

APPLY FOR SANCTUARY MEMBERSHIP OF OUR SPORTS CENTRE

We are delighted to be able to offer people seeking sanctuary the opportunity to enjoy free membership of the [University of Hull Sports Centre](#).

Sanctuary membership provides unlimited access to our Sports Centre facilities, including the gym, fitness classes and racket sport courts.

Please **email Hull Sport** on sport@hull.ac.uk to apply for Sanctuary membership. Please ensure that you have a **letter of support** from a recognised sanctuary support organisation (see below) to include with your application.

You will then receive a link from our Hull Sport team to register on our membership system. You will be able to collect your membership card from the Sports Centre reception on your first visit.

Sanctuary membership must be renewed every three months. This can be done at the Sports Centre reception or by emailing Hull Sport on sport@hull.ac.uk.

ELIGIBILITY

The scheme aims to support those who have sought sanctuary in the UK through the asylum system, resettlement routes or similar. Applicants may be at any stage in the asylum process.

You must normally be at least 18 years old to apply for membership of the Sports Centre.

As part of your application, you will need to provide a **letter of support** signed by a representative from a recognised organisation that works with forced migrants who have sought sanctuary in the UK. Letters should be on the organisation's official letterhead.

Template text for letters and an indicative list of recognised sanctuary support organisations are provided overleaf. Letters of support from other relevant organisations not listed below may also be accepted.

LETTER OF SUPPORT TEMPLATE

[DATE]

To the University of Hull

On behalf of [NAME OF ORGANISATION], I am pleased to support the application of [NAME OF APPLICANT] for Sanctuary membership of the University Sports Centre.

I confirm that [NAME OF APPLICANT] has sought sanctuary in the UK and holds the following immigration status: *[give details, e.g. refugee status, awaiting outcome of submitted asylum claim]*.

[NAME OF ORGANISATION] has verified [NAME OF APPLICANT]'s sanctuary status through the following check(s): *[give details, e.g. evidenced by valid Application Registration Card (ARC), BAIL 201 form or Biometric Residence Permit (BRP)]*.

Membership of the Sports Centre will *[give example(s) of how the applicant will benefit from access to the Sports Centre]*.

Yours

[SIGNATURE]

[NAME]

[ROLE]

[ORGANISATION]

RECOGNISED SANCTUARY SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS

- CIAC
- Hull Help for Refugees
- Open Doors
- Refugee Council
- Welcome House
- Welcome to English
- Hull4Ukraine

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Membership of the Sports Centre is subject to standard [terms and conditions](#). You will receive a copy of the terms and conditions when you register on our membership system. By registering, you will accept the terms and conditions and agree to abide by the Sports Centre [Code of Conduct](#).

As the number of Sanctuary memberships we are able to offer is limited, you will need to renew your membership every three months. This can be done in person at the Sports Centre reception or by emailing [Hull Sport](#), but you must contact us to renew your membership within two weeks of its expiry date. If you do not renew within this two-week period, your membership may be reallocated and you may need to join a waiting list for another membership to become available.

Renewal of Sanctuary membership is dependent on members continuing to meet the scheme eligibility criteria (including the requirement that their membership continues to have the support of a relevant sanctuary organisation). If you no longer meet the eligibility criteria for Sanctuary membership, you must inform us immediately. Sanctuary members will need to provide an updated or new letter of support from a relevant sanctuary support organisation annually when seeking to renew their membership on or after the anniversary of their initial application.