

Ideas for volunteering

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A lot of fantastic ideas were put forward at the meeting. I've done my best to organise or categorise these below. In some cases I've put in my own comment/observations in italics. If any of these take your fancy or you can help to organise something around them please get in touch (irubinstein@mool.scot). Of course we're also always delighted to hear about new ideas as well!

Training for volunteers

- Cultural awareness training
- More Training for volunteers
 - Managing difficult/challenging people
- Training in dealing with negative attitudes

I'm looking into the possibility of getting professional training for some of these things...Watch this space!.

Cultural/social Activities

- Links into local communities e.g cooking, food sharing
 - Welcome from host areas
 - "Community connectors" to introduce people to local organisations – eg mothers and toddlers
 - Home industries – tasks that can be completed at home – eg clothes washing, phone contacts
- Facilitating contact between refugee families and others – eg. Women's groups
- Hire Table Tennis club for the day
- "Try it, Play it, Love it"
- Moving Stories
 - Fantastic Title
 - Art work
 - Stories of Movement/migration
 - Develop into a community choir
 - Develop and use the title
 - Make resonance
 - Choir Cd
 - Expand the project to work with other "migrant" groups/individuals in the region
- Social activities at the depot
- Food events
 - Cooking together
 - Learning to cook
 - Languages
 - Inviting the neighbours
- Community service (team painting)

- Set up sports teams – table tennis, badminton, football
- Another Potluck
- Group Walks

Expanding/developing volunteer activities

- Local contacts/ network for collecting clothes - *this could be really useful!*
- Sourcing items from stores
- Laundry – *when donations come into the depot we often need to wash them. Having several people willing to take the occasional load home and to bring it back would help a lot.*
- Ponchos – *we ran a poncho making workshop a while ago. Would people be interested in us running another one?*
- Give people who've been here for a while the opportunity to help *this is happening*
- Fundraising - race nights, raffles, coffee mornings, sponsored walks/swims, Pop-up shops, Dance *Please see the fundraising sheet!*
- Producing notes from home.
- Calais Trip
- More meetings for volunteers
- More opportunities to give contact and support to the families

Communication ideas (*please have a look at the media ideas sheet*)

- A newsletter to keep people informed about what we're doing.
- More use of the Mool caravan
- Possible use of the "blether" bus
- Communication both internal/external *We need to think about ways to do this without swamping people with emails.*
- Audience – can we use the same content for different platforms/communication routes. *This would lessen the load of communication*
- Greater physical presence/outreach base
- Get more visibility in publications throughout the region

Shared work

- Teams
 - Work in small groups
 - Bonding
 - Links between dispersed people
 - Flexible

We need to aim, when we ask people to take on particular roles or jobs, to set them up as teams to work together.