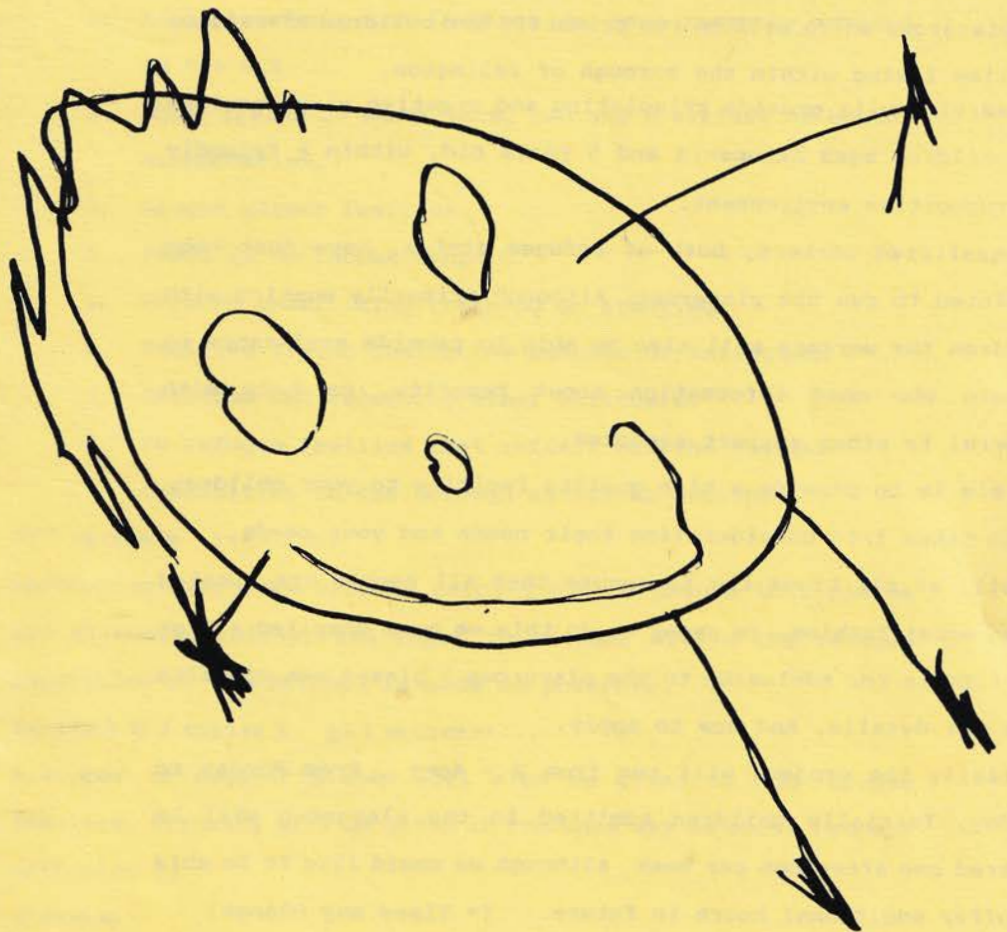


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REFUGEE PLAYGROUP

A NEW PLAYGROUP FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

In early spring '95 the Union Chapel Project will be opening a new playgroup which will be run primarily for children of refugee families living within the Borough of Islington.

The service will provide stimulating and creative play sessions for children aged between 3 and 5 years old, within a friendly and supportive environment.

Two qualified workers, both of refugee status, have just been appointed to run the playgroup. Although primarily working with children the workers will also be able to provide assistance to parents who need information about benefits, or help with referral to other support agencies.

Our aim is to provide a high quality facility to your children which takes into consideration their needs and your needs.

We will at all times try to ensure that all people are treated in an equal fashion. In order to do this we have compiled a list of criteria for admission to the playgroup - please see opposite page for details, and how to apply.

Initially the project will run from 2 - 4pm* , From Monday to Friday. Initially children admitted to the playgroup will be offered one afternoon per week, although we would like to be able to offer additional hours in future. (* Times may change)

"WHAT'S IN A NAME?"

