

WYCOMBE REFUGEE PARTNERSHIP

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Highlights

- Our 20th family has been welcomed to High Wycombe
- Imad's Syrian Kitchen event was a success
- Invitation to a social event
- We have a new office suite

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Refugee family news

The dad of our 20th family moved into Mellor House in October. After weeks of anxious waiting, his family's reunification visas finally came through. The family arrived safely on the 14th November. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Neale's taxis again, for kindly providing an eight-seater vehicle free of charge so the family could travel together from the airport! The family are now happily settling into Mellor House and we have a brilliant team of volunteers ready to support them:

- We have already connected the family with befrienders, who have helped them to register with the GP and Dentist.
- Our Education team have helped the family to sign up to the local library and will support the five children to get into local schools, as well as offer any necessary home tuition.
- We have connected the parents to an English Language Teacher.
- Our Welfare and Work teams have helped them to apply for Universal Credit and will support them to build a CV and apply for jobs.
- The family support team coordinator will continue making sure that the teams are working together and that the family feels supported.

Imad's Syrian Kitchen in High Wycombe

On the 26th October 2019, Imad Alarnab, who was one of the first refugees that we resettled and supported, returned to High Wycombe to cater for a dinner event at All Saints Church. Over 40 people attended to eat a delicious three-course Syrian meal with 12 different sharing dishes. Imad also gave a speech about his journey and his appreciation of the support that he received from the community of High Wycombe. We raised £880 that will be shared equally between Wycombe Refugee Partnership and All Saints Church. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came along and got involved!



The attendees seated, socialising in All Saints Church



Imad giving a speech



Imad serving up starters

Upcoming event



Our new office suite

The charity Temporary Use Aid has arranged for us to share an office suite at the Eden Centre with another charity – for free! We shall be using it for meetings, inductions and training.



We are recruiting new volunteers!

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

- Welfare support
- Finding rental properties for new families
- Job-seeking support
- Events support

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