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<http://www.cityofsanctuary.org/maternity/films>

Living in the UK as a pregnant asylum seeker or refugee

Socially excluded & voiceless

“No decision about me without me”?? (DH 2012)

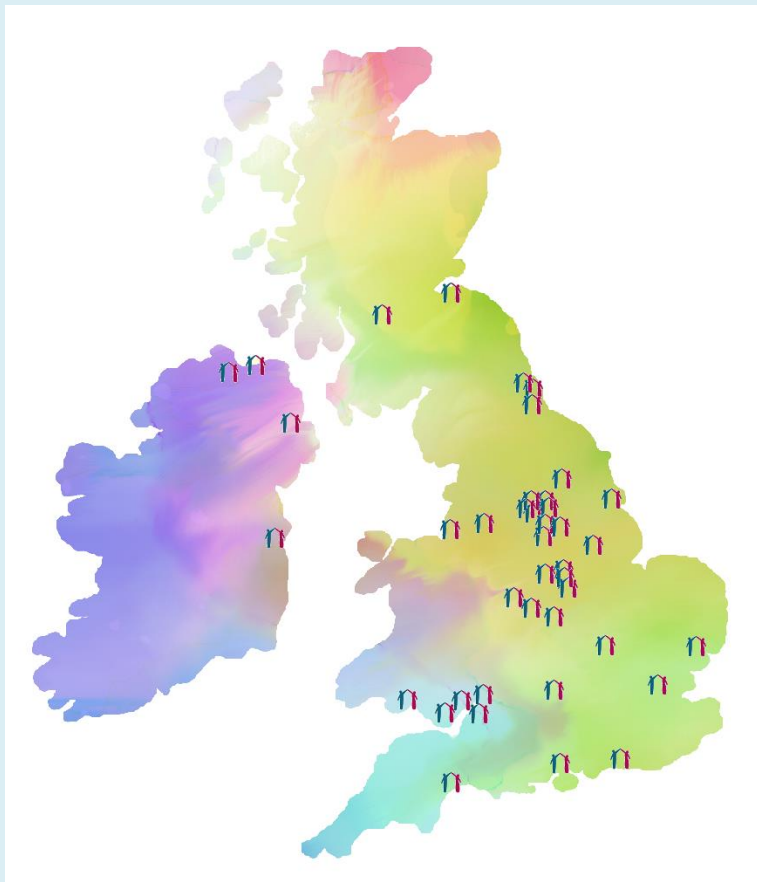
Untapped potential

Poor societal attitudes & lack of understanding

Poor health outcomes

‘Anti immigration’ political agenda”





38 groups

Bedford and Luton
Belfast
Birmingham
Bradford
Brighton
Bristol
Cardiff
Coleraine / Causeway
Coventry
Derby
Derry
Dublin
Edinburgh
Exeter
Glasgow
Gloucester
Hackney
Halifax
Huddersfield
Hull
Ipswich
Leeds
Leicester
Lincoln
Liverpool
Loughborough
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Southampton
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Tees Valley
Wakefield
Wolverhampton
York



