advice and casework on immigration, housing, health and destitution. Despite the change in name from a “hostile environment” to a “compliant” one, our visitors still suffer the negative consequences of racist immigration policies. Recognising we could do more to tackle the underlying causes of these injustices, the past year has seen an increase in HMC’s involvement in campaigning mainly through the work of two amazing volunteers, more of which you can read about later.

Visitors to our drop-in regularly tell us that the welcome we provide is as important as the advice we give and this leads to many of our regular visitors becoming volunteers and carrying out casework or cooking our weekly meal. It’s been a great year for many of these volunteers and we’ve had almost monthly reports of success in making immigration applications or finding permanent accommodation for people we’ve come to know very well.

The past year has seen us develop new advice partnerships with the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants and Praxis Community Projects, which has increased the number of people who are able to receive immigration advice at HMC. However, we were very sad to see the closure of Lambeth Law Centre following our long term partnership with them. We were also sorry to lose Nese Erkan who has advised visitors on accessing healthcare at the drop-in since we began the service and has

now moved on to work in another borough. We left our home of 11 years at St Mary’s Church as the building we use there for our drop-in is being completely rebuilt and moved a mile or so down the road to St Mark’s Church in Dalston.

We began a partnership with Supply Yoga last year – Abi and Ni involve our visitors in regular yoga sessions. We’re soon to begin working with Draw On, a community-based art therapy initiative, who will provide a creative psychosocial group at the drop-in for our visitors. We have renewed our partnership with Doctors of the World, who now have secured new funding, and a van, to attend our drop-in to provide health advice and advocacy.

Looking back at the year I’m surprised at the number of changes and developments we’ve undergone – it’s a testament to the dedication and ability of our staff, Board of Trustees and supporters that our work has continued without interruption and seemingly without missing a beat. We’re indebted as always to our incredible volunteer team whose enthusiasm and resourcefulness is a constant source of inspiration.

I’d like to give a big thank you to all of our visitors, so many of whom have undergone enormous hardships and are inspirational in their determination to work with us to find solutions to the problems they face.



## OUR YEAR IN FIGURES APRIL 2018 TO MARCH 2019

### Our visitors

Last year we saw 691 visitors from 76 different countries.

- 525 visitors accessed our service for the first time. 215 of them had families.
- Over 70% of our visitors have no right to benefits either because they have No Recourse to Public Funds as a condition of their leave, or because they have no current valid immigration status.
- 46% are people who've overstayed visas but many of them might be eligible for leave for a wide range of reasons. These include the length of time they have already lived in the UK, the fact of having British children, or having compelling reasons not to return to their country of origin.
- 14% have had applications for asylum refused but are unable to return home, mostly because they consider themselves still at risk. We try to assess their claims to see if they can submit further applications to enable them to stay in the UK.
- 10% do have leave to remain, as refugees or for long term settlement, but are finding it hard to navigate the complex housing and welfare benefit systems or want advice on how to become a British citizen.
- 13% have Limited Leave to Remain and are on the current 10-year route to settlement which means they have to extend their leave three times before gaining permanent settlement. Nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$  of these visitors have No Recourse to Public Funds so cannot access housing and welfare benefits.
- 4% of our visitors are asylum seekers, who may be eligible for asylum support but who feel socially isolated and are often living in inadequate accommodation with very little income.
- A further 4% are EU citizens, fearful about their immigration status if/when the UK leaves the EU



'HMC helped me find good immigration advice, and I now have my leave to remain – I received it last week. Having status means that my life can be what I want it to be. It changes everything'

HMC visitor



## HOW WE HELPED OUR VISITORS

At 45 drop-in sessions during the year we provided

- 462 specialist immigration advice consultations
- 271 welfare and housing advice consultations
- 93 health advocacy consultations
- Over 340 hardship grants of £20 given to visitors in crisis

