



# Integration and social inclusion as a means of addressing and mitigating migrant vulnerabilities

Councillor Hibaq Jama  
Bristol City Council  
United Kingdom





# Bristol

Leave **38.3%**  
87,418 VOTES

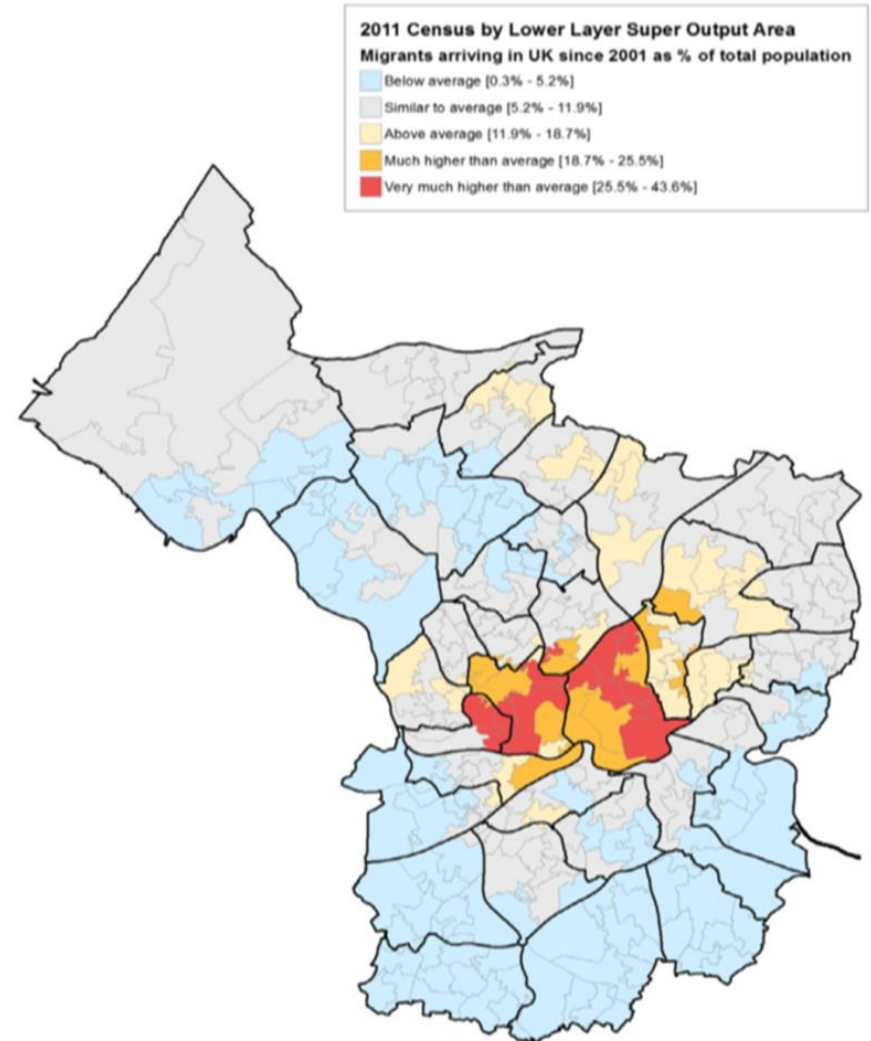
Remain **61.7%**  
141,027 VOTES

- Largest city in the South West England Region – 450,000 citizens
- At least 45 religions, 187 countries of birth represented and 91 main languages spoken
- Bristol has a relatively young age profile with more children aged 0-15 than people aged 65 and over.



# Migration

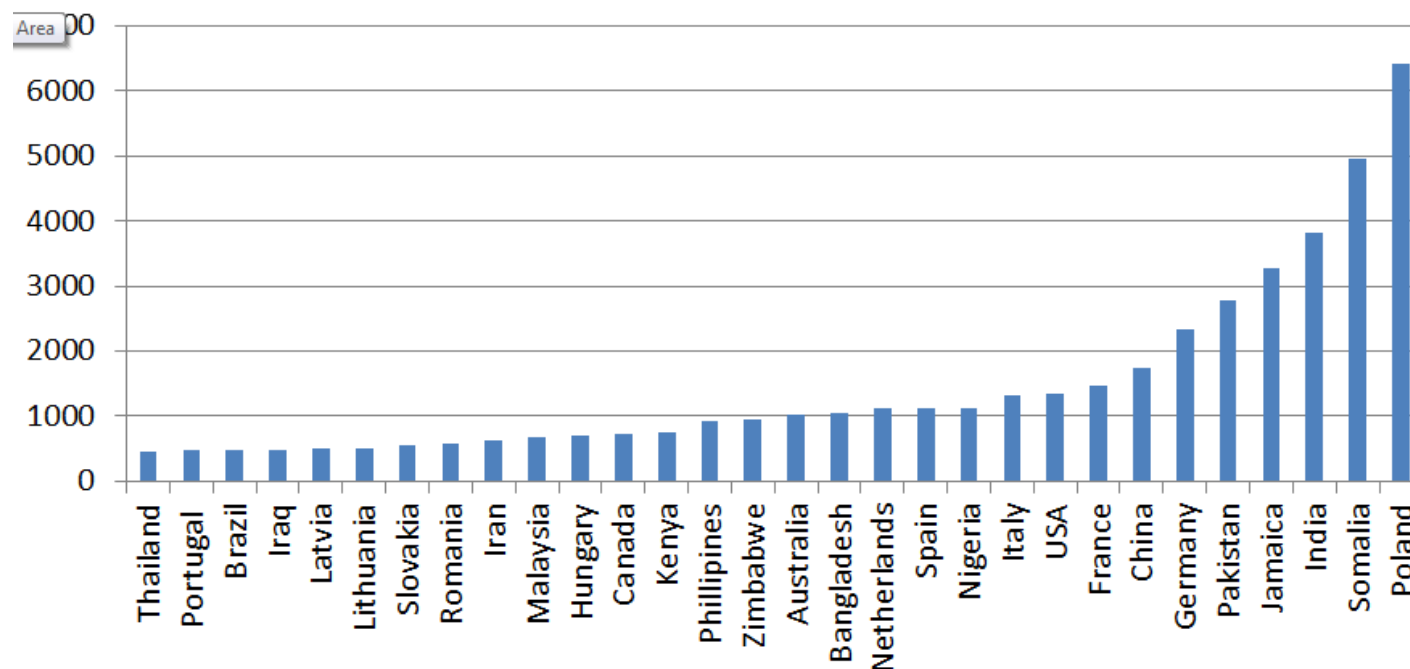
- International in-migration peaked in 2004/5
- Births are now the main driver of population growth
- Migrants are concentrated in inner city wards



