

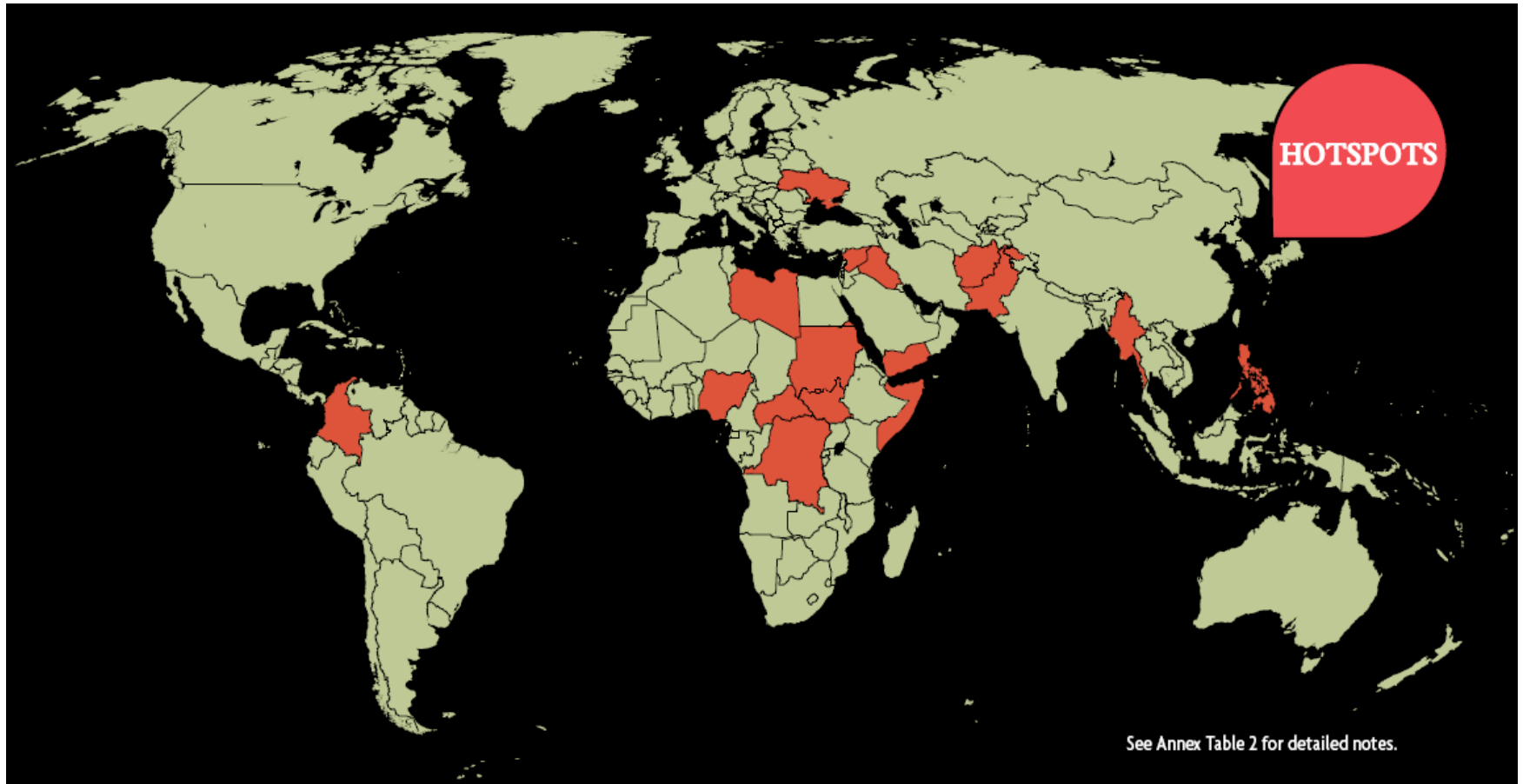
Refugees' search for stability: Enabling integration in Coventry



Context

By end-2014:

- 59.5 mln individuals were forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of persecution, conflict, generalized violence, or human rights violations
- UK had 153,560 people of concern to UNHCR in 2014, including
- 40,329 asylum applicants, of them 11,795 were granted refugee status (10,734) or humanitarian protection (1,061)
- UK – 17th in the list of European countries by percentage of refugees in the total population (1.85)
- Coventry – one of the UK's 12 dispersal cities



As a result...

- Diverse ethnic groups
- Multicultural and multilingual environment
- Different experiences and expectations
- Varied educational and professional backgrounds
 - Opportunities to contribute?

