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How to create a
welcoming space

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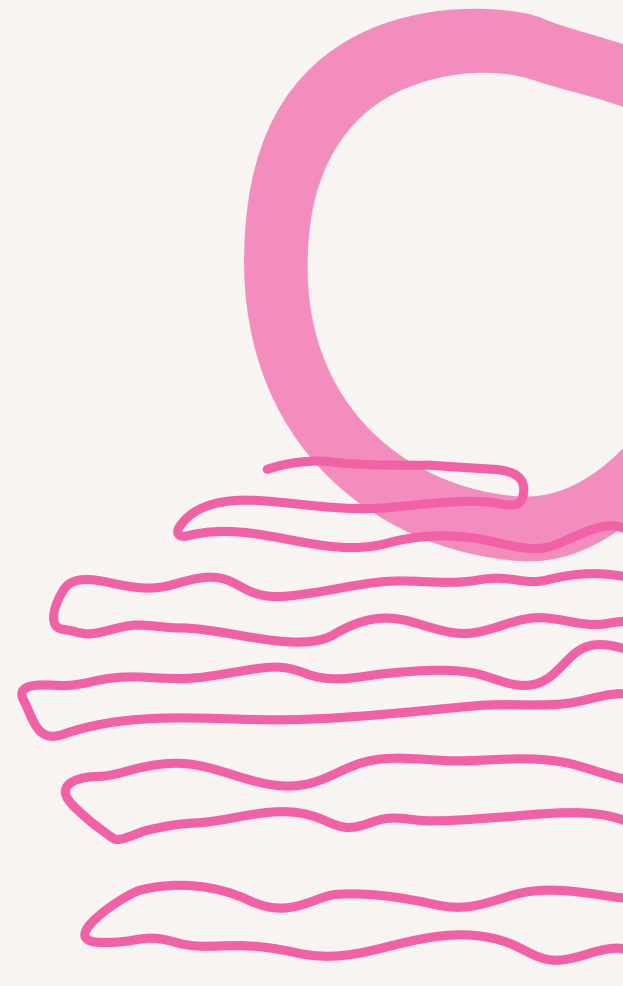


Welcoming new people to our group

Over the past few months, we've been getting ready to meet new women and their families who have sought safety and resettled in Scotland, because of the crisis in Afghanistan.

We want them to feel included, and know they can have a say in our group. As existing Moments of Freedom members are New Scots who resettled a few years ago, we can use the experience of being new to Scotland to create a welcoming space.

This resource shares how we planned our event to welcome the new women.



Inviting people to a welcoming event

In our meetings in Centre 81 we planned postcard-sized flyers to distribute throughout the community and discussed how we can make our sessions as welcoming as possible.

We started learning digital design on Canva, this was so we could create welcoming designs that reflect who we are.





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Who are we?
Moments of Freedom started as a small community group in Clydebank and is developing into a network across Scotland.
Moments of Freedom is a safe space for women to come together to be themselves, make connections, share their skills and expertise to shape their local community for the meaningful integration of their families.

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As New Scot women we bring new perspectives, ideas and innovation as gifts to our communities in Scotland

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Setting up the space

We decided to meet the new women in a community centre, for a cup of coffee and a warm welcome.

We work with Arabic and Pashto interpreters so we can equally understand each other and create a safe space for getting together as women.

We carefully choose the topics and activities we plan to do as we understand that people are going through a lot of changes.

It's good to have different activities to choose between. We decided to bring clay to make small pots, but also have the option to talk and write poetry together instead.



How to make the space feel welcoming

Use name tags

Provide water, snacks, tea, coffee

Provide a buffet

Provide a table for drinks and snacks

Name tags

Room where we had welcoming event

Pinch pots - women lead

Welcoming questions

Friendly name

Are there any questions you have?

Your name, what does it mean?

Do you have any hobbies?

What's your favourite colour - why?

What do you like to do in your spare time?

