

Horsham Refugee Support Group

Newsletter October 2017

Updates

A big thank-you to all who contributed to the summer clothes and toys. They were really appreciated, helping the boys to settle and have a great time over summer.

Congratulations goes to one of the dads who has passed his driving theory test! His practical test is booked and we are very grateful to a local instructor for the lessons and support he has received.

Can you help?

Temporary accommodation

Can you provide temporary accommodation for local cases where an asylum seeker or refugee has become homeless, and in need of short-term support? Please contact us for more information and to be added to our list.

Orchard Games

Does anyone have any games by Orchard that they don't need anymore? This is to help support our learning English classes.

Decorators

Our next decorating project will take place soon and we'd like to have contacts ready for when the time comes. If you have experience and can volunteer your time, we would love to hear from you. Please email:

practicalsupport@horshamrefugeesupportgroup.co.uk

Help getting a dad into delivery work

As one of the dads has recently passed his driving theory test, and just needs to pass his practical test, we are looking for delivery work for him for the future. Please contact us if you can help.

Help skilled painter/decorator/plasterer dad get back into work

The father in the other family is looking for painting, decorating and/or plastering work. This could be in a voluntary/apprentice role to begin with to support him with refreshing his skills. Please contact us if you can help or if you have any contacts we can follow up.

What we do

We are a local group supporting refugees, helping families settle into their surroundings, introducing them to local facilities, and providing befriending services and English lessons. We also offer educating seminars helping to dispel myths.

The Syrian Vulnerable Person Relocation Scheme (SVPRS):

- 20,000 Syrian refugees are being resettled by the Home Office between September 2015 and May 2020.
- West Sussex County Council have offered to take 240 of these. This equates to approx. 2 families per year across Horsham District. Currently 2 families have been relocated to Horsham District and another 2 families are due to arrive by April 2018.
- The refugees are interviewed, assessed and processed by the UNHCR within the country they were displaced to and this informs selection for the UK.
- Syrians are granted 5 years humanitarian protection. At the end of this, they can apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain, like any other refugee or asylum seeker.

Join us!

We are looking for 2 members to join the core team; one for managing our social media and one for writing content for our various platforms. If you are interested please contact admin@horshamrefugeesupportgroup.co.uk



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