

## Asylum seeking children

The asphaleia group has over 10 years experience working with unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC), migrant children and children from a Black and Minority Ethnic background.

UASC are those who arrive alone in the UK and apply for asylum to the Home office. UASC are perhaps the most socially, economically, emotionally vulnerable and isolated young people in modern society. Displaced or uprooted from their parents, homes and families, and often fleeing situations of conflict, trauma and war, UASC arrive with complex health and social needs.



They struggle with hasty, involuntary departures from their home countries, often unaware of the countries they are travelling to. Not only do they experience of being alone they have to justify asylum claims and adjust to a new life in a new country as well.

Those who are under 16 are most likely to be placed with foster carers. We offer a specialist service which can provide for asylum seeking children within their cross-cultural experience. This includes:

- providing culturally familiar food
- introducing them to our wide network of fellow unaccompanied asylum seeking children, from a wide range of nationalities
- understanding language barrier issues
- providing access to learning programmes specifically aimed at these young people provided by the asphaleia group
- understanding the challenges with adapting to a new environment
- facilitating access to local faith communities as appropriate

For more information on fostering asylum seeking children, please contact us on 01903 522966.