

Hello all,

Firstly, warm greetings at this difficult time to everyone. We recognise that individual circumstances will bring different challenges to each of us as our personal and group freedoms are curtailed and we send a message of solidarity to all and of sympathy to anyone whose family has been personally affected by the Covid virus.

RWC has suspended all face-to-face contact with local refugees and vulnerable migrants but we are doing our best to keep in touch with Zoom, WhatsApp, phone calls and limited doorstep deliveries of essential items.

I am emailing with two messages relevant to the current circumstances, the first regarding bicycles and the second the AGM on Sunday, 31st May.

Bicycles

If anyone has a bicycle they no longer use or want to keep, please let me (**Cathy**) know at rwchair@gmail.com or by phone 07968 688380. We are currently putting together a grant request for adult bicycles for refugees but this is a limited fund and there are likely to be more of our clients wanting bicycles than the grant fund can supply. Some of the families have also asked for children's bikes so we would also be interested to hear if anyone has a child's bike to spare though collection and delivery of children's bikes would probably have to wait until lockdown restrictions are further eased, maybe later on in the summer.

Adult bicycles would be especially useful at the current time (especially but not exclusively men's bicycles) not only for exercise but particularly for essential travel since use of public transport is being discouraged and most refugee families do not have cars.

Once we know if anyone has a bicycle they would like to donate, we can then discuss how it can be safely collected and delivered and whether any maintenance or repair work is needed before it can be handed over to a refugee family. We would hope to use the grant fund mentioned above to supply basic safety helmets, hi-vis jackets and bicycle locks.

AGM

Our **AGM** was due to be held at the URC church on **Sunday , 31st May** from **3pm**. Of course we cannot now hold this meeting but will be setting up a video meeting by Zoom instead starting at the same time on the same date. If you would like to join this meeting, please **RSVP** to me (Cathy) at rwchair@gmail.com and I will send you the Zoom link the day before the meeting. When you receive the link, please do not share it with anyone else.

With very best wishes and many thanks for your ongoing support,

Cathy