**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

*Thank you for showing an interest in Lichfield District City of Sanctuary.*

*We invite anyone living or working, or with any other interest in, the area of Lichfield District Council to join us in helping to make Lichfield a welcoming and supportive city and district that provides sanctuary to all who need it, especially vulnerable people.*

There are 3 types of membership:

* Individual membership
* Delegate membership, as the representative of a Lichfield-based organisation
* Organisational partnership, as a group sharing and committed fully to our objectives

We hope that members will contribute to the organisation. Here are some of the ways in which you could do this:

* Make an annual or monthly donation enabling us to offer practical support to incomers – perhaps based on an amount equivalent to one-thousandth of your annual income
* Help to develop projects and events designed to inform people about national and local sanctuary issues
* Provide practical short-, medium- or long-term support to incomers, for example, welcoming, orientating incomers, shopping, language-development, accommodation
* Collecting and distributing materials – clothing, toys, books
* Engaging with immigrant status and other issues around refugees and asylum-seeking
* Serving as a member of our Board of Trustees or our Steering Group, helping to develop and monitor policy and/or providing specialist support (e.g. in financial or legal issues)
* Engage in campaigning on national and local issues of sanctuary

What benefits do you get from membership?

* The knowledge that you are helping some of the world’s most vulnerable people and addressing serious global issues while helping to enrich the culture and ethics of our home
* Regular news and information about immigration laws and the government’s conduct of refugee and asylum-seeking issues
* Access to a range of events provided or supported by Lichfield District City of Sanctuary in the area and beyond
* The opportunity to engage in local developments and improve the environment in which we live.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM OVER THE PAGE IN BLOCK CAPITALS OR TYPE** (questions in italics are optional)

Preferred title & full name

Name by which you prefer to be known

Address

Telephone/mobile numbers

Email address

*Self-identifying gender*

*Self-identifying origin*

Type of membership: Individual

 Delegate membership (name of organisation ……………………………….)

 Group partnership (name of organisation………………………………..)

What skills/experience/qualities do you have that might be of value to Lichfield District City of Sanctuary?

What, if any, role(s) might you like to take on in the organisation? (on separate page if preferred).

*Please sign to show that you support the declaration below:*

***The core principles of Lichfield District City of Sanctuary are:***

***1. All asylum seekers, refugees and migrants should be treated with dignity and respect.***

***2. A fair and effective process to decide whether people need protection should be in place. 3. No one should be locked up indefinitely.***

***4. No one should be left sick or destitute in our society.***

***5. We should welcome the stranger and help them to integrate.***

***I support (or we support) this declaration. I am happy to be contacted by Lichfield District City of Sanctuary by email 🞏 telephone/mobile 🞏 post 🞏***

*Signed ……………………………………………………………….*

*Name ……………………………………………………………….. Date ……………………………………………*

*Group (if applicable) …………………………………………………………………………………………………*

Please return the form to The Membership Secretary at nigelgann@lichfield.cityofsanctuary.org

Registered address: 15 Covey Close, Lichfield WS13 6BS.

If you can, please make a donation by BACs into Lichfield District City of Sanctuary’s account at Lloyds Bank (Sort code: 30-98-97. A/C 79373963). You may also pay a cheque or cash into this account at any branch of Lloyds Bank. It would be a great help to us if you make this **a standing order**.

**If you are a current UK taxpayer you can boost your donation by 25p for every £1 you donate. In order that we may do this on your behalf, please complete ands return the Charity Gift Aid Declaration on the next page, if appropriate, when returning your membership application form.**

Thank you.

**Charity Gift Aid Declaration**

**Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate**

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

 **In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below :**

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years ( delete as appropriate ) to:

**Name of Charity LICHFIELD DISTRICT CITY OF SANCTUARY**

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

**My Details**

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**Please notify the charity if you:**

* Want to cancel this declaration
* Change your name and/or home address
* No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

**If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self0-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.**