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Horsham Refugee Support Group

Hi

Horsham Refugee Support Group

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Things are getting busy again at HRSR. We are working with a new group of people who have recently arrived in the area and once again we are asking for your help.

Clothes and shoes

We aren't collecting ourselves, but are in partnership with **Sussex Aid for Refugees**. We're using this clothing bank far more often and they are running low on a number of items, particularly men's clothing and modest clothing for women. They are also in need of children's clothing, but only in specific sizes.

There is a Horsham drop-off point - if you are part of an organisation, perhaps you can arrange regular collections and drop them off once a fortnight.

You can find out more about what's needed and how to donate at:
<https://www.facebook.com/sussexaidforrefugees>

Children's items

We're working with a number of new children who have very little to play with and we're setting up an indoor and outdoor play area. We'd appreciate donations of:

- colouring books, sticker books, activity paper, writing pencils, colouring pencils and crayons (no felt pens please)
- toys for the toy box, suitable for under 5s - in good condition and clean (nothing that requires batteries or has small pieces please)
- outside toys for under 5s, e.g. slide, see-saw, ride-ons etc. (e.g. Little Tikes or similar?)
- jigsaws, card games and board games for older children - complete and in good condition please

If you have any of these to donate, please contact
donations@horshamrefugeesupportgroup.co.uk

We are not collecting any other children's items at this time.

English

We are going to be opening new English classes as soon as possible and here's what we need:

- large whiteboards and/or flipcharts - if anyone has these to donate, e.g. from a recent office clear out, or would like to purchase these for our team, please contact: donations@horshamrefugeesupportgroup.co.uk
- more ESOL teachers - we are recruiting at present so if you'd like to join the team, please email admin@horshamrefugeesupportgroup.co.uk with your phone number so we can call you to discuss

Hosts

WSSCC are very keen to hear from anyone who feels able to host Ukrainian refugees in their home. Here is their recent message:

So far, The Homes for Ukraine Scheme has supported tens of thousands of refugees fleeing from war in Ukraine by providing housing in the UK.

Existing guests in the UK are not always able to stay with a host after the initial six months, and hope to find a new host to ensure they still have a safe place to live. Whilst many arrangements are made locally, West Sussex County Council aims to support guests and hosts with finding a new place to live in the county.

We are seeking new hosts who can provide a safe place for a guest or guests in West Sussex. We particularly need to find housing for a number of larger families with grandparents and children.

Anyone in the UK can offer to host if;

- They can offer a spare room or home for at least 3 months
- If they are not a British citizen, but have 'leave to remain in the UK' status for at least 6 months
- They do not have a criminal record

Anyone can record their expression of interest online through the government website [Homes for Ukraine: record your interest - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/record-your-interest-in-the-homes-for-ukraine-scheme) or email ukrainesupport@westsussex.gov.uk and a member of the local team will be in contact for a no obligation chat about the scheme.

Thank you, as always, for the wonderful support and welcome you offer to refugees in the Horsham area.

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