We have deliberately avoided choosing a name for the playgroup as we think it would be more appropriate if the name comes from one of the refugee languages in the Borough. If you can think of a fitting name - inspired by children at play - PLEASE LET US KNOW. A prize will be offered to the most original suggestion.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THE PLAYGROUP

Priority will be given to:

1. Asylum seekers, and families who have recently arrived in the U.K.
2. Those living in short-term, bed and breakfast or hostel accomodation.
3. Single parent families.
4. Families on Income-Support.
5. Parents undertaking training or studying.
6. Families living inside the borough of Islington.
7. Children not receiving other childcare.
8. To refugee families that reflect all the refugee communities in the borough as far as possible.

Please note:

Monitoring exercises will be carried out to ensure that places are allocated fairly, and react to changes within the refugee population of the Borough as much as possible.

Additional places...

A number of regular places will also be given to non-refugee families. Priority will be given in the same way as above (except criterion 1)

Fees:

Having been accepted to join the playgroup, an initial registration fee of one pound will be charged, thereafter the play sessions will be free. This charging policy may have to be reviewed at a later date.

One-off drop-in places

Places may be available on a one off drop in basis. The places will be open to any residents of Islington on a first come first serve basis at a fee of 2.00 per session.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in your child getting a place, you must fill in an application form. This may be obtained from the Union Chapel Project, see address below; or from most of the Refugee community organisations in the borough.

Please send a stamped addressed envelope.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

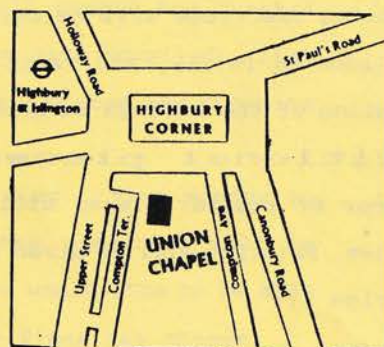
If you have any skills or expertise in: law, finance, fund raising or welfare rights, and would like to support this exciting new project, please get in touch.

Likewise, if you have any experience in child care, and would be able to spend a few hours a week helping to run a play group, please let us know at the Union Chapel Project.

HOW TO GET THERE

Address: Refugee Playgroup,
c/o Union Chapel Project,
Compton Avenue,
ISLINGTON, N1 2XD.
Phone: 071 - 704 - 8950
Fax: 071 - 354 - 8343

Public Transport:
By British Rail and Tube:
Highbury and Islington
Or Bus Routes Nos: 4, 19, 30,
38, 43, 73, 277, 279.



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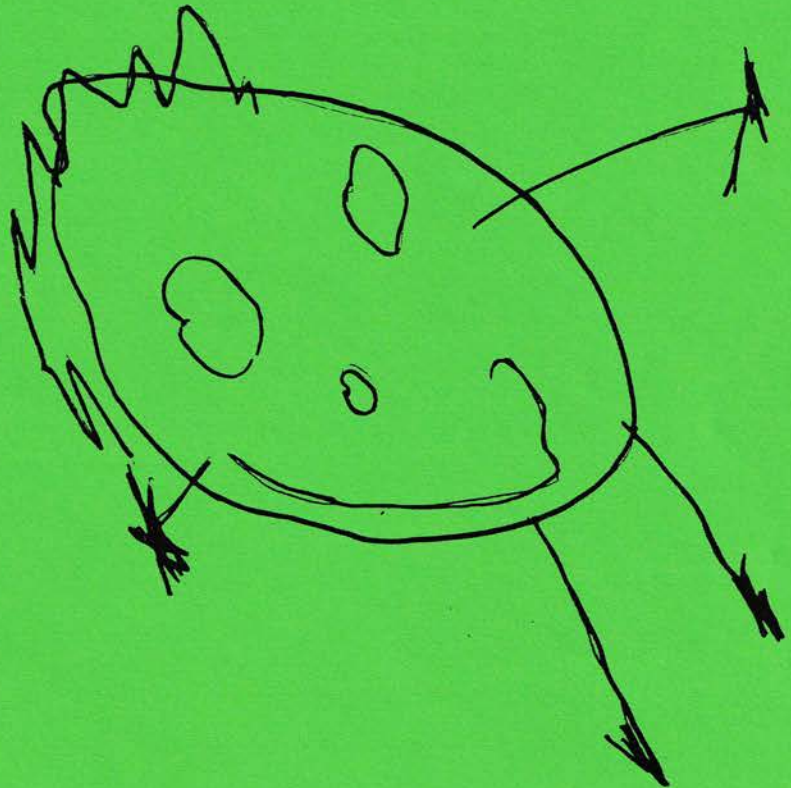
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