

**NOTTINGHAM & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE REFUGEE FORUM**

warmly invites you to our

# NEW YEAR PARTY

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2007**

at The Square Centre.

All Welcome! (starts at 5pm)

Food Music and Good Company

Contributions of Music Welcome



# FOOD GROUP NEWS

JANUARY 2007

## WELCOME

Hello and welcome to the first edition of the Food Group Newsletter.

We hope to produce this monthly in order to publicise events and to provide useful information. Over the next few months we aim to have articles written by refugees on campaigning against detention and our campaign on The Right To Work. We would welcome your contributions (in any language) to our newsletter and our volunteers will help you if needed.



### GET

### INVOLVED

We're always looking for refugee volunteers to help with our work. The more help that we get the more we can help. Over the last year we've expanded what we do in order to provide hot snacks, clothing and household goods. We need help with the reception desk, handing the food out, and the cooking and preparation of our hot snacks. If you feel able to help (even if it's just once a month) please speak to one of our volunteers.



**We Wish You a  
Happy and  
Peaceful  
New Year**

## Sharing your Experience

People at Play drama group at Nottingham University are putting on a play in which 8 students will play 29 roles of different people, who have been in extreme situations. They have asked us whether there are any asylum seekers who might be willing to share their experiences, so that the students involved may have a better understanding of what life elsewhere can be like.



**Please contact Bill if you are willing to consider getting involved.**

Last year the Food Group helped over 300 different refugees from over 30 countries including:- Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, China, Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, India, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Israel, Kenya, Kosovo, Liberia, Malawi, Moldova, Mongolia, Nigeria, Palestine, Romania, Serbia, Somali, Sudan, Turkey, Uganda, Zimbabwe

## FREE SHOP

Over the last few weeks we've collected bags and bags of good quality warm clothing and bedding for our Free Shop.

They're currently in our storeroom downstairs and we're looking for volunteers on a Saturday morning who will help with the sorting and displaying of the clothes. If you want to help (even if it's just once a month) contact Bill

## HELP WANTED

### PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED

Every week the food group uses over 200 plastic shopping bags. If you bring your own plastic bags or better still collect lots of bags from your friends it would be a great help.

We would like to let you know that the people helping to distribute the food today are all unpaid volunteers. The Food Group is not part of the government and we do not receive any money from the government or official organisations.

All donations, both food and money, are made either by well-wishers or from money that Nottingham Refugee Forum has raised itself.

### CAN YOU WALK THE WALK?

Join the 17 mile walk to Loughborough to protest against the injustice of refugees being forced to sign at Loughborough.

**Sunday 07.01.07**

Meeting at 9am at the Council House. Cars to rescue the exhausted. The more the merrier!

## HAVE YOUR SAY

We are constantly trying to improve the service and the quality of food we give you. If you have any suggestions / comments regarding how you think we can improve things please use the space below to let us know. We also welcome any articles or adverts (in any language) for future issues of our newsletter.

Please return any comments / articles to reception desk