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BRILLIANT NEWS!

DASH HAS BEEN AWARDED FUNDING FROM THE BIG LOTTERY FUND AND LOCALA TO SUPPORT THE TOMORROW CENTRE!

This means that we will be able to continue our work with asylum seekers and new refugees, helping them to access legal and medical support, and providing emotional support and, occasionally, trips! A group of 6 asylum seekers and 3 volunteers saw 'Refugee Boy' at West Yorkshire Playhouse, thanks to the efforts of Leeds City of Sanctuary who were able to secure free tickets for us, and a group of 7 asylum seekers and 3 volunteers attended a screening of the Iranian films 'This is Not a Film' and 'I Am Nasrine' at the Holmfirth Film Festival.

Quote about the films: It was the best event I have ever attended in the UK.

We plan to visit the National Coal Mining Museum in the near future.

The Tomorrow Centre has proved a welcome resource for clients. Each week several new clients come to us to ask for assistance, and at present we seem to be attracting more people who have leave to stay, but who are experiencing welfare difficulties. 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 other difficulties they are experiencing, contacting solicitors, the UKBA, Cascade and G4S, and offering support to general wellbeing with English lessons and activities.

The TOMORROW CENTRE is open on Tuesdays from 1.30 to 5 and is based at Huddersfield Samaritans.

On Tuesday 18 June we will be hosting a storytelling event. Hot food will be available from 1.45pm and the storytelling will commence at 2.15. Come along with a traditional story from your country, or a song to share with us.

ACCOMMODATION

We have completed over 650 nights from the beginning of last December and currently have four people staying with hosts. Three of them are likely to be long term, although one is hopeful of securing s. 4 support in the near future.

We still require more hosts, particularly as it will soon be the summer holiday period, so please encourage people you know to sign up if they can. Being a host doesn't mean having someone to stay permanently – it could be for a few nights, to give someone who has a long term person staying a break.

Thank you again for your support and three cheers for the Big Lottery Fund and Locala.