



West Midlands Destitution Project

The Children's Society destitution project works to support families, children and young people who have been made destitute as a result of the asylum process. The project offers:

- Advocacy and practical support with accessing help.
- A grant-giving scheme in partnership with other local agencies.

Eligibility criteria checklist

Immigration Status	Is the person an asylum seeker or refugee?
Age	Are they under 18 or do they have/are expecting children?
Support	Do they currently have no statutory support or are about to have support withdrawn?
Help needed	Do they need advocacy support or a destitution grant?

- If all of the above questions can be answered with '**Yes**' then a referral can be made to the destitution project.
- If any answer is '**No**' or '**Don't know**' then please discuss further with Andy Jolly or Mohammed Shazad on 0121 236 3968.

Next Steps

1. Please fax completed referral forms to Andy Jolly or Mohammed Shazad on 0121 233 4647.
2. A member of staff from the project will contact the person or the referring agency within two working days of receipt of referral.
3. Staff from the project will either work directly with the service user or, where appropriate, signpost to other organisations e.g. for legal advice.