

Case Study / Milestone:

The Resource Centre's open-access front desk has proved a valuable gateway to support for **We Are the Tree**, a group run by-and-for migrant and diaspora communities in Brighton & Hove and surrounding areas.

Manal, the group's Director, described the impact of the Centre's support as follows:

We Are The Tree CIC is grassroots, refugee led organisation working with refugee women, divergent refugees and young people and with forcibly displaced diaspora. Our work creates safe, nurturing spaces where refugee can rebuild confidence, connect with others, and rediscover their voices through storytelling, community engagement, and leadership activities.

As a small underfunded organisation, established in November 2025, and offered services to 1375 individuals, our growth has depended not only on passion and commitment, but also on access to practical support and resources. The Resource Centre in Brighton has been a key partner in this journey.

The Resource Centre has been more than just a service provider—it has been a trusted partner in our development. Their practical support and encouragement have enabled us to grow from a small community group into a stronger, more visible organisation with a wider reach and deeper impact. Example of their support listed here:

Leaflet design and printing: *They have helped us create clear, culturally sensitive, and visually engaging materials that reflect our values and speak directly to the women we support.*

Publicity and outreach guidance: *With their support, we have improved how we share our work, helping us reach women who are often isolated or unaware of available support.*

Funding information and opportunities: *The Resource Centre regularly shares relevant funding opportunities, enabling us to apply for grants that sustain and grow our programmes.*

Ongoing advice and encouragement: *Their team has been approachable, responsive, and genuinely invested in our success, providing guidance that has strengthened our confidence as an organisation.*

Skills building and training: *practical training in designing and digital marketing.*

Lending us equipment we needed for our events

The support from the Resource Centre has had a direct and meaningful impact on the refugee and diaspora women, young people and neurodivergent we work with:

Reduced isolation: *Improved outreach has enabled more women to find and join our community, helping them move from isolation to connection.*

Increased participation: *Clear and welcoming materials have made our activities more accessible, encouraging consistent engagement.*

Stronger sense of belonging: *Women report feeling safe, valued, and understood within our spaces.*

“Before joining the group, I felt very alone. Now I feel like I have sisters. I can speak, I can laugh again.” Nesreen from Home office Accommodation in Brighton

Empowerment and confidence: *With more stable programming, women and neurodivergent refugees have been able to take part in storytelling, wellbeing, and leadership activities that support healing and personal growth.*

