



# VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022

WELCOME TO THE HILL HOUSE VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER!

Thank you to everyone who has given their time in the house and garden throughout May. The garden is looking lovely; there seems to be something new blooming every time I come to the house. Many of you have commented on how wonderful a space the garden is and we are thankful to the volunteers who keep it looking its best so that it can be enjoyed by everyone who uses Hill House. Volunteers have been working hard on the vegetable beds, which have been weeded and edged, and are almost full now. Mike has been putting his fantastic DIY skills to good use on the back door, stripping off the old paint and prepping it for re-painting. In the field at the bottom of the garden, the away day group from Bristol refugee support agency put up the bell tent as a team building exercise, ready for use over the summer.



On May 26th, many of our volunteers attended the public meeting at Stroud Brewery, which looked at refugee policy and why it matters, and launched the Stroud Together with Refugees group. The group's first meeting will be on June 20th at the Star Anise Cafe in Stroud.



## HILL HOUSE NEWS

On the weekend of the 20-22nd, Aid Box Community Bristol came to the house with eight people of refugee background from a range of different countries. They had a wonderful time, Anita gave a well being session and other local people gave yoga and massage sessions. Guests also enjoyed playing croquet on the lawn, working in the garden, BBQs, and swimming in Woodchester lake! They had an enjoyable and relaxing weekend, thank you to everyone who was involved in making the weekend successful.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

The next volunteer Mondays are:  
6th and 20th June



Asylum Process Information Evening  
7th June at Hill House

Summer Fundraiser

26th June - tickets can be booked via the link:  
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hillhousestroud/688386>

Thank you also to everyone who has volunteered their time to help with the GARAS visits over the summer. Special thanks to Bud, Martin and Mavis, who have put a lot of work into setting up the visits. If anyone else is interested in helping, either joining groups for walks or helping with transport to and from Gloucester, please contact Caroline, Jo or Rachael.