Our volunteers

- Obtained grants for 375 individuals totalling nearly £49,000 to enable them to buy basic necessities – an average of about £130 per person
- gave out 272 food bank vouchers
- requested free school meals for 58 destitute families on behalf of 68 children
- assisted 138 people to complete NHS HC1 forms to claim help with health costs
- carried out over 500 other pieces of advocacy work on behalf of visitors, such as letter writing, phone calls, contacting external agencies, applying for travel passes

Referrals were made for

- 31 families for social services support
- 28 people to emergency shelters or hostels
- 92 people to solicitors
- 13 families to North East London Migrant Action (NELMA)'s scheme accompanying people to social services

We helped

- Over 200 people access safe accommodation and support
- Nearly 60 individuals secure legal immigration status
- 46 children to receive free school meals

## CAMPAIGNS

Over the last year two of our volunteers have started work on campaigning issues. We've often lacked capacity to get involved in campaigning as much as we'd like since the majority of our resources are spent on dealing with crisis situations. Mamie and Nadia are both involved in carrying out casework with our visitors, then using the results and our visitors' testimony of their experiences to inform campaigns and to work with other organisations who meet people facing similar problems.

### **Healthcare advocacy**

#### **Mamie Joyce**

The role of healthcare advocate at HMC has, since December 2018, grown organically in response to the needs of visitors impacted by increasingly punitive government regulations within NHS Trusts and their being required to charge 'overseas patients' for secondary (hospital) care.

HMC visitors had been coming to us in increasing numbers with large invoices they had been issued, with amounts ranging from £1,500 to over £96,000, for treatments including maternity care, cancer treatment, care of premature babies, operations required by young children and treatment for severe mental health issues. Visitors were often unaware they would be charged, or that having outstanding debt could be used as a reason for the refusal of their immigration claim. This often results in a great deal of distress and uncertainty, as well as acting as a deterrent in seeking further treatment or effecting a deterioration in a client's condition.

It became clear that there was a need for both advocacy on behalf of those affected by such policy, and for greater understanding of its impact more broadly.

The role therefore expanded to encompass three main areas:

- Casework – looking at case files in detail to ascertain whether or not that person is, in fact, entitled to free care, exploring where exemptions may have previously been missed, debt repayment negotiation, correspondence with Trusts in the writing off of debts, finding solicitors to take on relevant cases and challenge unlawful decisions where possible
- Campaign and Media – engaging with organisations such as MedAct, DocsNotCops, Maternity Action, the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI) on their wider campaigns around access to healthcare and healthcare justice, working with members of the press and using visitors' experiences to sensitively highlight the human impact of such policy and campaigning on the ground to offer practical information to those affected
- Data Collection – Collating all HMC's data on visitors with NHS charges detailing the size of charges, Trust names, treatment background, current issues being faced, options with regards to debt and any associated NHS or third party contacts. As Trusts are not currently required to audit numbers of NHS patients charged for secondary care, HMC is one of only a handful of organisations currently doing so.

The casework, campaign and data gathering elements of the role have allowed for a new area of HMC advocacy to develop and for successful challenges to debt and immigration. It has also highlighted individual experiences of the NHS charging regulations, as well as to situate them more broadly in the context of the government's 'hostile environment.'

## Free School Meals Advocacy

### Nadia Chalabi

Hackney Migrant Centre has been carrying out free school meals advocacy on behalf of children from families with No Recourse to Public Funds for around 3 years. Our work aims to ensure that no child risks skipping meals at school and no family is pushed into further destitution because their children need to eat at school.

Since August 2018 we have been documenting our advocacy in detail to support NELMA's (North East London Migrant Action) free school meals campaign which calls for 'free school meals for all who need them regardless of immigration status'. Our advocacy provides an evidence base that campaigners and activists can use to prove the harm that No Recourse to Public Funds causes, and to demand national policy change to how free school meals are given. We are currently finalising our data for a report that will be published before the end of the year which will then be a useful campaigning tool.

