

### **Welcome News**

Welcome are busy this time of year attending local Christmas Fairs and meeting up with other refugee support groups and individuals. We're also beginning to get ready to welcome a third family. More below....

# Welcoming a third family to Falmouth/Penryn

#### Why resettle a third family?

The UK UNHCR tweeted yesterday

"Most refugees simply have no access to a safe and regular pathway to the UK, or

elsewhere."

UNHCR is currently able to refer a limited number of refugees to the United Kingdom for resettlement each year. This pathway, while lifesaving, is not open to the vast majority of refugees. Most refugees simply have no access to a safe regular pathway to the UK, or elsewhere. 1/3

Fewer than 1% of refugees have access to resettlement in any country worldwide each year. In 2022, 1066 refugees have arrived to the United Kingdom under the UNHCR resettlement programme. A quota of 2000 referrals of Afghan refugees has been made available to UNHCR for submission to the UK between January 2022 and March 2023. 2/3

Additional pathways to the UK have been created for Ukrainians and Afghans, outside of the UNHCR framework. UNHCR continues to work closely with the UK Government through our dedicated resettlement programme, while advocating for the expansion of such pathways and the creation of new safe routes. 3/3

https://twitter.com/UNHCRUK

It's a stark reminder that Community Sponsorship is one of the very few safe pathways for those seeking refuge in the UK, and with this in mind we are working to get everything in place to welcome a third family to Falmouth & Penryn.

We're really fortunate to have been approached by a great landlord who will be able to provide a home at a reasonable rent, and so we've already jumped the main hurdle.

We also have a new volunteer to lead the team to welcome another family, but we are looking for more volunteers to join that team. We're particularly looking for someone to lead the team of volunteers working to help the family access health and wellbeing services when the arrive. If you think you may be interested in this, please contact Caroline on <a href="mailto:cazza.cox@gmail.com">cazza.cox@gmail.com</a>.

There are plenty more roles to fill, so if you think this might be something you can get involved with mid-2023 please do get in touch with us to have a chat.

# **Cheese tasting evening**

This is a chance to taste Rihab's cheese and help her carry out valuable market research so that she can set up a small business making Syrian cheese. Book soon!



### **Christmas Fairs**

December is looking like a very busy month for Welcome and you can find us at the events listed below, selling our locally hand-printed merchandise, Welcome Christmas cards and Jumble-in-a-Box goodies. Come and pick up some Christmas gifts and say hello.

- 2nd 4th December: Princess Pavilion Christmas Fair, Falmouth
- 3rd- 4th December: Cornwall Creatives Christmas Market at Embrace Dance Studio Penryn
- 10 & 11th December: Jubilee Wharf Christmas Fair, Penryn
- 16 18th December: Cornish Bank Christmas Fair, Falmouth

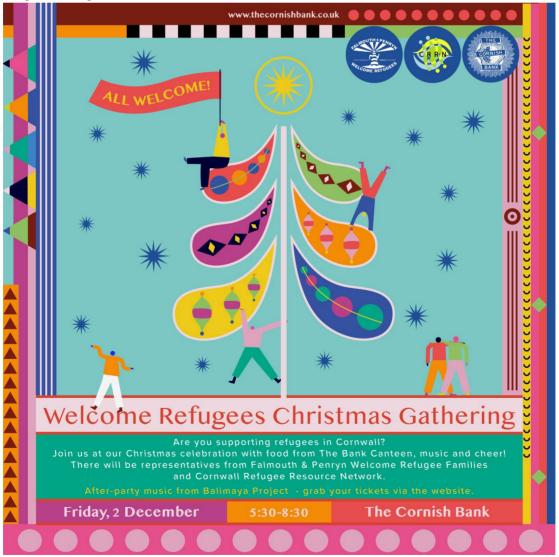


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# Refugee Support event Friday 2nd Dec 5.30-8.30pm @ the Cornish Bank

We are working with our friends at The Cornish Bank to have an event for those working to support refugees in Cornwall. Please do share this with anyone you think may be interested and may benefit from linking in with others doing similar things.



## **Conversation Club**

Is English Your Second Language? Would you like to improve your English skills?

We're starting an English-conversation group where you can have a cup of tea or coffee and talk with people in a similar position, with guidance from experienced teachers.

It will be informal and free and in the Falmouth/Penryn area. Come and join us!

If you're interested, or know someone who may be, please contact us on falmouthpenrynwelcome@gmail.com

