

*Who is
fleeing persecution
and seeking sanctuary?*

Please join Restore,
a project of Birmingham Churches Together
supporting refugees and asylum seekers,
for information sessions on asylum issues and
training for befriending refugees and asylum seekers

AFTERNOON COURSE

on Thursdays 23 and 30 September 2010

from 1.30pm – 4.30pm

at BMS: International Mission Centre

24 Weoley Park Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6QX

EVENING COURSE

on Thursdays 7, 14 & 21 October 2010

from 7.30-9.30pm

at St John's Church, Vivian Road entrance, Harborne, B17 9PT

Restore's training is offered to all those who are interested in becoming volunteer befrienders of asylum seekers and refugees. Anyone wishing to gather further information on asylum and refugee issues is also welcome. (NB There is no obligation to volunteer with Restore at the end of the course!)

Topics covered include: An introduction to Restore and an overview of asylum issues, exposing some of the media myths about asylum, introduction to befriending and hearing the personal experience of a befriender. An introduction to the asylum application process and hearing the first-hand experience of a refugee or asylum seeker. The practicalities of befriending including guidelines, qualities, boundaries, cross cultural issues and the support offered to volunteers

"Befrienders are excellent at providing the invisible things like just showing you around, being a friend, providing company, giving you a feeling of normal life."

Quote from an asylum seeker

Further details are available from Jeremy Thompson (Befriending Co-ordinator, RESTORE) –
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