

# Where are you joining us from today?

40 responses



# What in your view does a welcoming Council look and feel like?

Empathetic

Open

Collaboration

Inclusive

Understanding

Access to services and  
information for all

Non-judgemental;  
accepting

Compassionate

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# What in your view does a welcoming Council look and feel like?

Ready to help

Listening

Listening

Welcome to all

Supportive of refugees.  
Offering help

Collaboration

Optimistic

Going above the  
minimum

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# What in your view does a welcoming Council look and feel like?

Willing to learn,  
understand other cultures  
and support

Avoids gatekeeping

Conservation with a  
human

Open, safe and strong

Non judgmental

Joined-up in providing  
sanctuary

Celebrating value of  
migration

Experienced at using  
interpreters



# What in your view does a welcoming Council look and feel like?

Learning

Kind open

inclusive

Awareness raising

Walking the walk

Approachable

People being themselves,  
their whole self

Signposting to services

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# What in your view does a welcoming Council look and feel like?

Creative

Open and transparent

Kind

Accepting of all

Creating new spaces,  
humility, humanitarian

Learning. Curious.  
Nonjudgmental

Gives people info they  
need to get help, rebuild  
lives

Solution focused

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# What in your view does a welcoming Council look and feel like?

Brave

Feel safe

Good access to services, work well with partners, friendly, help from volunteers with language skills, agencies put on help days and open days

AVAILABLE SIGNPOSTING TO ALL SERVICE

Ready to change and adapt

Supportive of voluntary sector

Proud, unafraid of championing itself as a City of Sanctuary

Offering easily accessible safe and open spaces



# What in your view does a welcoming Council look and feel like?

Listen to lived experience

Standing up for you

KNOWLEDGEMENT

Understand rights and entitlements

Leads by example

Diverse workforce

Working with third sector partners

Respecting all sections of the community





# What in your view does a welcoming Council look and feel like?

Representative

BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIERS

Listens to people

Get all departments to put the City of Sanctuary commitment into practice

Championing welcome for refugees, so that the whole city is inspired and takes part

Housing

community safety

Parks and gardens



# What in your view does a welcoming Council look and feel like?

libraries

Concerns about negative reactions



# What role would you like Local Authorities to play in ensuring their area is a place of welcome and safety?

Working in partnership

Offer accommodation for asylum seekers

Commitment to Resettlement

All staff trained on creating welcome

Speak out against hostile public policy

Coordination

Funding

Commitment

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# What role would you like Local Authorities to play in ensuring their area is a place of welcome and safety?

Convening meetings and working groups

Legislation, policies should not be an obstacle to compassionate and welcome

All councillors support the vision of sanctuary for all

Leadership

WORKING TOGETHER

Facilitate partnership work

Coordinate response

Coordination

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# What role would you like Local Authorities to play in ensuring their area is a place of welcome and safety?

Leading on strategy

Adopt motion, policies, strategies. working groups health VCS sector

Collaborative with migration sector

influencing partners from public, private and third sector

Leadership on challenging gov

A proactive role in terms of ensuring involvement of asylum seeking community in council activities

Encouraging staff to show welcome

Working closely with our volunteer partners, commitment to listening, learning and standing with refugees

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# What role would you like Local Authorities to play in ensuring their area is a place of welcome and safety?

Support for everyone who has migrated - no narrative of more 'deserving' people. Campaigning for better support and services - particularly against new Borders Bill and scrapping NRPF. Treating all people who have migrated with respect.



# When we talk about embedding Sanctuary and Welcome, which Local Authority service areas spring to mind?

86 responses



# What are the key challenges for your LA in pursuing a Council of Sanctuary recognition?





## Any other challenges?

Housing stock

Scared of the right-wing rhetoric and voters

Working out how the process dovetails with the Inclusive cities process

Buy in from certain departments

No asylum seekers housed. Very few refugees

Need to employ people from the communities

National policy

New immigration bill

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## Any other challenges?

Lack of specialist services, interpreters, cost of additional support, housing shortage

Although it's apolitical, may be seen as one party's 'thing'

Not able to understand racial injustice

public feeling like these people are jumping for houses etc

Fear of the unknown

Holding onto political control takes a lot of energy. Being more high profile

As members of the Borough of Sanctuary are volunteers time. Also we were not listed as current members but we have been meeting regularly etc

The rhetoric of difference

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## Any other challenges?

