

WYCOMBE REFUGEE PARTNERSHIP

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Highlights

- Our 19th family has been welcomed to High Wycombe
- Our Annual General Meeting took place on the 24th August
- We are recruiting new volunteers

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Refugee family news

One of the refugees we have supported has a very good job with the Institute for Migration. It involves a great deal of travelling, so the family have moved to a more convenient location. At the end of May 2019, we welcomed our 19th refugee family to High Wycombe. They were the first family to live in Mellor House, which the Chiltern Area Quaker Meeting purchased for us to use as a half-way house. Since the family have arrived, we have connected the family with befrienders who have orientated them around High Wycombe, helped them to register with the GP and Dentist and visited them regularly to socialise. Our Education team has supported the two children to get into local schools. Our Work and Welfare team have helped the family to apply for Universal Credit, build a CV and apply for jobs. We have also supported the family to find private accommodation and they have now moved into their new flat, which they love!



Volunteers from Quaker Voluntary Action painting Mellor House

Annual General Meeting

On Saturday 24th August we held our Annual General Meeting at Hughenden Church House. Here we reviewed our achievements from the year, such as Mellor House, our new website and part-time administrator position. We also discussed our objectives for 2019 / 2020, including the resettlement of three new families in the coming year.

At the AGM we elected our trustees as follows:

- Hugh Ellis
- Stephanie Rybak
- Michael Bowker
- Saleema Burney
- Mohammed Hanif

The chairman, Hugh Ellis, expressed sincere thanks to all the donors, volunteers and trustees, including John Bajina who, after three years, is taking a sabbatical.



We are recruiting new volunteers!

We are currently looking for more volunteers in the following areas:

- Job-seeking support
- Welfare support
- Event coordination support
- Funding application support
- Finding rental properties for new families

Please spread the word and get in touch if you would like to find out more or are interested in helping us out!



Picnic social event

On the 11th August 2019, Wycombe Refugee Partnership organised a social picnic. This was a 'meet the chairman' event, attended by thirty people including representatives from three refugee families. We shared food and played games in the garden of Wycombe Museum. The tea table was a lavish spread of generous shared delights.

Upcoming dinner event

Keep 26th October free! Imad Alarnab, who was one of the first refugees that we resettled and supported, is returning to High Wycombe to cater for a dinner event. Half of the funds will go to Wycombe Refugee Partnership and the other half to All Saints Church. This will be a great opportunity to find out more about the charity, meet other people in the community and support refugees! Tickets and more information will be available soon.

