



Tyneside Welcomes

“Being resettled here means my family has been reborn.” (Ayham Syrian refugee, working with the refugee council)

Who are we?

We are a small group of volunteers living in Benton/Forest Hall and nearby areas with no single political or faith based affiliation. All faith groups welcome.

What is our aim?

We want to take on the responsibility for resettling a Syrian refugee family in our neighbourhood, through a Community Sponsorship (CS) scheme, by Autumn 2019. We aim to take practical actions to ensure a positive experience for the family and sensitive integration into the local community: fundraising, finding housing, identifying interpreters, supporting access to English classes and awareness raising with the local community to promote a welcoming reception.

Why are we doing it?

World events have led to a humanitarian crisis in Syria with thousands of displaced families living outside their home country in desperate situations. There is an urgent need to provide families with the security and safety they need to live normal lives.

Some local authority schemes are in place that are working towards UK government targets for re-settlement. Community Sponsorship provides another route towards the same goal and for community and/or faith groups to be directly involved in welcoming and supporting the most vulnerable families. We have been inspired by successful Community Sponsorship stories across the country.

How are we doing it?

We are going through a formal process to be accepted as a sponsor by the Home Office and we have begun fundraising and networking with local organisations and groups.

If you want to support us through donations or to be involved, as a volunteer, in fundraising or other activities please contact us at:
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“ Life is good.....It feels safe here” (Batak family Narbeth Guardian)