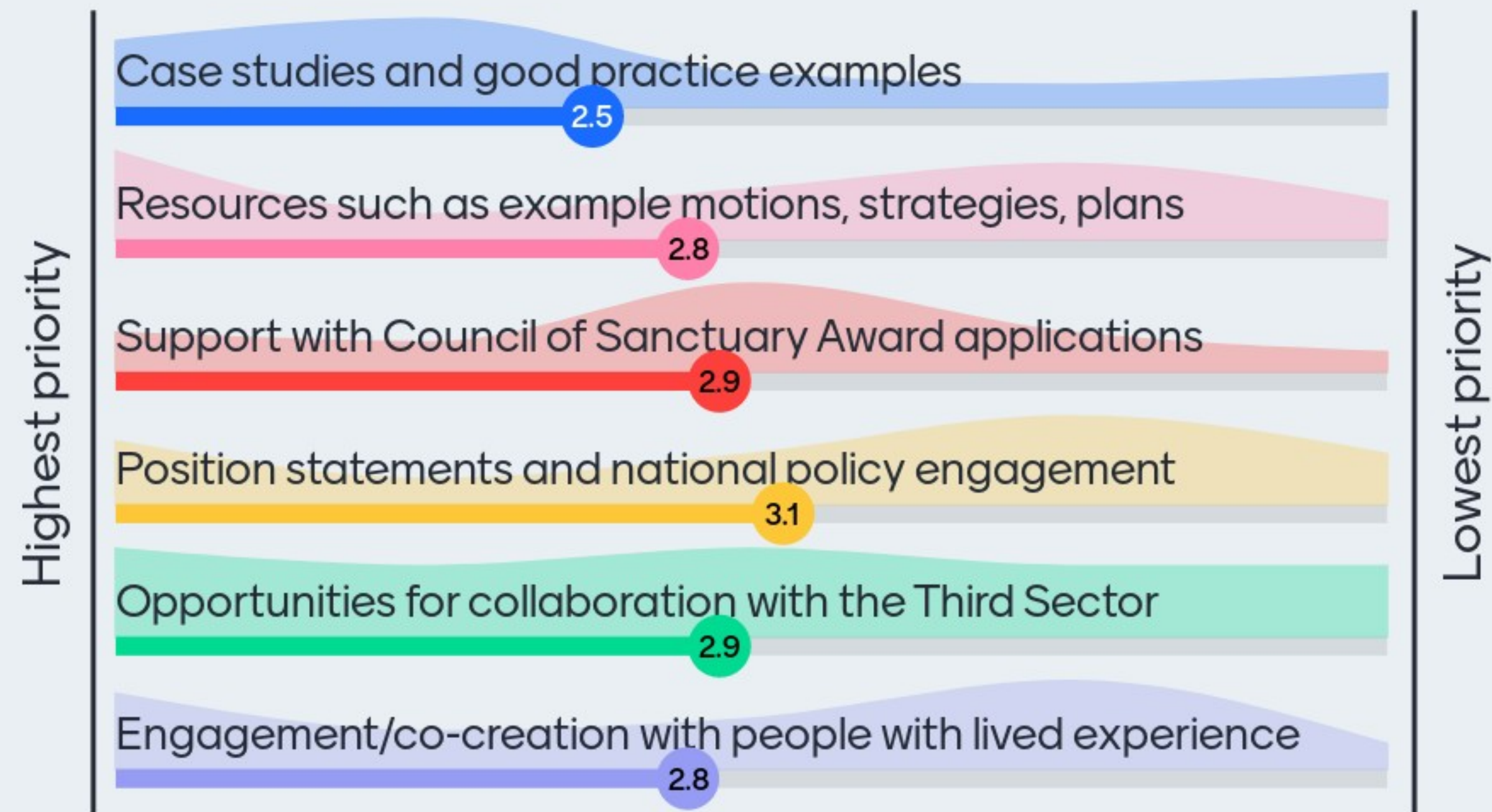
Having to react to imposition of hotels and dispersal accommodation

