	Political	Campaigns	Local work	Key meetings & events	Key collaborations
2002-3	Widespread hostility to people coming to UK for sanctuary & new hurdles to citizenship introduced.	**Helen Ross, Joan Shall & John Jacobs create LGSRAS.**	You've been forced out of your home, and your homeland. You have to live on about £5 a day. You're forbidden to work and made to move around the country. You can be detained even though you've committed no crime. **ASYLUM SEEKERS FACE THIS UNJUST TREATMENT EVERY DAY IN THE UK.**	Inaugural meeting in October 2002 First Refugee Week information stall in precinct; plant sale; and Societies Fair stall	LEWES AREA WELCOMES REFUGEES
2003-4	Dublin convention.			Meeting with Worthing Young Asylum Seekers.	Collecting toiletries & clothes for Gatwick Detainees.
2004-5	Rising concern at culture of disbelief at Home Office and the introduction of the fast-track system for asylum claims.		Prison visitors group established.		Link formed with The Centre for Migration Research, Sussex University.
2005-6	Pre-General Election issues, e.g., increased use of detention.	Home Secretary to end detention of children and families.		Meeting with KRAN on 'Calais and beyond'.	
2006-7	UK Borders Act introduced automatic deportation for anyone serving a year or more in prison.			Meeting with MEDACT re. role of the NHS and access to care for asylum seekers.	
2007-8		Focus on challenging enforced destitution of asylum seekers. Active in 'Let Them Work' Campaign.		Write-to-Life: experiences as survivors from Medical Foundation (later FFT) First sponsored walk.	
2008-9	Government commissioned critical report on the asylum system: 'Fit for Purpose Yet?'		Start of Sussex Downs seminars for Access students.		
2009-10	Refugee Women's Resource Project: 'The Charter of Rights of Women Seeking Asylum'			'Asylum dialogues' by Actors for Human Rights.	
2010-11		General Election campaign: 'The Sanctuary Pledge' signed by six prospective parliamentary candidates for Lewes. Successful campaign to end Child Detention **10th Anniversary of LGSRAS & keynote Address: Frances Webber, Institute of Race Relations**	Started Book Box Loan scheme		Interaction with Brighton and Hove Refugee and Migrant Forum continued
2011-12					
2012-13	LGSRAS submission to Home Affairs Committee Inquiry into Asylum.		Started outreach awareness work in Priory School	Film at Westgate: 'Hamedullah: The Road Home'. Women for Refugee Women: 'Set Her Free' event.	
2013-14	Increasingly anti-immigration climate				
2014-15	Lewes Mayoral petition to LDC to welcome 10 refugee families				Joint Town Hall Meeting with Lewes Amnesty: Maurice Wren, CEO, Refugee Council, who warned of the coming odyssey of refugees displaced by war and famine.
2015-16	Refugee exodus to Europe: a crisis with appalling treatment in Calais	Lewes Welcomes Refugees town march led by Mayor		Priory School students' presentation on going to Calais	Worked with Lewes Holocaust Memorial Day Group: 'Keep the Memory Alive'
2016-17	Dubs amendment to bring Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children from Calais to UK	Safe Passage collaboration prompts 'Lewes Area Welcomes Refugees'	Volunteer Befriender Scheme established to support Syrian families newly arriving in Lewes District		Ongoing support for Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group and Refugee Tales
2017-18	Joined Safe Passage in lobby of Parliament	**We become a charity – LOSRAS** Petition to East Sussex to accept more UASCs signed by Lewes Mayor & MP	ESOL lessons began for refugee families	Maria Caulfield MP agrees to sign pledge to end indefinite detention Hosted Refugee Tales Walk in Lewes	Work with Depot to show film 'Island of Hungry Ghosts'
2018-19	Lewes Organisation in Support of Refugees and Asylum Seekers LOSRAS	Campaigning to end indefinite detention and with Safe Passage		'Change Makers' webinar: young refugee's achievements Concert at Alfriston by Margaret Fingerhut Gulwali Passerlay on being a child refugee Robyn Philips on human trafficking Naomi Blackwell & Majeda Korbane on Rwanda policy	Partnership between prison visiting group and Sussex Migration Law clinic – visiting resumed. ESCC grant Lewes 4 Ukraine 3VA
2019-20					
2020-21	Racist and inhumane attitudes to Channel crossings and introduction of 'Anti-refugee' Nationality and Borders Bill.	Joined Lift the Ban campaign & held zoom meeting Joined 'Together with Refugees' coalition Orange Hearts campaign day & London rally Email campaign to evacuate female Afghan athletes Joined local anti-racist alliance Rally against Rwanda policy	Supporting HfU Prison visiting expands		
2021-22	Nationality and Borders Act Rwanda policy Invasion of Ukraine				

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