Once in the UK: Barriers



Legal system/
Immigration process

Expectations of
host community

Diversity

Money management

Family/ Social
connections

Housing

Personal
expectations

Culture shock

UK work experience

Language

Services

Qualifications

Policies, Rules and
regulations

Deprivation

Changes in identity

Dependence
on system

Belonging/ Fitting in

Support networks

WELLBEING

Client empowerment journey

Through CRMC services and collaboration with other agencies/organisations



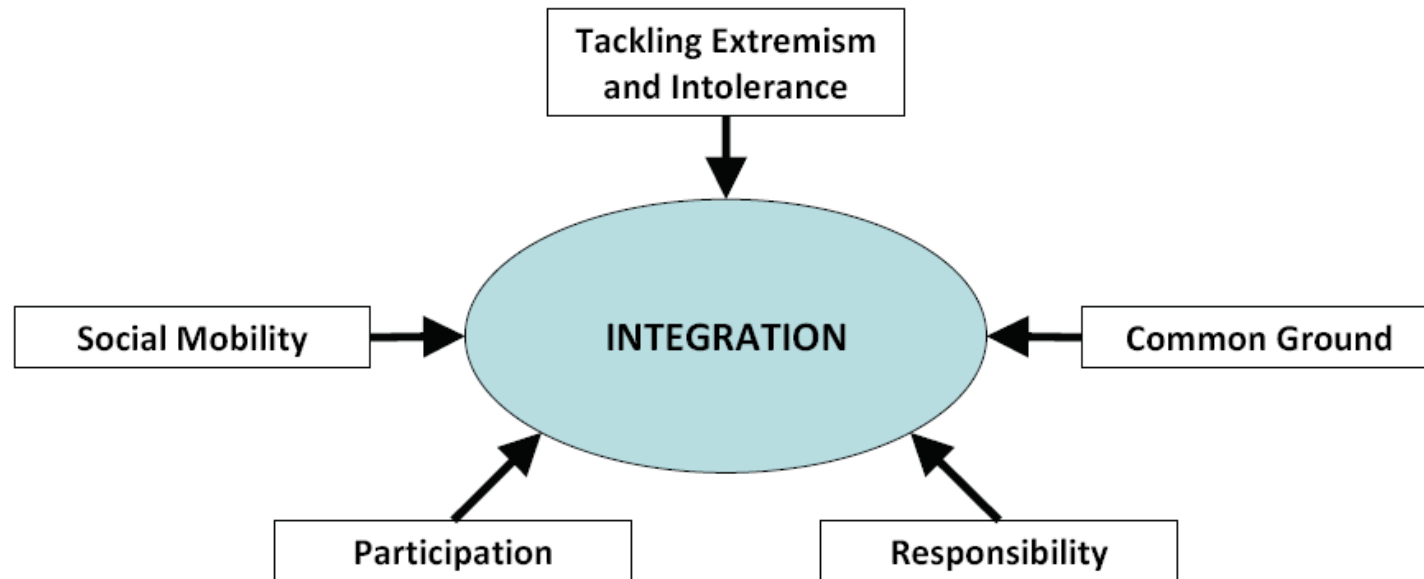
Inner wounds

Outer wounds

Integration: How we see it

- Equality (e.g., access to services and opportunities)
- Tackling disadvantage
- Creating opportunities for all
- Acceptance of change
- Capitalizing on existing knowledge and skills and enhancing them (i.e., not starting from scratch)

Integration: Other views?



