How MiFriendly is the West Midlands?

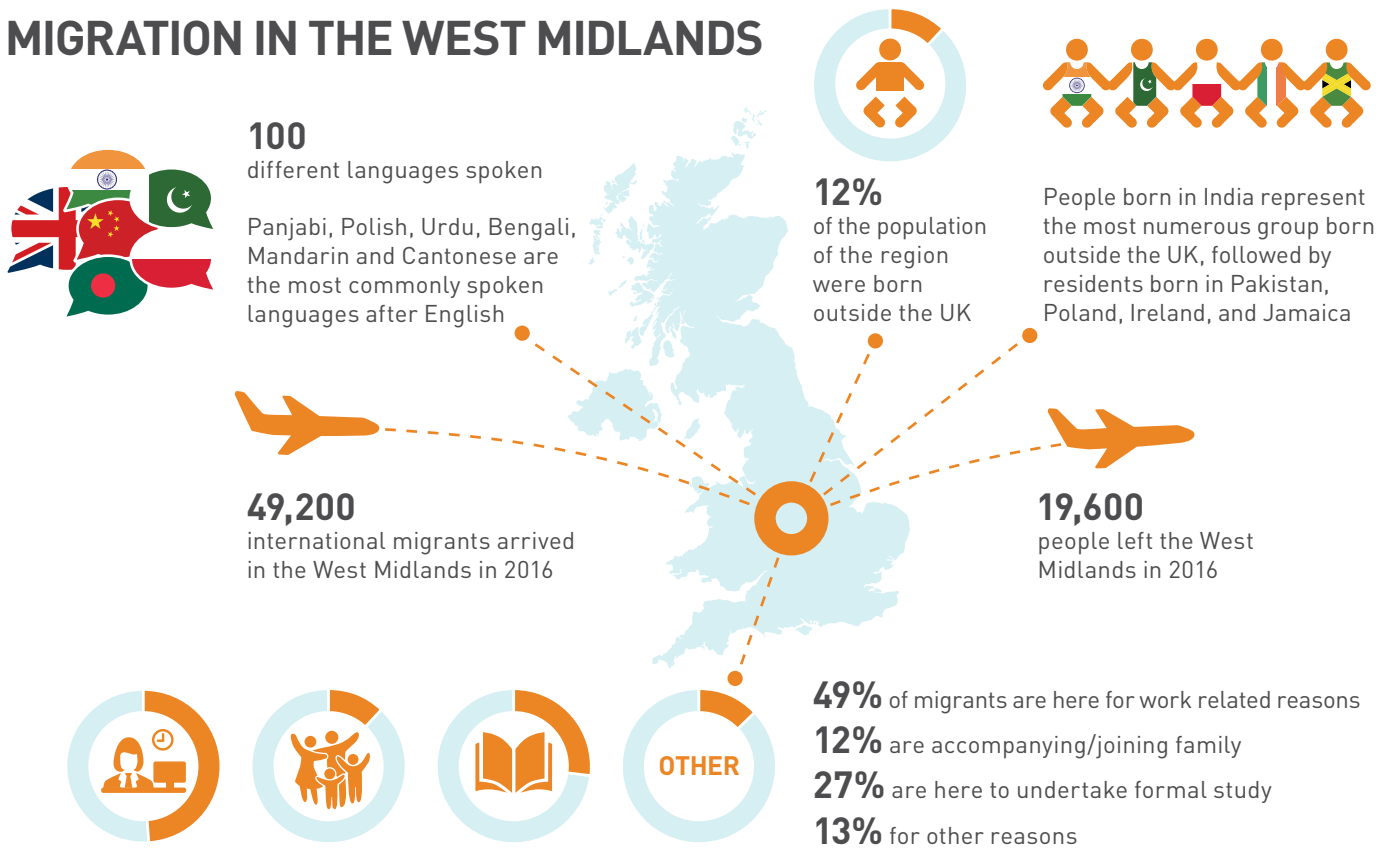