From August 2018 - November 2019 we have advocated on behalf of 98 children and we are happy to have secured free school meals for over 65% of them. All the children that we advocate for are destitute. Many are homeless and have found themselves sofa surfing: sharing beds or sleeping in the living rooms of friends or family members on a temporary basis. Around half of the children living in private rented accommodation are in severely overcrowded conditions with between 3-6 people sharing a bedroom. The families that are receiving Section 17 support from their local council can be placed in bed and breakfasts with no cooking facilities. The ability to prepare food when a family is in inadequate accommodation is already a huge challenge, that combined with tiny budgets results in school meals being both essential and completely unaffordable.

Currently, for a child to be given free school meals their parent/carer needs to be receiving one of a list of benefits. As people with No Recourse to Public Funds cannot access the safety net of benefits they and their children are left vulnerable to the most extreme poverty. Their children are then excluded from free school meals on top of this.

Only 15.4% of children claimed free school meals in England in 2018 yet it is estimated that 30% of children in the UK are living in poverty. Amongst the children living in poverty who are not getting free school meals the poorest children can be found – those whose carers have NRPF and are struggling or children in undocumented families who are often totally dependent on friends and charitable handouts. A child's ability to access enough food to enjoy their school day should not depend on their parents' immigration status or what their carers earn.

'What I understand better is if you don't speak out you might not get help. Because when you speak you can get help, otherwise you stay in one place. When you talk to people you receive help. I never knew I could get help with recourse to public funds. When I had no recourse, I just took it like that. It was HMC that helped me to understand that I could get help with that.'

HMC visitor

## CASE STUDIES FROM OUR WELFARE ADVISERS

These case studies are from our Destitution Coordinator and our Caseworker for Migrant Families and Young People. The names have been changed.

### **Abena**

Abena is a 35-year-old single mother of two children aged 7 years and 11 years who were born in the UK. She is a Ghanaian national.

Abena arrived in the UK 13 years ago and had not renewed her visitor's visa. She was therefore not allowed to work and had No Recourse to Public Funds. She survived on the handouts, goodwill and generosity of church members.

She came to HMC for assistance with her housing as the family that she and her two children had been staying with for several years had asked them to leave because of a change in their circumstances. Abena and her family had nowhere else to go. Abena was extremely upset and concerned about their imminent street homelessness. In addition, her eldest child had serious allergy related health problems and had been in and out of hospital. The housing conditions they had been living in had contributed to the child's illness.

### **What did HMC do?**

- Provided immigration advice which showed that the family had grounds to make an application
- Referred Abena to emergency short term accommodation when the family became street homeless.
- Wrote a referral to social services for a child in need assessment and emergency support and assisted Abena to gather evidence of how the family had been surviving including bank statements, letters from the church and friends to help prepare her for the assessment.
- Found a volunteer through the NELMA scheme to accompany the family to the social services assessment.
- Gave two emergency hardship payments, issued a foodbank voucher, and obtained £200 for Abena from the Heinz, Anna and Carol Kroch Foundation.
- Wrote a second referral to social services for a re-assessment when they refused to assess and referred Abena to a solicitor who challenged the refusal to assess. The challenge was successful and emergency interim accommodation was granted whilst social services completed a child in need assessment.
- Referred Abena to a second solicitor when the original firm refused to challenge the social services assessment that delivered a negative decision. This assessment was riddled with inaccuracies and assumptions that Abena refuted. The second firm took the case on and won it. The family were granted support
- Referred Abena to HMC's Access to Justice team to help obtain Exceptional Case Funding and to find a representative for the case once ECF was in place.

### **Outcomes:**

- The family are in their own accommodation together and have their own beds (previously on the sofa and floor)
- An immigration application has been submitted and the family are on their way to being regularised
- The family are in receipt of subsistence and not at the mercy of others' generosity
- The eldest child's health has improved.

## Zainab

Zainab is a Nigerian single mother with three daughters, aged 7, 5 and 2 years old. The family first visited Hackney Migrant Centre in August 2019.

Zainab came to the UK in 2012 on a visitor visa. There was an issue with her residence address when she entered the UK, and she was detained for several weeks. A solicitor advised her to stay in the UK to resolve this issue. Zainab has never regularised her immigration status in the UK.