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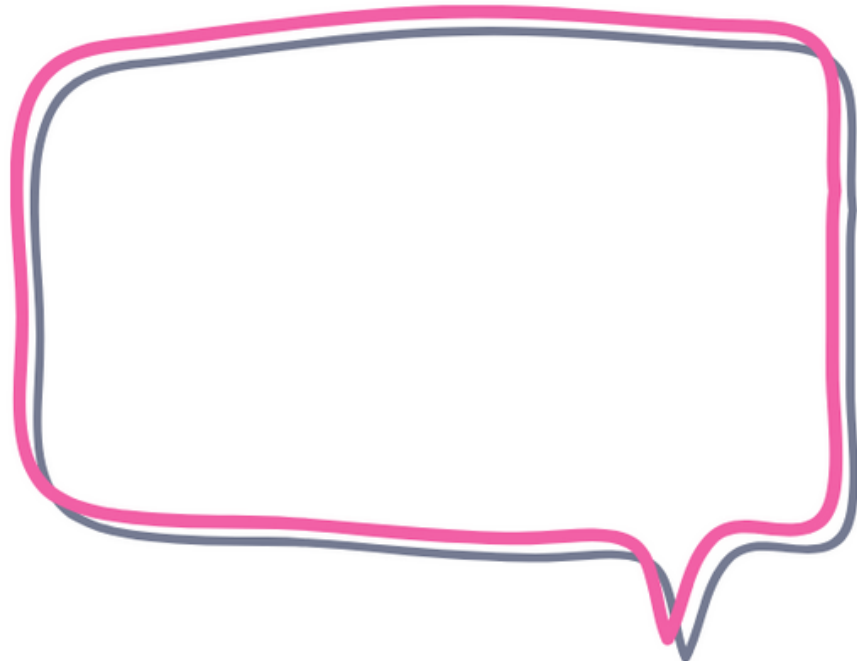
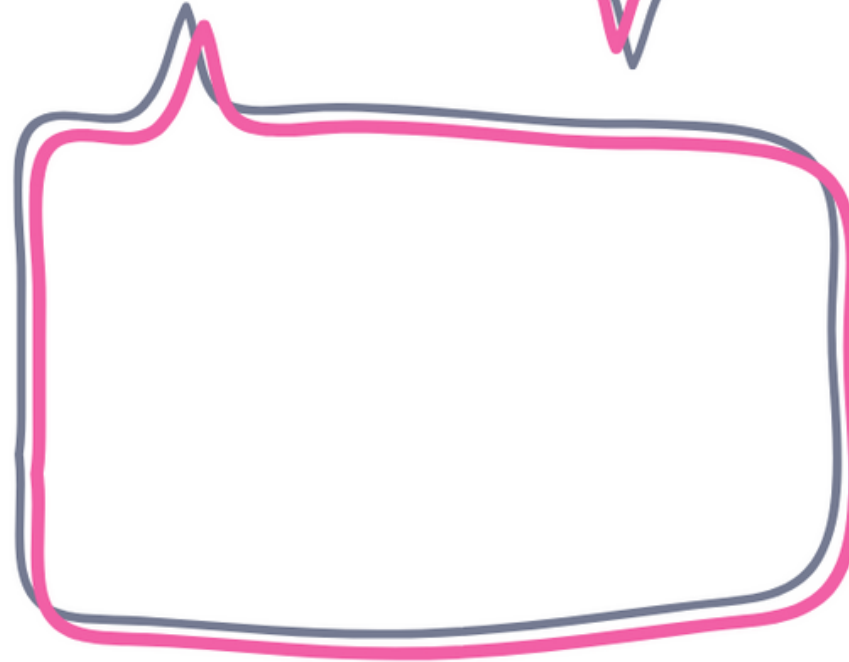
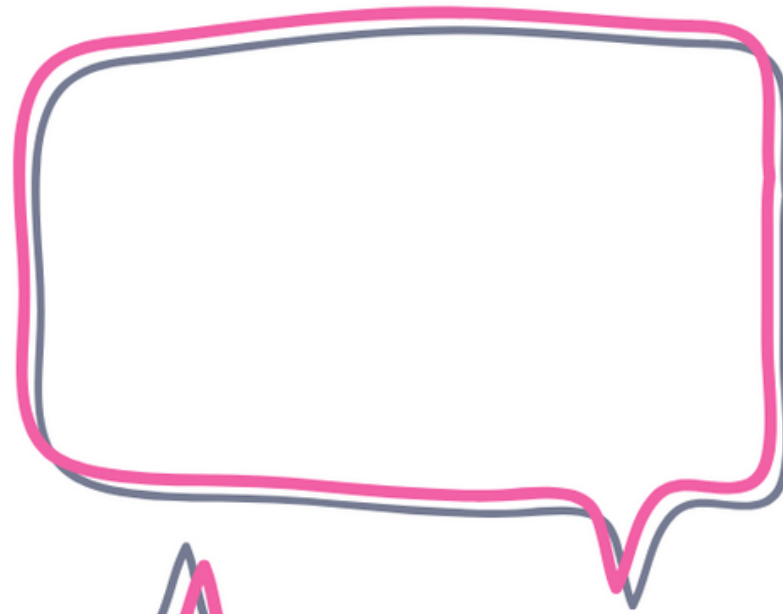
Comfortable questions to get to know each other

We wrote down some conversation ideas to welcome the new women.

We came up with questions we liked to be asked when we first moved to Scotland.

- What's your favourite colour - why?
- Do you have any hobbies?
- What does your name mean?
- What do you like to do in your spare time?

What would you like to tell us about you, your work, or activity group?



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"Where we are now is what matters most"

Welcoming
conversations...
let's get chatting!





We hope you find
this helpful!

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