

*Open Doors*  
*Current situation*

- The Thursday Drop in continues to flourish and we usually have over 100 people attending.
- The team dealing with food parcels often supply up to 120 bags of food per week. Up to 30 to 35 people are also supported with small amounts of money.
- Currently we have five people living in International House.
- Our excellent team in the kitchen supply a good nutritious meal to any who come.
- We are supported by a health team, each offering advice and support in health related matters.
- The computer suite has been upgraded and is still well used.
- The allotment: - We have a small but dedicated group of ladies working hard to produce a variety of vegetables.



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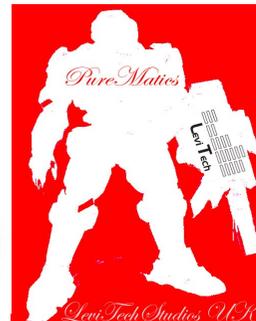
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*Welcoming Asylum seekers and Refugees*



## History Of Open Doors

Open Doors Project aims to provide a welcome to Asylum seekers and refugees. Through the generosity of people and churches around hull, with volunteers including those who come for help. Open Doors provides food bags/parcels, lunch and a small amount of cash for those with limited or no government support. All this in the contexts of a friendly gathering place where newcomers can find a friend and others can meet and perhaps relax.

While we do little about structural change we can help with form filling, the pursuit of their claims and direct them to other organizations we relate to. We are part of a movement to make Hull an international City of Sanctuary where Asylum seekers and Refugees can feel they are welcome rather than rejected.



## TimeLine

The Open Doors Project was started in the autumn of 2000, when the Church responded initially meeting strangers at the avenue.

It quickly developed into a Thursday afternoon Drop In for young men from Afghanistan. These men were well-educated professional men who had originally held responsible jobs in their own country. They were fleeing from a regime that did not recognise their skills and sought to punish them for being well educated and freethinking.

We continued in this way for a number of months. Soon we became aware that some women and children were arriving as well. Again in response to request we began working with dedicated Health Visitors and our way of working changed. The women and children met upstairs and the men continued to use the hall for discussions and table games. As the number of women and children increased they moved into the hall.

At this time we were hosting around 40 people each week. We employed a nursery nurse with the support of the Health Service. The mix of people regularly changed with people coming from Iraq, Iran and Eastern European countries. Over a period of time we saw people from some 20 different countries located in three continents Africa, Asia and Europe.

## Volunteers

There are several ways in which you can support Open Doors.

- Inform other people about Open Doors.
- Collect food for our parcels.
- Volunteer to help on Thursdays
- Make a one off donation
- Become a regular a donor.
- Donations may be gift aided by these pages.

If you are interested in any one of the above mentioned ways of supporting Open Doors, please fill in your details below indicating your interest.

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