

**East Northants Faith Group – December 2016 update**  
**Serving the district as East Northants Community Services (ENCS)**

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**Update from East Northants Community Services**

Welcome to **HELEN ALLAN**, our new **Operational Services Manager**, who is employed to support the staff and volunteers in our various projects. Helen can be contacted on 07871 999020 and at [helen.allan@encs.org.uk](mailto:helen.allan@encs.org.uk)

**Needed urgently:**

**Volunteers for the night rota** for the Sanctuary Night Shelter in Rushden. There are few duties to do – in practice, it's largely just a matter of sleeping.

**Recovery House volunteers** for Saturday and Sunday afternoons (4 to 6pm) and evenings (6 to 10pm).

For more information, please ring 01933 353946, Monday to Friday, 9am to 2pm

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**Any financial donations for East Northants Community Services** from groups or individuals are always gratefully received can be paid by bank transfer direct to account 90906026 (Barclays Bank Kettering), sort code 20-45-77, or by cheques payable to 'East Northamptonshire Faith Group' posted to ENFG c/o 60 High Street South, Rushden, NN10 0QX.

**Learn more about the work of ENCS**

and how we care for those most at need in our local community at <http://encs.org.uk/our-services/>  
If you would like to partner with us, please get in touch.

**Refugee support update**

The next **East Northants refugee support meeting** will take place at 7.30pm on **Thursday 2nd February** at the Bridge community office, Whitefriars Junior School, Boughton Drive, Rushden, NN10 9HX: Before then, there will be a Citizens UK refugee support meeting in Wellingborough, at the Victoria Centre at 7.30pm on **Monday 9th January** (more details from [wellingboroughrefugees@gmail.com](mailto:wellingboroughrefugees@gmail.com)). All are welcome to either meeting.

These follow a **meeting in Rushden in November** attended by about twenty people. If you'd like to see the notes of the meeting or to be added to the email distribution list for refugee support updates, please contact Andrew Presland (*details as opposite*)

For more details of events and news, please visit the ENFG website at <http://enfg.org.uk>. You can also sign up free for regular email updates, and submit details of your own events and news.

**EAST NORTHANTS COMMUNITY LEADERS' LUNCH**

The next **leaders' lunch – and networking opportunity** - will take place from 11.30am on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January**, when **Steve Chadwick (Chad)**, Peterborough Diocesan Youth Missioner for this area, will be talking about ways in which individuals and community groups can **work with local schools.**, – at the Frontier Centre again. More details will be available shortly.



**Rushden East - update on bid for a church school**

Thank you to everyone who filled in a survey about the possibility of having a Church of England school in the Rushden area. Over 200 responses were received, and on the basis of that, Peterborough Diocese has decided to go ahead and make a formal bid for a school in the Rushden East development.

More details from [enfaithgroup@aol.com](mailto:enfaithgroup@aol.com).

**Increasing numbers of unaccompanied refugee children are arriving in Northamptonshire desperately needing care.**



**COULD YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW SUPPORT THESE VULNERABLE CHILDREN?**

Northamptonshire County Council has agreed a new fast track process for those interested in fostering refugee children. Instead of 6 to 12 months, the application could now take just two months. We just need to show our county council that there are enough people out there with the commitment, time and space to help these children.

If this could be you please contact Georgina Hickman of Helpful Humans:

Mobile: 07508 163378

Email: [ghickman@helpfulhumans.eu](mailto:ghickman@helpfulhumans.eu)

Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2017 – from everyone involved with the East Northants Faith Group!

Please contact Andrew Presland at [andrewpresland@harboroughroad58.freemove.co.uk](mailto:andrewpresland@harboroughroad58.freemove.co.uk) or on 01933 316927 if you would like any more information on anything mentioned on this sheet.