

# 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](mailto:iaadminderby@migranhelpuk.org)
  - Contact regarding clients outside Initial Accommodation: Free helpline: 0808 8010 503 or [AScorrespondence@migranhelpuk.org](mailto:AScorrespondence@migranhelpuk.org)
  - Outreach referrals: [outreach@migranhelpuk.org](mailto:outreach@migranhelpuk.org)
  - Positive move-on queries: [positivemoveon@migranhelpuk.org](mailto:positivemoveon@migranhelpuk.org)
- **International Family Tracing** – For help with tracing your family contact [IFTNottsandDerby@redcross.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:hello@upbeatcommunities.org) or [www.upbeatcommunities.org/whats-on](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:info@derbymuseums.org) or [www.derbymuseums.org/whats-on](http://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

- **Upbeat Communities** – Classes throughout the week. Information can be found at [www.upbeatcommunities.org/whats-on](http://www.upbeatcommunities.org/whats-on)
- **DRAC** – Classes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **WEA** – ESOL classes on Monday and Wednesdays (am and pm on both days) aimed at pre-entry level and Entry Level 1 learners. Contact [crawson@wea.org.uk](mailto:crawson@wea.org.uk) or 01332291805
- **JEM** – Classes on Wednesdays at 10am at JEM, 97C Empress Road, DE23 6TF. Contact 07557148957 or [jemderby@yahoo.com](mailto:jemderby@yahoo.com)
- **DRS** – Classes on Thursdays 10am-12.30pm. Other options include music, photography, gardening, bike rides, using laptops etc

## 4. SPORTS

- **Running club** – On Tuesdays and Thursdays. See DRAC for more details
- **Football**
  - Free sessions organised by Derby County Football Club every Friday (3.30pm – 4.30pm) at Willows Sports Centre, 1 Willow Row, Derby, DE1 3NZ. For more information contact [gavin.lewis@dcct.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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, Coleman Street, DE24 8NH (phone 01332888085 or 111)
- Public Health Nurses for health visiting and school health for 0-19 year olds. Contact number is 0300 1234586 Option 3
- Healthwatch Derby – for advice, signposting, or to have your say and give feedback on local health and social care services – [www.healthwatchderby.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchderby.co.uk) – [Info@healthwatchderby.co.uk](mailto: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

- **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](http://www.derby.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers/derby-employment-hub) and [www.derby.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers/derby-jobs-weekly](http://www.derby.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers/derby-jobs-weekly)
- **Jubilee Project**, St Peters Centre, St Peters Street, DE1 1SN (on Tuesdays)
- **Citizens Advice**, Sinfin Library, Arleston Lane, DE24 3DD
- **Direct Help and Advice** (and The Derby Law Centre), Phoenix Street, DE1 2ER
- **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)