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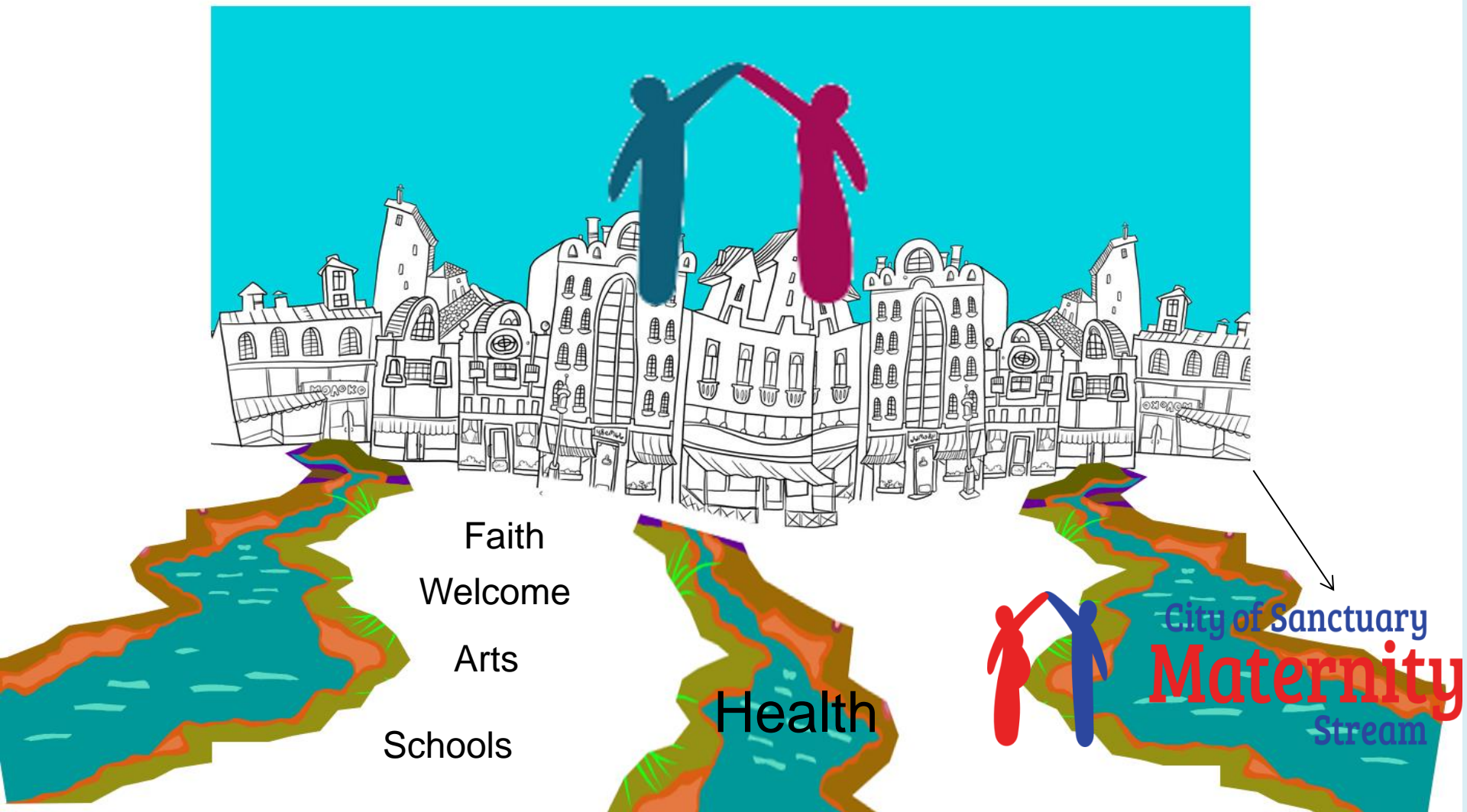


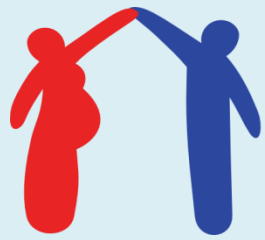
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City of Sanctuary
Maternity
Stream

Streams of Sanctuary





City of Sanctuary Maternity Stream

- Who? AS&R volunteers and established network of people and groups.
- Why? didn't want other mums to suffer as we had suffered".
- Aim to work with maternity services to develop in a way that overcomes inequalities
- How? Improve access, experiences and outcomes of maternity services for AS&R women through the maternity SOS award