Produced by Strategic Planning, Bristol City Council  
Source: Office for National Statistics © Crown Copyright 2013.  
© Crown Copyright and database rights 2016. Ordnance Survey 100023406.

# People living in Bristol who are not born in the UK

(2011 census)



# Prosperity

- Bristol is the 7th most successful city in Europe in attracting inward investment.
- Bristol has the 2nd highest number of business start-ups
- 71% employment/7% unemployed
- Globally recognised clusters in aerospace and advanced engineering, high tech creative and digital, low carbon technologies and financial and professional services.





# Economic Inclusion

Research: Bristol Economic Migrants: needs and strategies (UWE 2016) [eprints.uwe.ac.uk/30570/](https://eprints.uwe.ac.uk/30570/)

We are seeking partners to attract investment to

- work with employers and
- tackle barriers to the labour market



Welcome Pack for Economic Migrants translated into ten languages

# Vulnerable Groups

- 800 asylum seekers in Bristol
- 250 new refugees each year
- 50 no recourse to public funds (Trafficked)
- 100 people on the Syrian Resettlement Scheme
- 71 Unaccompanied asylum seeking children
- 30% of women using Refugee Women of Bristol Drop In have lived in UK 5 years or more but still need help
- At least 663 non UK rough sleepers in Bristol

# Health



- The Haven Health Clinic is a special clinic run by GPs and nurses who offer a service adjusted to better meet the needs of asylum seekers and refugees, joining families and unaccompanied asylum seeking children and victims of human trafficking.



# Co-ordinated Community Response

- Four drop in refugee welcome centres, one women only
- Two hot lunch homeless centres ( EU)
- 100 units of accommodation for new refugees
- Every new refugee has a case worker
- 30 households give a room to destitute asylum seekers long term, 150 offer a room short term
- A free Shop for refugees
- Trafficking victims - Male Safe House and women only Safe House in Bristol
- 1100 students each year at college studying English as another language
- 80 community English classes each week

# Voluntary Community Support

Housing advice  
Family reunion  
Emergency accommodation  
Crèche  
Health Checks  
Food bank  
Lunch  
Cross Cultural understanding  
Reading practice  
Legal support  
Information

Advocacy  
Massage/nail care  
Reading your post/mail  
Free Barber  
Stop smoking  
Mental well-being support  
Befriending  
Free clothes, toiletries, food, household goods  
Help with reporting Hate crime



# Promoting Inclusion

- 2011 City of Sanctuary
- 2015 Rockefeller Resilient City
- 2016 Research into support needs of Economic Migrants
- 2017 Inclusive Cities
- 2017 Welcoming Asylum Seekers and Refugees Needs Assessment, Strategy and Action Plan.



Bristol Refugee Week celebrations and the arrival of Syrian Refugees for the Resettlement programme



# Specific Projects funded in 2017

## **UK Government Controlling Migration Fund**

- Vision and Values
- Bristol ESOL for living together project
- Employment Navigator for Migrants
- Rough Sleeping and returning home
- Tackling Rogue Landlords
- Improving outcomes for migrant children
- Specialist Leader in Education for Early Years
- Specific Education officer to support refugee and asylum seeking children to find school places

# Measuring Inclusion

- In an annual Quality of Life Survey % respondents who agree people from different backgrounds get on well together has risen from 58% in 2010 to 63% in 2015 [www.bristol.gov.uk/QoL](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/QoL)
- 1602 hate crimes recorded between March to December 2016  
Bristol Strategic Partnership Against Hate Crime April 2017
- Improved outcomes measured through the Welcoming Asylum Seekers and Refugee Strategy