



## ABOUT US

Ashley Community Housing is a thriving social enterprise that puts people before profits. 'Community' is at the heart of everything we do as we empower positive change throughout communities in the West of England and the West Midlands.

In the past 2 years ACH has been nominated for 6 awards – receiving a Silver Stevie (International Business Award) in 2015 and a High Commendation at the UK Housing Awards. We have also been lucky to have a number of media appearances on local TV, radio and in online and print publications.

## BACKGROUND

Since 2008 we have successfully resettled over 1,200 individuals from refugee backgrounds' developing their independence, promoting their positive contribution to the community and easing their integration into UK life.

## RESPOND

The UK government and the EU are under increased pressure to both accommodate and provide long-term support for these frequently vulnerable people. This is why we have successfully developed an effective service over the past seven years which eases the strain on the public purse and helps those in need. We have also developed initiatives which are outside of statutory service provision, however, complement it.

## RESPECT

Unlike other organisations which place too much emphasis on processing numbers, we deal with individuals who each have unique needs, skills and ambitions. Many of our staff including our CEO are former refugees, meaning we have produced and tested the resettlement service that is culturally responsive.

We are the only organisation in the UK with this unique perspective and this is something we are very proud of!

## RESETTLE

However, our tenants' journey does not simply end with a house and a helping hand. Through the establishment of our subsidiary training arm Himilo we are committed to providing our tenants with independence through the development of their language, IT literacy and employability skills.



## Six Broad Areas of Support

1. Accommodation & Housing
2. Finance & Benefit
3. Health
4. Education, Training & Employment
5. Integration & Social Inclusion
6. Legal & Immigration

## Training, Work Shops & Courses

Courses and Programmes Including;

- ESOL & English Language Tuition
- IT & Computer Skills courses
- Employability & ESOL courses
- Fire & Household Safety
- Financial Literacy
- Tenancy Management

## Social Activities and Events

- Yearly Event During Refugee Week  
(this year 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June)

### ***DIFFERENT PASTS, SHARED FUTURE***

- Sports Activities & Projects
- Leisure and Cultural Activities