Zainab came to HMC after sleeping on her friend's floor for two weeks. The family had been sofa-surfing across London for the past several months. Prior to this, Zainab had been renting a room with her ex-partner, where the whole family had lived. When he left, the family was evicted as they were unable to pay the rent.

Zainab had been surviving on informal hand-outs from friends and church members. She often did not have enough food for her three daughters. She had been diagnosed with post-natal depression after the birth of her youngest daughter. She felt the stress of their current situation meant those symptoms were returning, but she could not afford medication. Her older two daughters' performance at school was also deteriorating.

When Zainab visited the drop-in at Hackney Migrant Centre, she spoke to an immigration adviser and a housing adviser. She was advised that she and her family could submit a family life application based on her 7-year old daughter, and to go to social services for Section 17 support. She was assisted to speak to her GP and apply for an emergency prescription, and to fill in an HC1 form for free prescriptions. The family also received a hardship payment and a food bank voucher, and a volunteer advocate applied for a cash grant on their behalf.

When the friend Zainab was staying with asked her to leave, the family approached Croydon social services following several preparatory appointments with a caseworker at Hackney Migrant Centre to gather evidence for their Section 17 assessment. A volunteer from Hackney Migrant Centre accompanied the family to their first appointment with a social worker, where the family were advised to approach Southwark social services for



assistance and were not provided with accommodation and subsistence by Croydon social services.

Following that assessment, HMC contacted a community care solicitor who submitted a challenge for Zainab and her family. As the family were street homeless that night, HMC provided a hotel while the solicitor worked on their case.

The next day, Croydon and Southwark both conducted a further "Child in Need" assessment and Southwark social services agreed to accommodate the family. With some advocacy from HMC, the local authority provided the family with a two-bedroom flat and regular cash payments. The family's immigration application was submitted to the Home Office soon after this and they await a response, which should take around six months.

Recently, HMC applied to a small charity which provided Zainab's daughter with a birthday cake for a small celebration in their family home.

## FUTURE PLANS AND DEVELOPMENTS

We are committed to providing our visitors with the best possible support over the next year, despite the increasingly hostile environment facing migrants. To further this, we plan to develop both the services we provide and our internal systems and staffing.

- **Improved immigration advice.** Free legal advice and assistance is becoming increasingly difficult to access. At present, we rely on a range of both formal and informal agreements with several different organisations to provide visitors with immigration advice. While these relationships are very valuable, problems can arise if partner agencies experience financial or other challenges that make them unable to continue the partnership. We are currently considering different options for placing our advice provision on a more stable footing, including the possibility of bringing some of this in-house. This could give us closer control over both casework and workload and allow us to be more responsive to needs of visitors.
- **Fundraiser.** In recent months we have expanded our staff team to employ a Fundraiser. Ida Jarsve was appointed in July 2019 and she has overall responsibility for both grants and community fundraising. This is the first time HMC has had such a post and going forward we foresee this will increase our ability to diversify our income streams and ensure we remain financially viable in the longer-term.
- **Destitution Support Team.** We will continue to build the volunteer Destitution Support Team so as to increase our

capacity to support destitute migrants. The Destitution Coordinator will work with a team of volunteer advocates and interns to raise awareness of issues faced by destitute migrants in various forums and contribute to policy and strategic legal work aimed at reducing destitution of migrants. The team will develop new avenues of support and build on projects currently trying to address these issues.

- **Database.** We have commissioned a new custom-built online database which will enable us to streamline our recording systems and improve the monitoring of our outcomes and outputs. Implementation of the database is being rolled out in late 2019 and should become fully operational and integrated into HMC work by next year.
- **Website.** We are creating a newly designed website to better showcase what we do and to explain how our services can be accessed. This will be easier to navigate than our current one and contain information for visitors, volunteers, professionals and funders. We hope it will lead to an increased public profile and improved understanding of our work.



