

# Horsham Refugee Support Group

Newsletter December 2016

## A warm welcome

Thank you for all your donated items; we have received lots of clothes, warm bedding and other donated items which the families were really thankful for.

## Hats for children refugees in a Greece camp

Over 800 hats were handed in to Welcome for the children refugees in a Greece camp, well over the 250 asked for.

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

### Items needed!

#### Toys/books

We are currently collecting for toys/books for boys aged 5, 7, 8 and 10.

#### Christmas gift

We are collecting gift vouchers from the community so that the families can choose to buy things they need. Please let us know as soon as possible if you'd like to contribute any vouchers.

#### Language support

We are constantly in search of volunteer Arabic 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.

#### Befriend a refugee

Befriend a refugee teenager seeking asylum. This would involve visiting local refugee teenagers in temporary accommodation who might be looking for friends and to practice English, playing pool. Please get in touch.

If you would like to drop a donation off please feel free to email [donations@horshamrefugeesupportgroup.co.uk](mailto:donations@horshamrefugeesupportgroup.co.uk) with your area within Horsham for details of the nearest drop off point.

#### 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.

## *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. This equates to approx. 2 families per year across Horsham District.
- The refugees are interviewed, assessed and processed by the UNHCR within the country they were displaced to and this informs selection for the UK.
- Under the scheme, the refugees are supported by a key worker, who helps them to settle into their new home, local area and culture.

Thank you to GreenWorld Electronics Ltd. They have kindly offered to give reconditioned computers to our refugee families in Horsham District.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at Horsham Refugee Support Group!



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