Maternity Service of Sanctuary (SOS) award



Engage Maternity care provides

1. Learn
2. Embed
3. Share

Celebration and opportunity for reflective learning

Written evidence

AS&R volunteers help with learning

Evaluation by appraisal group and presentation at award ceremony

Maternity stream resources



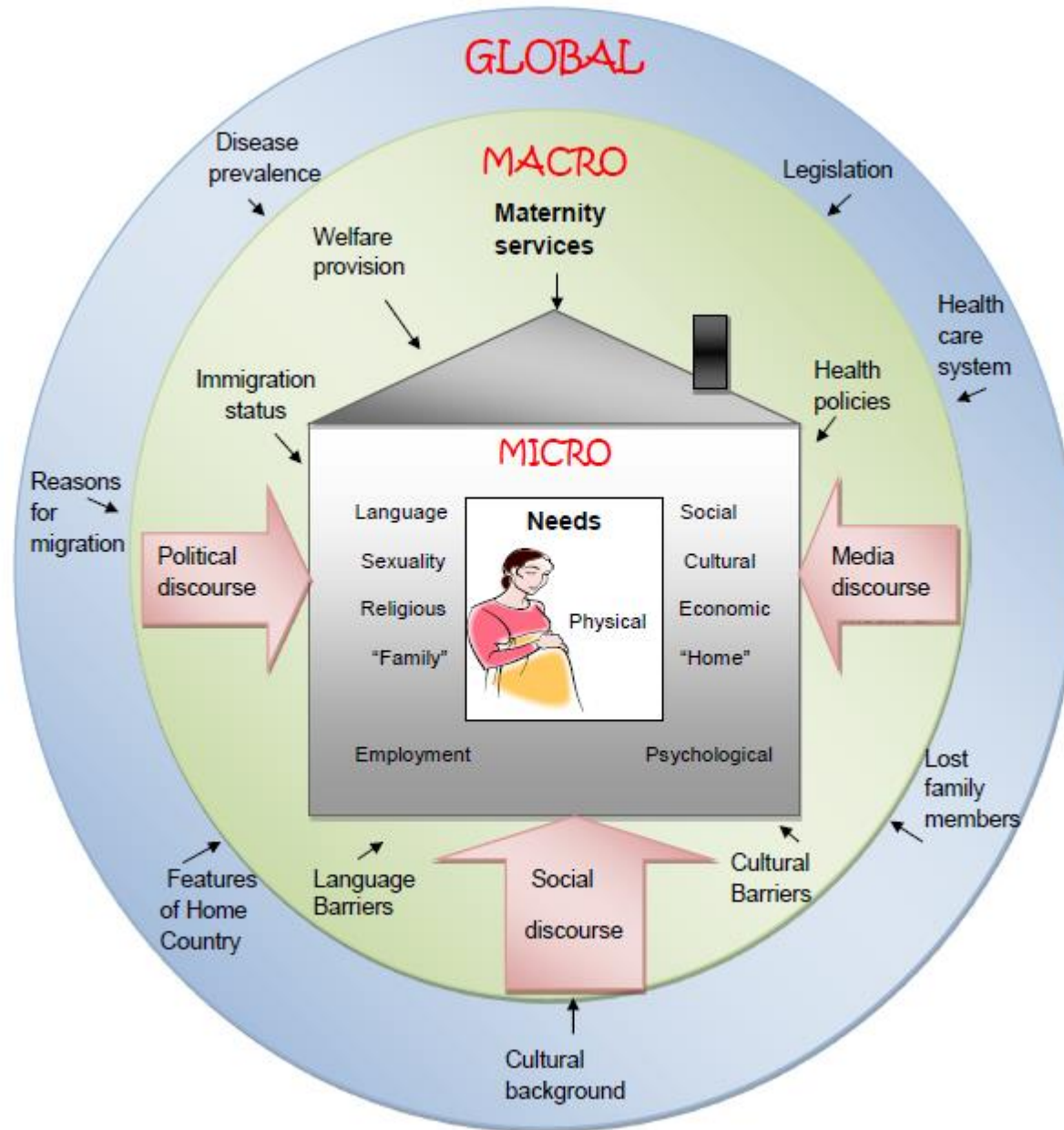
- Sara's story
- 'Excellence in Maternity care' model
- The women and their stories on film

<http://www.cityofsanctuary.org/maternity/films>

- 'The Pregnant Woman Within the Global Context' model
- Other resources on the website

<http://www.cityofsanctuary.org/maternity/resources>

The Pregnant Woman within the Global Context Model



Maternity stream resources



- The women and their stories
- Sara's story



Impact



“The volunteering makes me understand that if I push myself I am able to get wherever I want to be and do whatever I want to do. I am thinking to become a midwife in the future.”

**Refugee woman
service user**

“Of all of the sessions I have partaken in so far in my midwifery training, this one left the biggest impression on me. I will never forget the journeys of the women we were lucky enough to be in the company of, or wiping away tears as unimaginable experiences were recited (with laughter and smiles!) by figures of utter strength and determination. I left the session feeling awe for those who can find the strength required to carry on through such desperate times, and determination to never again show allegiance to a system which only serves to prolong them.”

Year 2 midwifery student