'Volunteering at Hackney Migrant Centre doesn't just mean being an Advocate for migrants, it also means being part of a mutually supportive community. From my experience, HMC drop-ins have the power to turn someone's experience of acute vulnerability into one of connection and solidarity. HMC volunteers can facilitate empowering moments in peoples' larger journeys. And in turn, by having and sharing these experiences, the larger community benefits, both inside and outside HMC.'

HMC volunteer

## FINANCIAL POSITION

Income for the 2018-19 year was more than budgeted, mainly due to a generous legacy received at the end of the financial year, which leaves us with reserves equating to just under 5 months' worth of costs at the year end. This meets our reserves policy, which is to keep at least 3 months' worth of costs in reserve in order to maintain the service should we have a drop in funding. We have a generous pool of individual, corporate and community funders, but only a small amount of this income is secured and so the extra in reserves ensures we can start the new financial year confidently. We were able to keep our costs under budget in the 2018-19 year whilst still investing in our staff and volunteer team.

### **Continuing Operations**

None of the charity's activities were acquired or discontinued during the year.

### **Total Recognised Gains and Losses**

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the above movement in funds for the financial year ended 31 March 2019.

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE  
DRAFT STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
<b>Income</b>					
Grants, donations and legacies	102,109	-	300,600	402,709	366,718
Other income	1,059	-	-	1,059	-
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<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>103,168</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>300,600</b>	<b>403,768</b>	<b>366,718</b>
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<b>Expenditure</b>					
Cost of raising funds	993	-	-	993	-
Expenditure on charitable activities:					
Drop-in Centre	66,054	-	118,550	184,604	148,578
Moving out of Hardship Project	-	-	95,494	95,494	98,929
Grants for Individuals	-	-	48,727	48,727	40,657
Hardship Fund	-	-	8,448	8,448	7,677
Natural Resilience Project	-	-	-	-	8,951
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<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>67,047</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>271,219</b>	<b>338,266</b>	<b>304,792</b>
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Transfer from unrestricted to restricted funds	(7,836)	7,507	329	-	-
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Net income/(expenditure)	28,285	7,507	29,710	65,502	61,926
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Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	106,463	27,500	25,611	159,574	97,648
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Total funds carried forward	134,748	35,007	55,321	225,076	159,574
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## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS

### Advisers

Coram Children's Legal Centre / Doctors of the World / Hackney Community Law Centre / Islington Law Centre / Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants / Kathy Meade / Lambeth Law Centre / Lou Crisfield of Miles & Partners LLP / Nese Erkan of Homerton NHS Trust / Project 17 / Together with Migrant Children / Wendy Pettifer

### Community supporters

All Souls with Christchurch / Green Leaning Ltd / Leach Fourteenth Trust / London Legal Support Trust / Nun Habit / Open Creates / Pavilion Bakery / Stoke Newington History / Stoke Newington Relief in Need Charity / Turning Earth Ceramics / Vox Holloway / And the many individuals who have made generous donations during the year

### Funders

A B Charitable Trust / Hackney Parochial Charities / Heinz, Anna and Carol Kroch Foundation / Hornsey Parochial Charities / London Catalyst / London Catalyst - Samaritan Grant / London Churches Refugee Fund / MSN Fund / South Hackney Parochial Charity / The Hilden Charitable Trust / The National Lottery Community Fund / Trust for London / Tudor Trust / West Hackney Parochial Charity

### Gifts of food to the drop-in

Growing Communities / Jaines & Son Fishmonger / Londis (Mayank for deliveries) / Nandos - Canary Wharf / Spence Bakery / Stoke Newington Greengrocer / Whole Foods Stoke Newington

### Grants to vulnerable individuals

Catholic Women's League / Hackney Parochial Charities / Heinz, Anna and Carol Kroch Foundation / Mary Strand Trust / Methodist Church Fund for Human Need / Nawaal Fund / Positive Action in Housing / Sheila Hind Trust / Society of Friends for Foreigners in Distress / West Hackney Parochial Charity

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Jean Demars for assistance on many projects.

Many thanks also to St Mary's Church who continued to support HMC throughout the year

Finally, we'd like to thank all of our many volunteers, who donate their time so that HMC can continue to support so many people

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