**Migrant Actions Quarterly Update (Q1-Q2 2018)**

**LEEDS Operations**

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| Total number of clients supported | **37** |
| No of EU migrants | **4** |
| No of Non-EU migrants | **33** |
| No of males | **21** |
| No of females | **16** |

**Barnsley (April-July)**

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| **Total number of clients supported** | **17** |
| EU migrants | 13 |
| Non EU migrants | 4 |
| No of males | 4 |
| No of females | 13 |

**Partnerships&Collaboration**

We have built new links and strengthened existing partnerships with **Hope for Justice**, **Rights to Remain**, **RETAS, Migrant Rights Network, Refugee Council, Project 17, University of Leeds, Migrant Resource Centre** and other community and funding organisations.

**Capacity Building**

In June, MA partnered with Project 17 to deliver training for advisers supporting families with no recourse to public funds. It was attended by over 30 practitioners from over 20 organisations. We aim to continue facilitating capacity building for organisations to improve quality of support for vulnerable migrants.

MA is considering delivering refugee and migrant awareness sessions in primary schools in Barnsley working in collaboration with local organisations. The aim is to increase awareness and understanding of migration among young people by challenging and preventing the entrenchment of negative stereotypes in order to foster long term integration. Working in schools offer young people early opportunities to develop positive mindsets about migration and build strong relationships with young migrants.

**Research & Development**

Our partnership with Leeds University has developed further as we now have been offered a student placement who will undertake piece of research to;

**Investigate de-skilling among migrants and its direct impact on individuals.**

These 6 months research projects will help add to existing knowledge base on the issue and offer a local perspective –Leeds. The findings and recommendations will guide thinking for organisational practical responses to issues discovered.

**Steering Committee**

Migrant Action has successfully recruited a new Steering Committee member. Julia Kinch brings lots of valuable knowledge, skills and experience in areas of leadership and business development, Communications, leadership advocacy, board governance, building strategic partnerships etc. Julia will be a great asset to the organisation and will play a vital role in shaping the organisation’s future as a member of the board.