

Some of the things we need to consider

Taking in and distributing donations

We will lose the use of our depot in March 2021. I've spoken to the council about this and although they might be willing to grant us a small extension, we won't have it for long after that. This means that we will have to look for new premises. This leads to other questions...

Should we find new premises for sorting donations to be sent overseas and do we also need to have space for furniture and household items?

1. Finding space for furniture and household items will cost a lot more
2. With no more families to come over as part of the VPRS scheme and the replacement scheme if/when it starts involving far fewer families per year, we are unlikely to need furniture donations for houses.
3. On the other hand, our furniture donations are what enable us to help people from ILS and other displaced people's agencies.

VPRS families

The families that are here have been doing amazingly well, not least thanks to our befrienders and conversational helpers. Do we still have a role to play for them? One project which we have in mind is to run a series of interviews with the different members of the families to find out what their preferred leisure activities have been in the past. We want to see if we can build connections through these to the local community groups to really help the families integrate fully.

Education

We had a project in hand, with a grant, to create a course for schools to help students understand the values of kindness and the benefits of welcoming people from elsewhere into our society.

The project has been on hold of course but we're now proposing to create an online course which schools can use. Can we find people to translate the wonderful materials our people have already put together into something which will work online?

Social Cohesion Activities

Since we started MOOL has been involved in a fantastic series of activities partly intended to raise funds and partly intended to bring people together from all parts of the community. These have included concerts, choirs, festivals and feasts. Can we continue and if so, can we put together a calendar for the year to ensure that we don't overload ourselves?

Other stuff

I've probably missed some of the stuff we do and I'm sure I've missed some things we could or should be doing! Please let me know.