

DASH MEETS SCHEREZADE: 1001 NIGHTS AND COUNTING.....

As of 11 February DASH has completed more than 1000 nights of hosting. We are simultaneously very proud and very sad about this achievement. It should not be necessary to support people in this way, but we are glad that our hosts feel able to support asylum seekers who have no recourse to public funds and would otherwise be on the streets.

Currently we are supporting four people with accommodation. They come from Iran, Senegal, Ethiopia and Eritrea.

We will be making more effort to find new hosts shortly, so if you can invite DASH along to an event where we could have a short slot to talk about hosting, that would be much appreciated.

We were recently awarded a grant of £500 from the Jill Franklin Trust, and in the last three months have received personal donations amounting to £326 for which we are very grateful. Most of our income goes on bus passes so asylum seekers can access their accommodation.

A big thank you to Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing, who offered us warm clothes and blankets to distribute in December.

Our AGM will be at 4pm on Tuesday 26 March at 14 New North Parade, HD1 5JP. All are welcome.

TOMORROW CENTRE

We opened the TOMORROW Centre at Huddersfield Samaritans, 14 New North Parade, Huddersfield HD1 5JP in September and it has proved a welcome resource for clients. Each week several new clients come to us to ask for assistance, and, as we feared, with the closure of Clare House, more and more of them are asylum seekers who are awaiting decisions, but who need assistance which cannot be provided by Cascade or G4S. We are very grateful for the support of Samaritans who have generously donated the space and facilities.

The kind of services we are providing at the new centre include accompanying people who have to go to court, supporting people with health conditions to access the treatment they need, assisting asylum seekers with difficulties they are experiencing with their cases, contacting solicitors, the UKBA , Cascade and G4S, and offering support to general wellbeing with English lessons and activities.

We were very pleased to learn that Mr H has recently heard he is to receive s. 4 support.

TOMORROW operates on a Tuesday afternoon from 1.30pm to 5pm, but the services it offers can also be accessed by calling the DASH number.

We would welcome more volunteers for the TOMORROW Centre, particularly people with language or craft skills.

A very big thank you to our supporters: you are the lifeline to so many people who would otherwise be without hope. We could not do it without you.