

East Northants Community Services (ENCS) – August 2017 update

Also serving the district through the East Northants Faith Group (ENFG)

(Registered Charity Number 1154210)



Helen Allan, our Operations Manager, is employed to support the staff and volunteers in our various projects. She can be contacted on 07871 999020 and at helen.allan@encs.org.uk.

Forthcoming events:

- **Saturday 19th August - table top sale and fun and games for the youngsters.** More details to be found on our website (encs.org.uk) or Facebook (East Northants Community Services). This is a change from the previously advertised craft fair.
- **A prize draw in aid of ENCS** will be taking place next month. Tickets (£1 each) are available from Helen Allan and trustees until 13th September.

Christian Ambulance Network – and other workplace groups for Christians

Simon King of Whitefriars Church, Rushden, and an employee of the East of England Ambulance Service, has recently started the **Christian Ambulance Network** to support and encourage Christians in the ambulance service, given that no such group existed already. More details, including contact details, are given in the poster:

More generally, **there are many other Christian professional groups that exist to help church members live out their faith at their place of work.** Do you know if a group exists for your trade or profession? If not, might it be right for you set one up, as Simon has done? Many of them are listed at www.transformworkuk.org. Some of them are based locally, such as the Association of Christian Teachers (at Northampton) and the Christian Police Association (at Wellingborough).

The Christian Ambulance Network is a group supporting Christians in the ambulance service run by Christians in the ambulance service.

We aim to help ambulance clinicians, operations centre staff, PTS, all those in support roles, volunteers and student paramedics at university by:

- Supporting and encouraging Christians in the ambulance service
- Presenting the Christian faith as current, relevant and entirely compatible with life in the ambulance service

If you work in the ambulance service or would like to support those who do, please get in touch:

f Christian Ambulance Network
t @ChristianAmbNwk
e Info@christianambulancenetwork.com
w www.christianambulancenetwork.com



East Northants Faith Group (ENFG)

DIARY DATE: The next East Northants Community Leaders' Lunch will be taking place on Wednesday 25th October, with Dr David Smart talking on mental health – more details to follow shortly.

East Northamptonshire Council has recently opened another round of the **Community Facilities Fund, where grants of up to £50,000 are available for capital projects**, and churches are eligible – and have previously been successful, including Denford last year. More details are below. For details about the process and eligibility, visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/cff

All applications must have a minimum of 25% match funding. Please read the terms and conditions carefully before applying.

You can email communitydevelopment@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk or call 01832 742268 for more information. Eligibility application forms must be submitted by **5pm on Friday 1 September**.

Introducing Transport of Hope...

This is a community organization, based in the Rushden area, which has developed from Helpful Humans, continuing to **help the homeless and refugees but also offering frontline support to people in our local community who are struggling in any way.**

Chris Clavey reports that they are desperately short of all types of clothing at the moment, still collecting food and toiletries and also in urgent need of men's underwear (new only) and socks up to shoe size 7 (new or second-hand): these are to send out with warm clothing in September, in readiness for when the weather starts to grow cold in parts of Europe and in Syria. We are also collecting school uniform in conjunction with the Rushden Full Gospel church Chris can be emailed at chris.clavey@tesco.net or phoned on 07818 634939. There is also a Facebook group:

Transport of Hope. They are very busy at the moment but quite short of aid items as mentioned above. The current function of Helpful Humans is to help refugees with their Home Office paperwork and to look at the options within the county for fostering refugee children.

Free church-based toddler group training

- 10am to 12 noon at St James' Church, Thrapston, on Saturday 9th September – provided by Rachael and Ruth from **Spurgeons Together**. Details at network@spurgeons.org.

East Northants Refugee Support

The next **Refugee Support Group meeting** will be taking place at 7.30pm on Thursday 21st September at the Full Gospel Church, 60 High Street South, Rushden.

The **Northampton City of Sanctuary Group** exists to welcome refugees. It has a website at <https://northampton.cityofsanctuary.org/>

Andrew Presland has more details on 01933 316927.

Please contact Andrew Presland at andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com or by phone on 01933 316927 if you would like any more information on anything mentioned on this sheet.