

Universal Credit & Employability support

The government's new system for claiming benefits will come into effect in Nottingham in October and in Broxtowe and Gedling in November. This has caused considerable difficulty in parts of the country where it has already been implemented. Apart from delayed payments one of the challenges is that claims can only be made online. Obviously this is very difficult for those without a computer or the necessary skills. Hope is responding to this by using its existing job clubs to offer assistance to both make online Universal Credit Applications and to search and apply for work. Recent successes with job club include 2 men who have never worked previously. *(Kyle receiving job certificate from trustee Tony)*



Tackling Loneliness, in partnership with LINKING LIVES UK

Loneliness and isolation is a growing problem in many local communities. Hope Nottingham has been encouraged by local authority community workers and health workers to develop a scheme to tackle this. We are aiming to run a pilot project which will involve a small number of volunteers making befriending visits to isolated people within a walk's distance from Hope House in Beeston. The intention will be to visit people once or twice a week, build friendships and then encourage people to come along to the Hope Café to make more friends. Training and support for this project will be provided by national charity **Linking Lives UK** which is working throughout the country to support churches seeking to reach out to lonely and isolated people in their communities. **If you would like to find out more, meet Linking Lives UK or get involved please come along to:-**

**VISITING BEFRIENDING EXPLORATORY EVENING,
7.30-9.00pm, 5th Nov. Hope House Boundary Rd NG9 2RF**

NEW TRUSTEES FOR HOPE NOTTINGHAM

Hope Nottingham is looking for three new trustees who can make a significant contribution to the Board by being able to share their knowledge, expertise and experience. Trustees are responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of the charity, its financial health and the governance of its activities. We are particularly keen to hear from local people with a background in:-

- Public Relations and Marketing
- Fundraising
- Employment Programmes

Successful applicants must be able to attend 6-9 Board Meetings (evenings) per year.

Hope Nottingham has grown and developed organically and now seeks to become more strategic in its outlook by strengthening the Board of Trustees with specific skills and experience. You will be part of a team of skilled people who are passionate about giving up their own time to help others.

To apply please download the application pack from www.hopenottingham.org.uk





Everyone Can Sing Concert
7 p.m. Saturday 8th Dec. 2018
 Hope House, Boundary Road Nott'm NG9 2RF

A wonderful winter concert for the whole community

All proceeds to Hope Nottingham.
 Tickets £5 (£15 family including children)
 Available from tony.richmond@hopenottingham.org.uk

Choros Amici
 Saturday 15th December at 7:30pm.
at Christ Church, Chilwell.
 College Rd, Chilwell, Nottingham. NG9 4AS

Tickets £12 (under 18's free) available from Hope Nottingham or on the door
In support of Hope Nottingham

Food Donations for Harvest & Christmas



Once again we are in the midst of receiving many large and generous donations for harvest from schools, churches and others. We are so grateful for this support. As we approach Christmas we know that the foodbanks will benefit from even more generosity. To give us time to sort food to include in Christmas food parcels please bring Christmas food donations no later than 17th December and preferably in November.

THANK YOU!!

Refugee Befriending in Gedling

We have been working closely with Nott'm City Council, Gedling Borough and Nott'm & Notts Refugee Forum to explore the best way of enabling community support for refugees moving into the area. The approach we are now taking is to enable small teams of local volunteers to visit and befriend refugee families and support them to settle into the community. Volunteers have now been trained by Arimathea and will begin visiting later this year.

“Nott’num Town” Concert 7.30pm 10th Nov
at Hope House Boundary Road NG9 2RF

Tickets £10 (£8 for retired/unwaged)
Available from Hope Nottingham or Nott'm Wind Ensemble

Proceeds shared between Hope & Nott'm Wind Ensemble

NOTTINGHAM WIND ENSEMBLE



LIGHTBULB GROUP BIRDBOXES ON SALE AT ATTENBOROUGH NATURE CENTRE

Hope's Lightbulb group provides an opportunity for people to learn practical woodworking skills and to build confidence towards employability. Led by our very capable volunteers Gary & Mike, participants have included young and older, male and female, who have all enjoyed creating wonderful items from old scraps of wood. Recently the group received an order for 15 bird-boxes from Attenborough Nature Centre, where they are now on sale (*see left*). Get one while you can!

