

TEAM MEMBER

at Cafe Connect



Time commitment: Once a month on a Friday morning from 9.30am-12.30pm
at Community Church Chadwell St Mary
and/or
Once a month on a Wednesday morning from 9.30am-12.30pm at Grays Baptist Church

Contact: Marsha Ashley

Project Summary

Cafe Connect is a monthly drop-in we host for local sanctuary-seeking families and individuals who are resettling in Thurrock. At these events, we aim to connect these household with the local church, support agencies and each other. We help with signposting, form filling and distribute free toiletries and other items.

Team responsibilities

- Set up the venue with chairs, tables and refreshments
- Greet people as they arrive
- “Check in” families, taking notes of any support requests they have for that session and allocating them to a member of the team as team members become available
- Help new families register to receive our comms and support
- Help with the orderly distribution of toiletries and other items
- Support families with making phone calls and/or completing forms; for example, to register with a GP, apply for schools or book a blood test
- Use translators and/or translation apps to communicate effectively with sanctuary seekers who are still learning English.
- Liaise effectively with project leaders to update them on any support requests met and follow up actions required.
- Be alert to any safeguarding issues and report these to a DSL as soon as possible (training is provided for this)

This role involves working with children and/or vulnerable adults, therefore it is a requirement that applicants are willing to undergo Community Church’s Safer Recruitment process and attend Community Church’s annual safeguarding conference (next one: 11th January 2025).

Available training:

- Introduction to working with sanctuary seekers (essential)
- Safeguarding Children Induction (essential)

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- Safeguarding vulnerable adults (essential)
- Hate Crime Ambassador (optional)
- Food Safety Induction (essential if wanting to serve refreshments)

Other opportunities within this ministry: Leafleting, Welcomers

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