**Places of Welcome**

Places of Welcome are run by local community groups who want everyone in their neighbourhood to have a place to go for a friendly face, a cup of tea and a conversation if and when they need it.

With over 450 across the UK, each Place of Welcome is unique, but all provide a place for people to connect with one another, find belonging and offer gifts and skills that interest them.

Places of Welcome take place in a variety of different venues including churches, community centres, libraries, mosques, temples and other community group buildings across the UK.

**The 5 Values of Places of Welcome:**

1. **Place**: An accessible and hospitable building, open at the same time every week
2. **People**: Open to everyone regardless of their circumstances or situation, and staffed by volunteers
3. **Presence**: A place where people actively listen to one another
4. **Provision**: Offering free refreshments (at least a cup of tea and a biscuit) and basic local information
5. **Participation**: Every person will bring talents, experiences and skills that they may be willing to share locally