



**Press Release**  
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## **Migrant Help launches pastoral care for migrants in Glasgow**

Vulnerable migrants and asylum seekers will be able to receive emotional and spiritual support when Migrant Help launches the latest of its multi-faith chaplaincies in Glasgow during Scottish Interfaith Week on November 23.

Migrant Help is the only UK-wide charity that offers support, guidance and accommodation to migrants and asylum seekers.

The success of the first two Migrant Help chaplaincy teams, which opened with 17 workers in south London in February, has led to the scheme being rolled out across the UK.

Teams are drawn from sessional workers in local communities who operate on a rota basis offering pastoral support to anyone, whether religious or not. Glasgow will have a team of seven which will include: Baptist, Baha'i, Humanist, Jewish and Muslim.

Chaplains can offer faith-based support, either personally or via a colleague, but their primary purpose is simply to be supportive. There is no attempt at conversion to or from any faith.

Migrant Help will launch a team in Cardiff before the end of the year, followed by Liverpool, Wakefield, Birmingham and Belfast. Other denominations already involved include: Anglican, Buddhist, Mormon, Pentecostal and Roman Catholic.

Cliff Cohen, Migrant Help's pastoral care co-ordinator, said: "The launch of the Glasgow chaplaincy at the start of Scottish Interfaith Week sends out a much-needed message that, whatever is happening elsewhere in the world, here in Scotland we celebrate the variety of faiths and work together to help the vulnerable and to promote the cause of goodness in the world.

If you would like to know more about the chaplaincy scheme or to apply to be a chaplain contact [cliff.cohen@migranthehelpuk.org](mailto:cliff.cohen@migranthehelpuk.org).

To find out more about Migrant Help visit [www.migranthehelpuk.org](http://www.migranthehelpuk.org).

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