

Refugee Survival Trust (RST) is a volunteer-led charity, established in 1996, which provides grants to destitute asylum claimants and refugees living in Scotland. We also conduct related research that leads to advocacy and campaign for improved services and a more humane asylum system.

DASS Partners

The DASS Project is led by Refugee Survival Trust in partnership with the following organisations:

Scottish Refugee Council
University of Strathclyde Law Clinic
Glasgow Night Shelter for Destitute Asylum Seekers
Fasgadh
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Destitute Asylum Seeker Service



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What is DASS?

DASS (Destitute Asylum Seeker Service) is a Glasgow-based partnership of organisations, working with **refused asylum seekers** in Scotland. Using a model of holistic support, we offer a range of services to address people's needs and enable them to make informed choices about their situation.

Everyone who meets the criteria (outlined below) will be offered an appointment with our Destitution Adviser to discuss their needs. Access to other DASS services, tailored to individual requirements, will then be agreed with the client.

Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for DASS support, applicants must be:

- A refused asylum seeker and 'appeal rights exhausted' (ARE)
- Destitute, with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)

Support

Services available to DASS clients include:

- Holistic needs assessment
- Information and advice about rights and entitlements
- Casework support
- Support with collecting destitution evidence for Section 4 applications
- Emergency shelter*
- Temporary accommodation*
- Legal advice**
- Help with preparing a fresh asylum claim**

* Subject to availability due to limited places.

** If the client does not have legal representation, or with the agreement of the client's solicitor.

Overview of DASS



Referrals

To make a referral to DASS, call us on 0141-353-5603 or email DASS_Administrator@rst.org.uk for a referral form, or to find out times of our outreach sessions. Please email completed forms to DASS@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk.

If you have any questions about DASS or would like to talk in confidence about making a referral, please contact our Project Manager for further information at the above number or by emailing DASS_Manager@rst.org.uk.