



Dear SASS supporter,

Thank you for all your support. This is an update and an appeal. Please tell your friends!

60-80 asylum seekers attend our drop-ins on Fridays and Saturdays, plus 10-20 others (refugees and other local people). New asylum seekers arrive most weeks, from all over the world. Half are family groups, mostly a lone mother with children. The needs are great.

Do you have any ... TIME, THINGS to donate, or MONEY to spare? Or know anyone who does?

In December we plan to distribute a **present** to every child, family and lone adult asylum seeker we're in touch with. That'll be over 300 presents.

- **Can you help with sourcing presents – wrapping, labelling – or with delivering them by car? Please ring our chair of trustees, Sandra, on 07400605669.**

Over 100 adults from 30 countries are enrolled in our **English** classes, in person and on Zoom (Zoom is especially popular with house-bound mothers).

- **Could you help English learners, e.g. one-on-one conversation at a drop-in? Play a board game, crafts activities? Assist in a class? You needn't be qualified (but if you are, great). Please call our volunteer coordinator, George, on 07853717017.**

We **distribute** warm clothes, shoes – blankets, bedding – toiletries – toys, books – pots, pans – etc

- **If you can offer items, please call us. We have very little storage space. Please ring Sandra on 07400605669.**

The rising cost of living is harsh on a Home Office allowance of £40/week. The **hot meals** we provide – and takeaway food boxes – are a lifeline. A Council grant covers 30% of SASS food costs which are £130/week.

- **Could you do the food shopping for a drop-in, once a month? Cost of shop refunded, plus mileage. Or could you help in the kitchen on the odd Saturday lunchtime? Please call George on 07853717017.**

It all costs money....

- **Donations account: 65846283, sort code 089299. Paypal link: visit [www.sass.wales](http://www.sass.wales).**
- **Do you have fund-raising ideas? A raffle, an auction, a walk, a swim, a pie-eating competition?**
- **Or any questions? Please call Tom (treasurer) on 07736408064.**

Will asylum seekers' living conditions be improved? Will the snail-like pace of asylum case processing speed up? It seems unlikely. And plenty of other groups of people are suffering too, more than ever. So thank you again for continuing to champion one group who have least rights, who are most vulnerable, and who keep on being very unfairly scapegoated.

We'd be delighted to see you at a drop-in: Fridays 4-7 at St James Church hall, off Walter Road, SA1 4QF; Saturdays 12-3 at York Place Baptist Church, SA1 3LZ. You can always just ... drop in!

**From Sandra – George – Tom – Sherifat on behalf of all SASS trustees, volunteers and staff.**