Racism

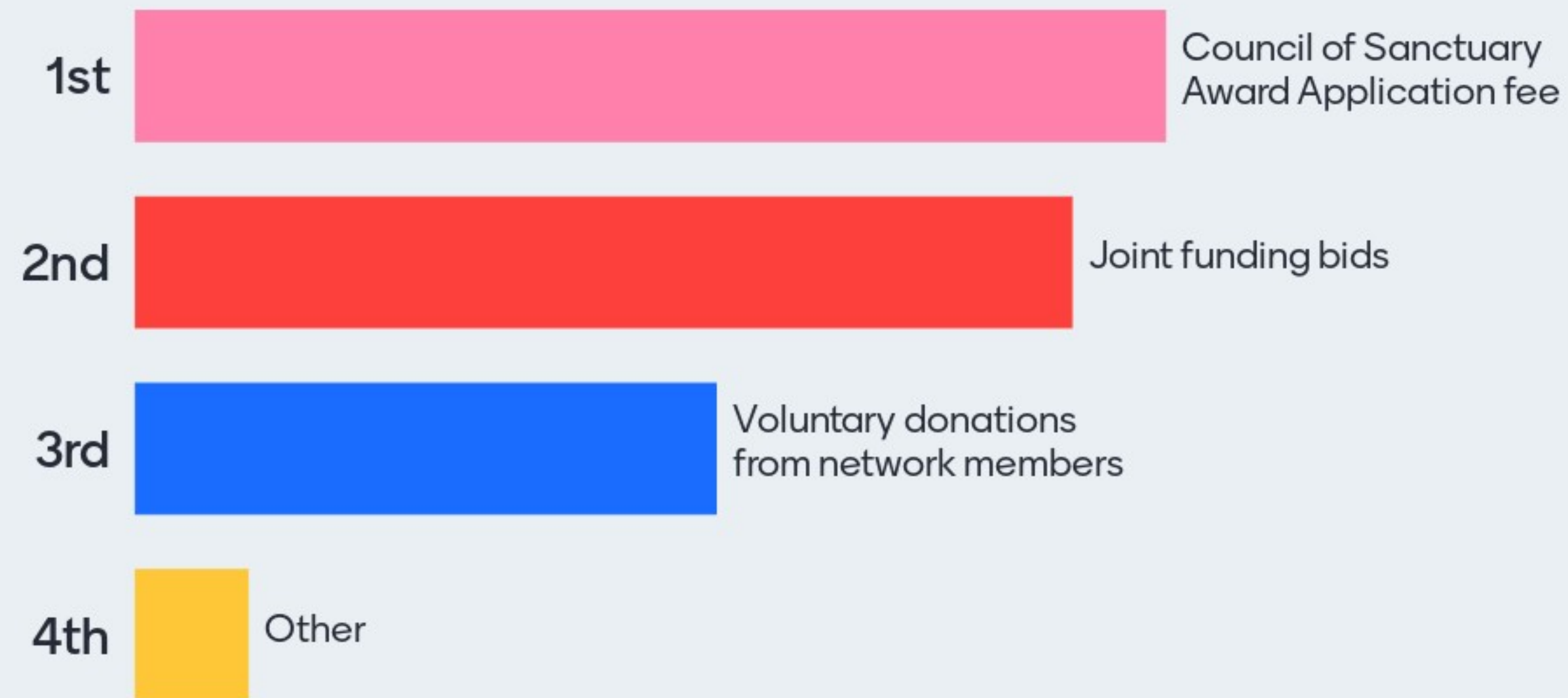
Burst of pressure on officers with resettlement work



# What would you like this network to focus on in the coming year?



# How can we fund the network and ensure its sustainability?



Other funding and network sustainability ideas?



# How can we make this network more valuable for you and your community? Any suggestions for improvement?

More input from people with lived experience.

Education Education for the community

It would be good to have transcripts of these recordings. They are really useful.

Since Ben left consistency in knowing who is the main contact person since people keep changing

Policy challenge

More opportunities for sharing good practice - communities of practice

Quarterly meetings and updates?

Ideas for involving helpful community activists

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# How can we make this network more valuable for you and your community? Any suggestions for improvement?

options to be able to discuss issues with others outside of the meeting. break out groups where you can have a choice to join depending in what your needs / interests are

Keep on with zoom meetings

Maybe a more stremlined (but managed) way of connecting with members outside of meetings.

