

WHAT'S ON!

For asylum seekers in Derby

1. ADVICE FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

- **British Red Cross** – At 7 Liversage Street, Derby DE1 2LD. Phone 01332 525423 to make an appointment
- **Derby Refugee and Advice Centre (DRAC)** – At 99 Curzon Street, Derby DE1 1LN every Tuesday and Thursday. Phone 01332 347497
- **Migrant Help:**
 - Contact regarding clients in Initial Accommodation: iaadminderby@migranhelpuk.org
 - Contact regarding clients outside Initial Accommodation: Free helpline: 0808 8010 503 or AScorrespondence@migranhelpuk.org
 - Outreach referrals: outreach@migranhelpuk.org
 - Positive move-on queries: positivemoveon@migranhelpuk.org
- **International Family Tracing** – For help with tracing your family contact IFTNottsandDerby@redcross.org.uk or 07711006034
- **Immigration and legal advice** – Prior to covid, legal-aid-funded legal advisors have been available at DRAC on Tuesdays. However, this arrangement is not in place at the moment, so watch this space for if/when the service will resume

2. SOCIAL GATHERINGS

- **Upbeat Communities** – Social and language groups meet throughout the week, including women's group. At Upbeat Communities, Trinity Baptist Church, Green Lane, DE1 1RZ. Call 01332916150 or hello@upbeatcommunities.org or www.upbeatcommunities.org/whats-on
- **DRAC** – Various workshops and activities on Tuesday mornings from 10.30am
- **Children's Centre** – Play sessions on Mondays 10-11.30am for families newly arrived to Derby at Children's Centre, 17/19 Lowerdale Road. Support around health, education, and adult courses is also available. Contact burnice.dinnall@derby.gov.uk or 01332640250.
- **Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity (DRS)** – Thursdays 10am-12pm. Saturdays 10.30am-12.30pm. Sorting donations, indoor and outdoor sport, refreshments, chat. At St Anne's Church Hall, Whitecross Street, DE1 3NE. Call Steve 07881615750 or Julie 07790900017
- **Derby Museums** – Activities available for adults, young people, families. Sessions held at: Derby Museum and Art Gallery, Museum of Making and Pickford's House. Entry is free. Contact 01332 641901 or info@derbymuseums.org or www.derbymuseums.org/whats-on
- **Care4calais** – Meet every Saturday 1-3pm at the Wilkins Centre on Beckett Street. Teach basic English lessons, games for children and provide tea, coffee and snacks. Also have occasional events

3. ENGLISH LANGUAGE

- A separate information sheet is available that summarises the organisations who provide English language support at all levels. Contact gfreeman@redcross.org.uk for a copy

4. SPORTS

- **Running club** – On Tuesdays and Thursdays. See DRAC for more details
- **Football**
 - Free sessions organised by Derby County Football Club every Wednesday at Arboretum Park (4.30pm – 5.30pm). For more information go to www.derbycountycommunitytrust.com/programmes/community-engagement/pl-kicks or contact gavin.lewis@dcct.co.uk or 07912 390941
 - Every Wednesday at 12.30pm at Stockbrook Park, Stockbrook Street, DE22 3WH. For more information contact Jakub.Szukaj@migranhelpuk.org

5. HEALTH ADVICE

- If you have an urgent but non-life-threatening medical concern phone 111. Always call 999 if life is at risk
- If you have an illness that requires urgent attention go to Derby Urgent Care Centre, Osmaston Road, DE1 2GD (phone 01332 224700)
- Emergency Dental Service – phone 111
- Public Health Nurses for asylum seeking families with children aged 0 to 19 – contact 0300 1234586 option 3. Or visit www.derbyshirehealthcareft.nhs.uk/services/family-health-derby-city/health-visiting-0-5-years
- Healthwatch Derby – for advice, signposting, or to have your say and give feedback on local health and social care services – www.healthwatchderby.co.uk – Info@healthwatchderby.co.uk – 01332 643988

6. HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATION

- **Housing Options** – The advice team is currently working remotely so please phone 01332 888777 option 5. When normal service resumes the address is The Council House, Corporation Street, DE1 2FS

7. ADVICE FOR THOSE WITH REFUGEE STATUS

- **Mainstream welfare and benefits** - A separate information sheet is available that summarises the organisations who provide mainstream welfare and benefits advice. Contact gfreeman@redcross.org.uk for a copy
- **Reed in Partnership** - support refugees who have recently received a positive decision from the Home Office. Referrals to Reed are via Migrant Help at 0808 8010 503
- **Employment Support** – www.derby.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers/derby-employment-hub and www.derby.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers/derby-jobs-weekly
- **Family Reunion** - British Red Cross, DRAC and Upbeat Communities provide advice and support to refugees in Derby to reunite with their families. BRC is responsible for pre-arrival support (legal advice referrals, travel assistance, referrals to Housing Options). DRAC and Upbeat Communities provide post-arrival support: DRAC supports with UC applications, housing, and NINo; and Upbeat supports with community integration (schools, GPs, and social activities)