

Here are this week's snippets of news (04/12/12)

begin: We are now booking *begin* talks for the New Year. Do get in touch if you want a member of *begin* to speak to your team about the referral system and service on offer, or for *begin* staff to attend an event to promote Maths, English, ESOL or other advice we offer. We can also supply you with a pop-up banner/display and various leaflets and marketing items can be ordered on our website.

Events and Activities

- **Give Big:** help Nottingham Arimathea Trust (NAT) to use 2 new houses for 6 more destitute asylum seekers. You can go online at 10am on 6th, 7th or 8th December to help pay for heating and water [here](#). Your gift could double through NAT pledges and the BIG Gives Charity Champion, the Reed Foundation. If you go online late and find the match fund has expired for the day, please go back at 10am the following day to try again. OR, you can donate other items needed: TV's, free view boxes, vacuum cleaners (2), microwave ovens (2). Please contact caron@nottinghamarimathea.org.uk, 0773 5004218.
- **Children's presents wanted for the Refugee Forum's End of Year Party** on 15 December. Find out more [here](#). Please take gifts to Refugee Forum, Square Centre, Alfred Street North, St Anns , NG3 1AA. If you are late delivering, wrapping and labelling with the age group is much appreciated.
- **Yard Young Actors** present Shakespeare's "Macbeth", a tale of power, lust and the darkness of human nature. Yard Young Actors will bring this classic into the 21st century making it relevant for a young contemporary audience. They will be fusing theatrical forms and pushing the boundaries of audience experience. Saturday 8th December 7:30pm, New Art Exchange, 39 Gregory Boulevard. **Admission: £5 (£3 concession) for one performance £8 (£5 concession) for both performances. Age range: PG.** To book, contact: info@nae.org.uk Or call 0115 9248630
- **Eastwood Information Event:** For more details please [click](#)
- **International Migrants Day 18th December.** For more details please click [here](#).
- **Next 'Platforma' Art + Refugees Networking meeting:** Monday 17th December, 7pm – 9pm, at the Refugee Forum. "Mainstream Partnerships", who help artists from BME communities increase their job and income opportunities, will also be speaking. Please let Stuart Brown know if you are going: 07891 701133, stuartb10@ntlworld.com.

Training, Volunteering & Job Vacancies

Gypsy Traveller Cultural Awareness Training. Please click [here](#) for more details.

NCVS Volunteer Club: Group discussion on ASDA recruitment methods: drop-in Tuesday, 11 December, 1.30-2.30pm, NCVS, Mansfield Road, NG1 3FB. The Club meets every week and is really keen to help unemployed people and people who have never volunteered before. There are regular speakers, eg, previously from NHS, Childline and the National Careers Service. No need to book, just drop in! After 11 December, sessions will start again on 8 January. For more information, call 0115 934 8400.

Voluntary and Community Sector Advocate needed for Nott'm Central Locality. The Partnership Council are looking for someone with current or recent, paid or voluntary experience of the local Voluntary and Community sector, to represent the sector in monthly Locality Board Meetings and bi-monthly meetings with other Third Sector Advocates. It will be an opportunity for your views to be filtered through to the strategic partnerships in the city. An important part of the role will be to feed back information to the Central Locality Voluntary and Community Organisations Forum and take forward ideas raised there. The deadline for applications is 9am, 10th December. Any queries, please contact Moby Farrands or Helen Rigby on 0115 9708200 , or email groupsupport@partnershipcouncil.co.uk.

Nottingham Arimathea Trust (NAT) are recruiting for volunteer mentors and befrienders, who can meet with residents on a weekly or fortnightly basis and help by listening, practicing English and taking out to places of interest (on the bus is fine!). Full training and support is provided and all expenses are reimbursed. Please reply to info@nottinghamarimathea.org.uk or call 07735004218 to register your interest.

Jobs advice for local people at Eastwood Young People's Centre, Kelham Way, Eastwood NG16 3SG, Friday 14th December, 11am to 1pm. Find out about future job opportunities with NET Phase Two, Nottingham's tram network extension, and how to apply for jobs advertised on the City Council Employer hub jobs. Advanced booking is recommended. For more information please click [here](#) and [here](#).

Useful Newsletters/Research/Websites

- The latest **Equality and Human Rights** Newsletter is out now. For more updates, including Volunteer Discrimination, please click [here](#)
- MRN-Migrants Rights Network latest newsletter available [here](#).
- **Electronic Immigration Network** news is [here](#), including Leveson report concerns on sensational or unbalanced reporting about immigrants and asylum seekers.
- **REFUGEE FORUM & NOTTM CITY OF SANCTUARY** mail-out available [here](#).
- EMSMP-East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership newsletter is available [here](#) and [here](#). The first link includes the first One Nottingham survey of East Midlands Voluntary and Community Sector organizations in the region. <http://www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk/node/1707>
- Ofsted's ESOL consultation is now closed. Read the NATECLA response [here](#) and the NIACE response [here](#) .
- **Care Training** - helping people back into work. For more information and to read personal stories of success, click [here](#)
- **WAIS-Women's Aid Integrated Services** newsletter is available [here](#).
- **Rushcliffe Together** latest news snippets available [here](#).
- Visit their websites to access the Rushcliffe CVS newsletter [here](#) and Gedling CVS newsletter [here](#)
- Broxtowe "What's on" newsletter available [here](#).
- Mansfield Community and Voluntary Service latest information available [here](#).
- The South Area Newsletter available [here](#), with thanks to The Renewal Trust.
- Enable's latest information is now available to view [here](#).
- NCVS latest news available [here](#).

Resources

- **Free Functional Skills and ESOL resources** are available at Skills Workshop [here](#) and Talent (Training, Adult Literacy, ESOL and Numeracy Teachers) websites [here](#).
- **Babel** is a new language magazine. Click [here](#) to view the first FREE copy.
- A '**Housing and Migration Network' Practice Pack** highlights how housing associations and charities can provide short-term housing and support for destitute asylum seekers and other migrants in the UK. The pack is based on a Hope Projects housing model in Birmingham. View the Guardian Housing Network website article & access a pack [here](#).
- **St George's Centre, Netherfield, rooms for hire.** Contact : Angela Hustwait on 0115 9113302/netherfieldforum@hotmail.com to find out about favourable rates and facilities including the community café and the regular bus routes from the City.

Charity/Community Group Spotlight

We have added a new section if you want to be promoted in the newsletter. Send in your article and we will endeavour to publish it here.

Featured Charity/Community Group: **NOWZAD** “The life of Afghan animals is not one of comfort at the best of times; most of the day is spent hunting for scraps of food or hiding from the hot desert sun during the summer or the freezing cold of a desert winter night. There is definitely no pampered pet status in Afghanistan” For more information please visit the [website](#).