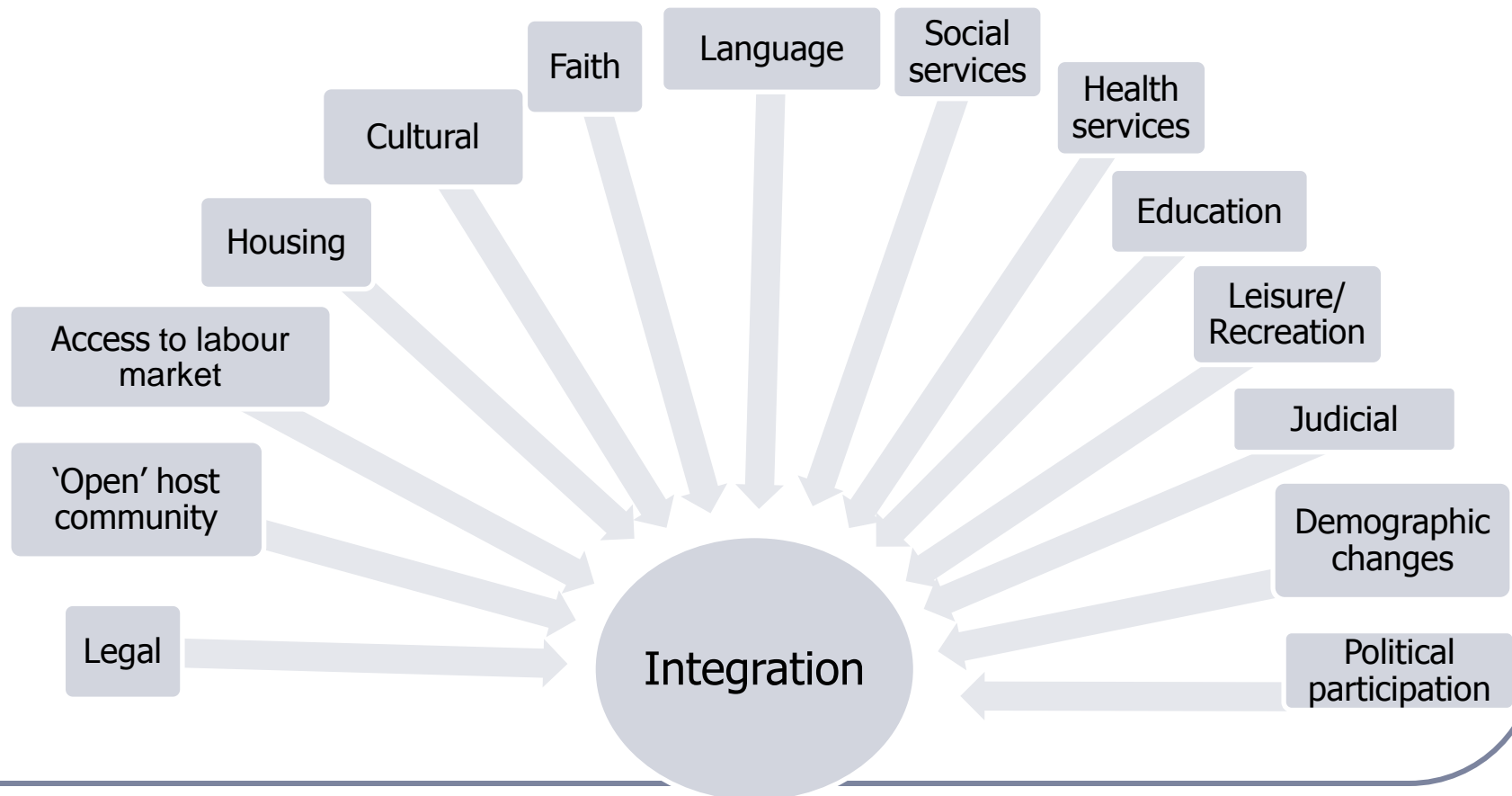
Integration: Other views

“Community Integration is the opportunity to live in the community and be valued for one's uniqueness and abilities, like everyone else” (Salzer, 2006)

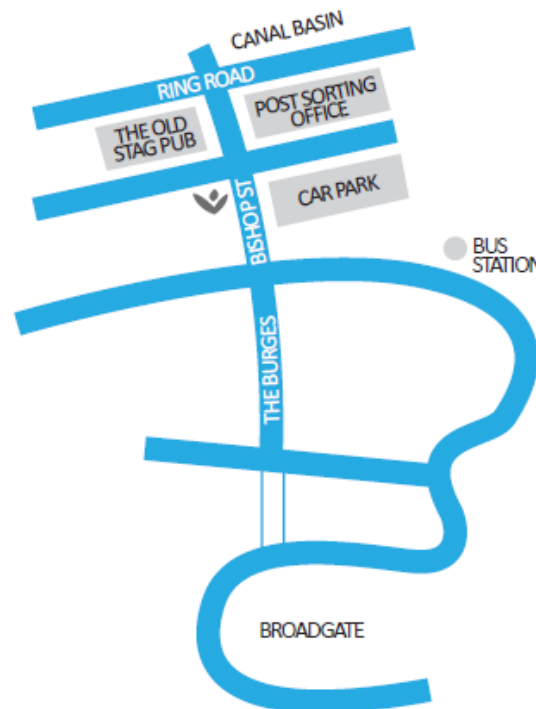
“Integration is not a one-way-street leaving the burden on the shoulders of the migrants alone. It is a social process involving both sides, the migrants and their host society” (Council of Europe, 1997)

“Integration means creating the conditions for everyone to play a full part in national and local life” (DCLG, 2012)

Indicators of integration





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