

# Horsham Refugee Support Group

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## Big thanks

Thank you to all who have been supporting our work so far. We have met a number of groups now to talk about the refugee crisis and what it means for the Horsham District and it's been great to meet so many people in the community who want to help extend a warm welcome.

Special thanks to the volunteers who have been helping us with the ongoing task of decorating homes for refugee families.

## What can you/your organisation do to help?

### Items needed!

Many things that the families need are provided under the SVPR scheme. We are working with community groups to provide the 'welcome' food and some extra household items. Please see our lists and let us know what your group would like to provide.

### Decorating

Can you help with some house painting? No need to be a DIY expert, just handy with a roller! Our volunteers are decorating on a range of dates and times so if you can offer some time to help, please contact us.

### Language support

We are constantly in search of volunteer Arabic and Turkish speakers and Sussex Interpreting Services are also recruiting; both of which will support our Syrian families.

Please do get in touch if you are a speaker.

### *The Syrian Vulnerable Person Relocation Scheme (SVPRS):*

- 20,000 Syrian refugees are being resettled by the Home Office over four years.
- West Sussex County Council have offered to take 240 of these.
  - A West Sussex case worker is assigned to the families under the scheme, who meets them from the airport and helps settle them into their new home and local area.
- Under the scheme, these refugees have protected status for five years and can work from day one. They receive English lessons and help in looking for a job, as well as support with integrating into their new communities.

## Join us!

We are always looking for people to join our core team and help with co-ordinating the public response in the Horsham district. Please get in contact if you'd like to join us.



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