



Autumn 2021 Update

Our recent AGM approved our annual report and accounts and we also enjoyed a wide-ranging discussion about future opportunities for the charity, including our plan to make an application to resettle a second refugee family in Louth.

We have now started the application process as part of the government's Community Sponsorship programme. We'll be drawing on our experience of welcoming the first family to Louth, and we're now ready to ask you to consider how you might be able to help us in this next stage. We have four specific requests:

1. Can you donate household furniture/furnishings?

In anticipation of the housing needs of a second family, we need to obtain suitable furnishings over the coming months. At this time we are particularly interested in donations of:

- Dining table and chairs
- Wardrobes and bedroom chests of drawers
- White goods/domestic appliances.

2. Would you be able to help the refugee family to develop and improve their English?

A range of support will be needed over the coming months and we would like to hear from anyone who is able to:

- Provide English language tuition working from a course book/materials
- Provide additional English support for children
- Help develop English language skills informally through conversation.

Please note our English support is a volunteer team effort and there is no expectation that individuals should take sole responsibility.

3. Can you support us financially?

We anticipate we shall need around £15,000 as a charity over the coming two years to sponsor a second family. We welcome all financial contributions. In particular we are grateful for the regular donations we receive from supporters who contribute monthly by standing order. Could you consider making a commitment to support a refugee family in this way? Details can be found on our [website](#). We suggest a contribution of £5 per month for 24 months, or as much as you can afford. Thank you.

4. Will you pray for us and for the needs of refugees?

The work of Louth Churches for Refugees is underpinned by prayer as we seek to follow the path of the Good Samaritan described by Jesus in the Gospels. We encourage you to remember in your prayers the work of Louth Churches for Refugees and to pray for all those seeking safety from conflict and danger across the world. Some resources for prayer can be found on our [website](#).

Finally, as the worldwide migrant crisis deepens in the light of recent events in Afghanistan, we invite you to spread the word about the work of Louth Churches for Refugees. In the face of a huge global refugee tragedy, Louth Churches for Refugees represents a tangible response providing direct practical support at a local level. Our [website](#) has further information and we post regular updates on Facebook. [Follow us](#) and please let your friends, family and neighbours know about our work as we seek to broaden our network of support in the area.

Thank you for your interest in and support for Louth Churches for Refugees and we look forward to hearing from you about any help you feel able to give. You can get in touch by using the [contact form](#) on our website.