

Maldon Refugee Response Group Annual Report April 2020

Charity number: 1176107

Maldon Refugee Response Group - our objectives are: To advance education and relieve financial hardship of those seeking asylum or those granted refugee status and their dependents and those who reside (temporarily or permanently) in the County of Essex so as to advance them in life and assist them to adapt within a new community.

As a charity, we continue to support the family who are resident in Maldon. Befrienders are continuing to help and befriend them as they learn English and settle in the town. At all times we have linked closely with Essex Integration (project of DNA networks) who provide key support to refugees and migrants accepted under the Home Office VPR scheme.

Fundraising this year has notably been from Broomfield Methodist Church who raised £1251.40 over a year, and a concert by 'Resonate' which raised £472.00. We also have a few regular givers and one-off donations. Thank you to everyone involved.

The family in Maldon are now financially independent of us, so funds raised have meant we have been able to give practical support when needed. This has included a laptop for a school age student which has proved extremely useful.

We also now have funds in the bank which could be used to support another family if a property can be found. The settling of refugees through the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement scheme is determined by properties being available. There is still a huge need, and we can be part of helping a family find a home. We continue to explore ways of finding a property and hope to work with Maldon District Council and Essex Integration to achieve this aim.

We had hoped to have an informal open evening for our supporters, but this has been cancelled due to covid-19 restrictions. We are currently looking for some new trustees to join us so that together we can carry on this important work.

Thanks to all trustees, befrienders and supporters for all the interest shown and help given over the past year.

Diane O'Neill - Chairperson

Trustees: Ellaine Crome, Sarah Iles, Richard Knight, Miriam Lewis, Dawn Mundy, John Salisbury

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 1st April 2020

Receipts	£	Payments	£	£
Donations received	700.00	Re refugees:		
Fund raising:		Rent	200.70	
Broomfield Methodist Church	1,207.20	Wifi	342.92	
Resonate concert	472.00			543.62
	<u>2,379.20</u>			<u>543.62</u>
Opening bank balance at 2.4.19	7,509.93	Closing bank balance at 1.4.20		9,345.51
	<u>9,889.13</u>			<u>9,889.13</u>

Balance Sheet at 1st April 2020

	£		£
Bank balance at 1.4.20	9,345.51	Surplus, brought forward at 2.4.19	7,509.93
		Add: Surplus for the year	1,835.58
	<u> </u>	Surplus, carried forward at 1.4.20	<u>9,345.51</u>