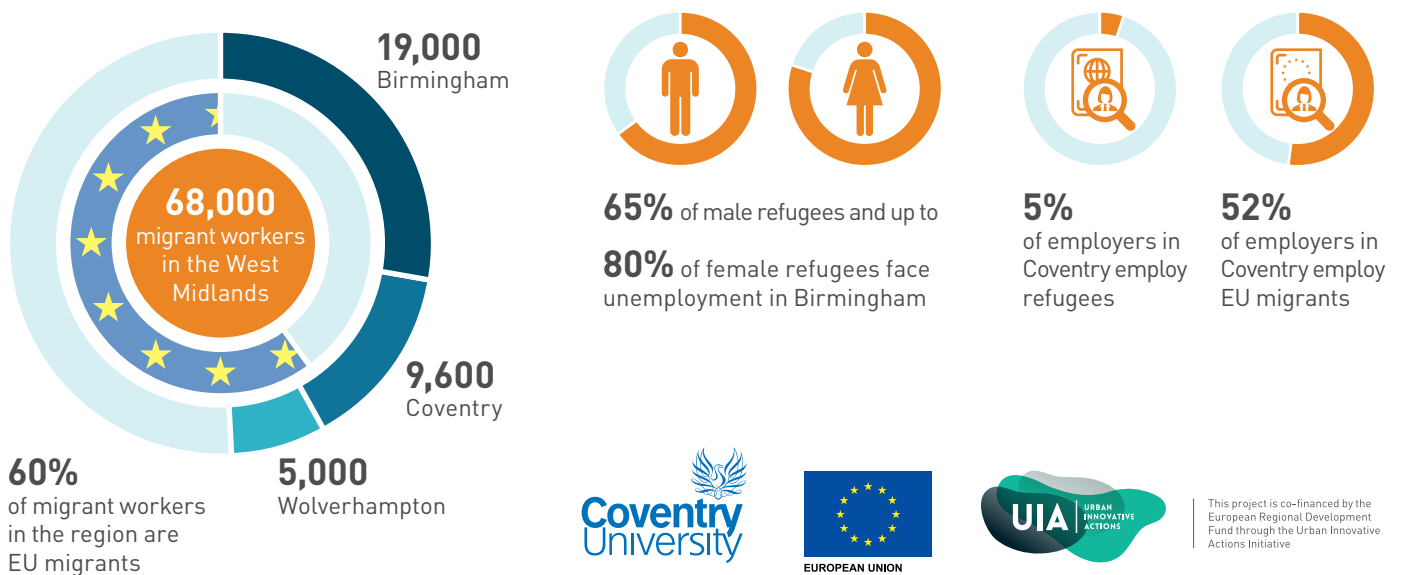## MiFriendly Cities

