

CRSG Newsletter August - September 2018

Recent Events

Refugee Week

The talk by Gulwali Passerlay preceding the AGM was well attended and received. It was good to see so many new faces. Gulwali was also made very welcome at Upper Wharfedale School and Settle. The closing Service at Embsay was enjoyed by those present. Thank you to all who were involved in these events and manning the stall on the Saturday.

The AGM resulted in a few changes and some good discussion which has led to the subject of our next meeting "**Refugees - how you can help**" see details below.

Fiona in her role as a befriender arranged training in food hygiene for the Skipton ladies

Five women attended the course on Fri 29 June

It was funded by NYCC, and translator supplied by Refugee Council.

The consensus was that the course would be useful for future employment possibilities.

All set up with Tyro training certificate if have an event or stall in future

NB The hosting weekend, planned for 2-4 March cannot be rescheduled and the next one will be March 2019

Date for your diary...

Wed 19th Sept: Sepidiah Mojabi (Refugee Council) and Duncan Wells (N Yorkshire)
at **The Friends Meeting House, The Ginnel, Skipton /BD23 2JA** from [6-8] pm

Sepi has accepted our invitation to give a talk on the general theme of "**Refugees - how you can help**"

This will be followed by a short break and then a quick overview of what the group already does and a **discussion to develop ideas which involve the wider membership in providing support both locally and elsewhere.**

Campaign Please consider supporting the Refugee Council in their campaign to reunite families

MPs from across the political spectrum support changes that will help refugee families to be reunited. In March 2018, 131 MPs backed a Bill to that would change the current rules - fantastic progress. But the government's support is vital if this is to become a reality. Sajid Javid could make it happen with the stroke of a pen.

Please sign the petition

Other items on Page 2....

News [Councillors back proposals to bring asylum seekers to Craven](#)

We should know more about this before our September meeting - there is a final vote in August.

Link to [UPPER WHARFEDALE REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP NEWSLETTER](#)

includes Recent Events, Refugee Welcome Day Saturday 22 September and Winter Collection.

Event 20th September - Harrogate [‘Hope in the midst of crisis’](#)

Link to [City of Sanctuary Charter](#)

Link to Refugee Action's report... [Waiting in the dark: how the asylum system dehumanises, disempowers and damages](#)

This is part of their #StandUpForAsylum campaign. This is the experience of the majority of people I support in Leeds and evidence of the 2 tier asylum system; one tier for people on resettlement programmes and another tier for everyone else. **Tina Brocklebank**

Hope to see some of you at the meeting on Wednesday 19th September - if you can't come but have suggestions please email me.