

# Ideas for SHOW YOUR HEARTS displays

Once you have collected all your signs of support (selfies, messages or signatures) you can collate them into your big orange heart display. The heart can be presented in a number of ways. We've gathered together some ideas, 'how tos' and tips based on the work of other groups.

## Projection on local landmarks

Norwich City of Sanctuary projected a giant orange heart made up of supporters onto Norwich Castle over three days (see image E above).

*Claire Wood, of Norwich City of Sanctuary, provided these tips to help others planning a similar activity.*

- If you're getting public submissions for the final orange heart artwork, allow plenty of time for people to send their selfies (or other signs of support) in.
- You may need to run a campaign to encourage local people to send in their signs of support.
- If you are collecting the signs of support at events allow sufficient time for this too.
- You may be able to get support from the local landmark you are planning to project on, and they may help to publicise your initiative.
- Get in touch with your local Business Improvement District (BID) who may have a projector they can lend you for free.
- Try to do a trial run of the projection so you can make sure the scale and design is correct and clear.
- Promote on social media in the run up to, during and following the projection.
- Invite your MP and media to witness the projection.

## Banner

If you're painting or spray painting your orange heart on to a big banner, you may want to sketch the outline in chalk or pencil first. You could use just one old bed sheet. Or for more impact you could sew multiple sheets together. If you are sewing bed sheets together, you might want to leave that step until last. It might be easier and less unwieldy to bring individual sheets to stalls and events, when you are getting them signed.

So before sewing the sheets, you could lay them out together and paint the orange heart on them. Use waterproof paint so it doesn't wash out in the rain. While it is still laid out you might like to take a photo of the assembled sheets, to show signatories what the final banner will look like. Then you can bring the

sheets to your events to be signed. When you are ready, sew the sheets together ready to hang over a bridge. Voila!

## Flag

The idea of hoisting orange heart flags at places of sanctuary for refugees came up in workshops hosted by City of Sanctuary and Together With Refugees. Most City of Sanctuary groups have strong links with local institutions such as councils, universities, schools and museums as part of their streams and awards initiatives. You can check [here](#) if there is a local group you can link up with.

Mainstream institutions like Councils may need specific awnings to fit their flag post. For areas where there is a City of Sanctuary group, City of Sanctuary UK may be able to help with the design and purchase of the flag, so please contact [info@cityofsanctuary.org](mailto:info@cityofsanctuary.org).

For flag posts at community halls or schools you could prepare your own flag quite simply. You could buy a big (1.5 m by 2.5 m) white flag online for between £5 and £20. You can use waterproof paint, spray paint or a permanent marker to draw a big orange heart and get people to sign directly onto the flag with permanent black markers.

## Railings gallery

Another idea is to get local creative people to submit their orange heart posters for display on the railings of an iconic local building. Obviously you'd need permission for this, if you don't want them all to be removed instantly. [Here you can see how Norwich City of Sanctuary advertised their call for artwork](#). See the resulting railing exhibition in image G above.

## Heart postcards display

You can print A4 sheets with hearts on, or you can get these printed and cut out at your local printer. You can find artwork here [[link to artwork](#)].

You could invite local people to write messages to their MPs on the heart shaped card, or you could invite them to write messages of support for refugees and people seeking asylum.

The hearts can then be presented in a big heart display in a public space and photographed (see below), before being presented to your MP. Or you could invite your MP to attend the display and to read some of the messages there.