MiFriendly Cities is a 3-year initiative that will look to develop innovative, community-led and sustainable approaches to enhancing the contribution of refugees and migrants across the West Midlands region.
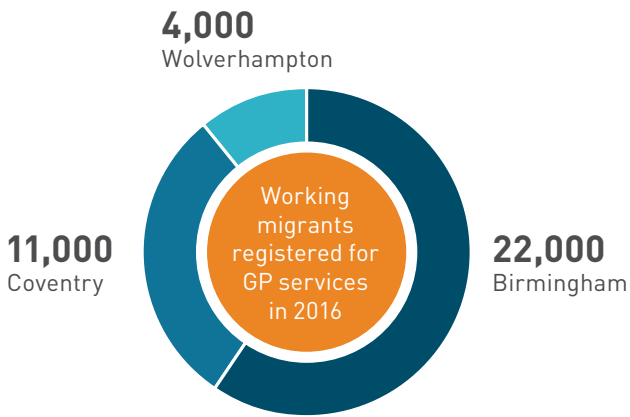
MIGRATION IN THE WEST MIDLANDS

100
different languages spoken

Panjabi, Polish, Urdu, Bengali, Mandarin and Cantonese are the most commonly spoken languages after English

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of the population of the region were born outside the UK

People born in India represent the most numerous group born outside the UK, followed by residents born in Pakistan, Poland, Ireland, and Jamaica

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OTHER

EMPLOYMENT

68,000
migrant workers in the West Midlands

19,000
Birmingham

9,600
Coventry

5,000
Wolverhampton

60%
of migrant workers in the region are EU migrants

65% of male refugees and up to
80% of female refugees face unemployment in Birmingham

5%
of employers in Coventry employ refugees

52%
of employers in Coventry employ EU migrants

HEALTH

4,000 Wolverhampton

11,000 Coventry

Working migrants registered for GP services in 2016

22,000 Birmingham

4.5% of migrants to the West Midlands day to day activities are limited a little by long-term health or disabilities

4.2% across England as a whole

SOCIAL COHESION

55% of people in the West Midlands are most likely to meet someone from a migrant background in their neighbourhood

62% of people in the West Midlands agree that migrants enrich the region's cultural life

57% of people in the West Midlands agree that public services in the UK could not survive without migrant workers

70% of people in the West Midlands would not challenge someone else's prejudice towards migrants, refugees and asylum seekers

36% of people in the West Midlands believe that migrants and refugees are discriminated against in the UK

61% of people in the West Midlands who have been discriminated against say it was because of race

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

70% of people in the West Midlands agree that EU migrants should be allowed to remain in the UK after Brexit

92% of people in the West Midlands agree that asylum seekers should be allowed to work

37% of people in the West Midlands believe that non-UK born people should not have the same rights as UK born people

82% of people in the West Midlands expect to be treated more positively than refugees and asylum seekers

11 partners, 3 cities, 1 initiative. Our innovative partnership of public, private and voluntary sector organisations will establish in the West Midlands a unique network of skills and knowledge. If you would like to learn more about the project or find out how you can get involved, you can visit our website at **www.MiFriendlyCities.co.uk** or email **MiFriendlyCities@coventry.gov.uk**

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DATA SOURCES:
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MIGRATION IN THE WEST MIDLANDS

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• 19,600 people left the West Midlands in 2016. (ONS Local Migration Indicators 2017)
• 12% of the population the region were born outside the UK. (ONS Annual Population Survey 2017)
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  Pakistan, Poland, Ireland, and Jamaica.
  (https://migrationobservatory.ox.ac.uk/resources/briefings/west-midlands-census-profile/)
• 100 different languages spoken. (Birmingham Community Safety Partnership 2013)
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• 60% of migrant workers in the region are EU migrants. (ONS Local Migration Indicators 2017)
• 65% of male refugees and up to 80% of female refugees face unemployment in Birmingham.
  (https://rise-project.eu/ie/analysis/)
• 5% of employers in Coventry employ refugees. (MiFriendly Cities Research Briefing No. 2 Results from
  Survey of Employers in the West Midlands, Coventry University on behalf of MiFriendly Cities)
  (https://mifriendlycities.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Employers-Survey_CU_Final_Web_reduce.pdf)
• 52% of employers in Coventry employ EU migrants. (MiFriendly Cities Research Briefing No. 2 Results from
  Survey of Employers in the West Midlands, Coventry University on behalf of MiFriendly Cities
  (https://mifriendlycities.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Employers-Survey_CU_Final_Web_reduce.pdf)

HEALTH

• Birmingham 22,000 working migrants registered for GP services in 2016, 11,00 in Coventry, 4,000 in Wolverhampton.
  (ONS Local Migration Indicators 2017)
• 4.5% of migrants to the West Midlands day to day activities are limited a little by long term health or disabilities.
• 4.2% across England as a whole. (Public Health England: Migrant Health in the West Midlands, 2017).

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