

# Welcome to Bristol!



Bristol is a large and exciting city in England. It is about two hours away from London. It is UK's most popular tourist destinations!

It is the home of Banksy and hot air balloons! There are people of many nationalities and faiths living here, and 91 different languages are spoken.

You will be living in an area called **XXX**. It is close to the city centre, and a short walk to different neighbourhood shops and a large supermarket. Lots of people walk or ride a bike, but Bristol is very hilly! There are local buses and trains.



Bristol is a very green city, with lots of play parks. There is a local sports centre with table- tennis, badminton and a gym.

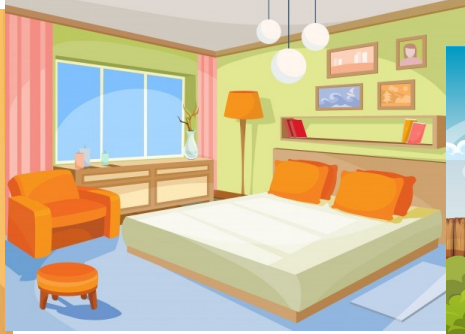
Schools in **XXXX** are very good, and teachers are used to welcoming children who do not speak English as their mother language.



There are lots of mosques and churches in Bristol. This mosque is 20 minutes walk away from your house.



This will be your home. We have been offered a lovely house for you to rent. It is tall, and has a big living room with the kitchen on the 1st floor upstairs. There are 4 bedrooms, and a great view of the city from the top floor roof terrace. It has a small courtyard at the back. The house has internet connection and a TV.



## About us: Cotham and Redland Welcome Group

We are a group of about 30 local volunteers who want to support a family to settle in Bristol. We do not have a religious agenda. Some of us are Christian or Muslim, but we all simply want to offer welcome and humanitarian support. Some of us have paid work, and some are retired. grandchildren! Two of us will meet you at the airport with male and female interpreters. It is a two hour journey to Bristol from Heathrow Airport.

### Here are some of us who you will meet in your first weeks here



**Dr XX** is Syrian Epidemiologist. She has helped lots of Syrians settle here. She will meet you at the airport.



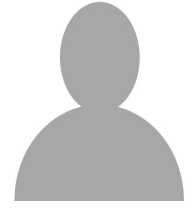
**Fr. XX** is the vicar of the local Christian church. He will be sent your Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) when you arrive.



**Dr XX and Dr XX** are medical doctors. They will help you register at a local Doctor's surgery. If necessary the doctor will refer you to a hospital for specialist care. Medical care is free in the UK.



**Dr XXX** is very good at fixing things! He will show you how things work in your house. And will help if anything goes wrong.



**XXX** was a special needs teacher and is a grandmother. I will help to get your children places at school, and support you to learn the English education system.



**XX and XX** will make sure you feel safe with our support.



**XX** has helped lots of newcomers in Bristol. He will help you get used to English money, and open a Bank Account.



**XX** is Palestinian and is a medical student. She will translate Arabic, and hopes to help your children with school homework and show you the best halal shops.

**XX** is your landlord. His son has bought the house for you to live in.



**XX** is an English teacher. She will help you to learn English.

**XX** can help you look for and apply for a job



**We all look forward to meeting you!**