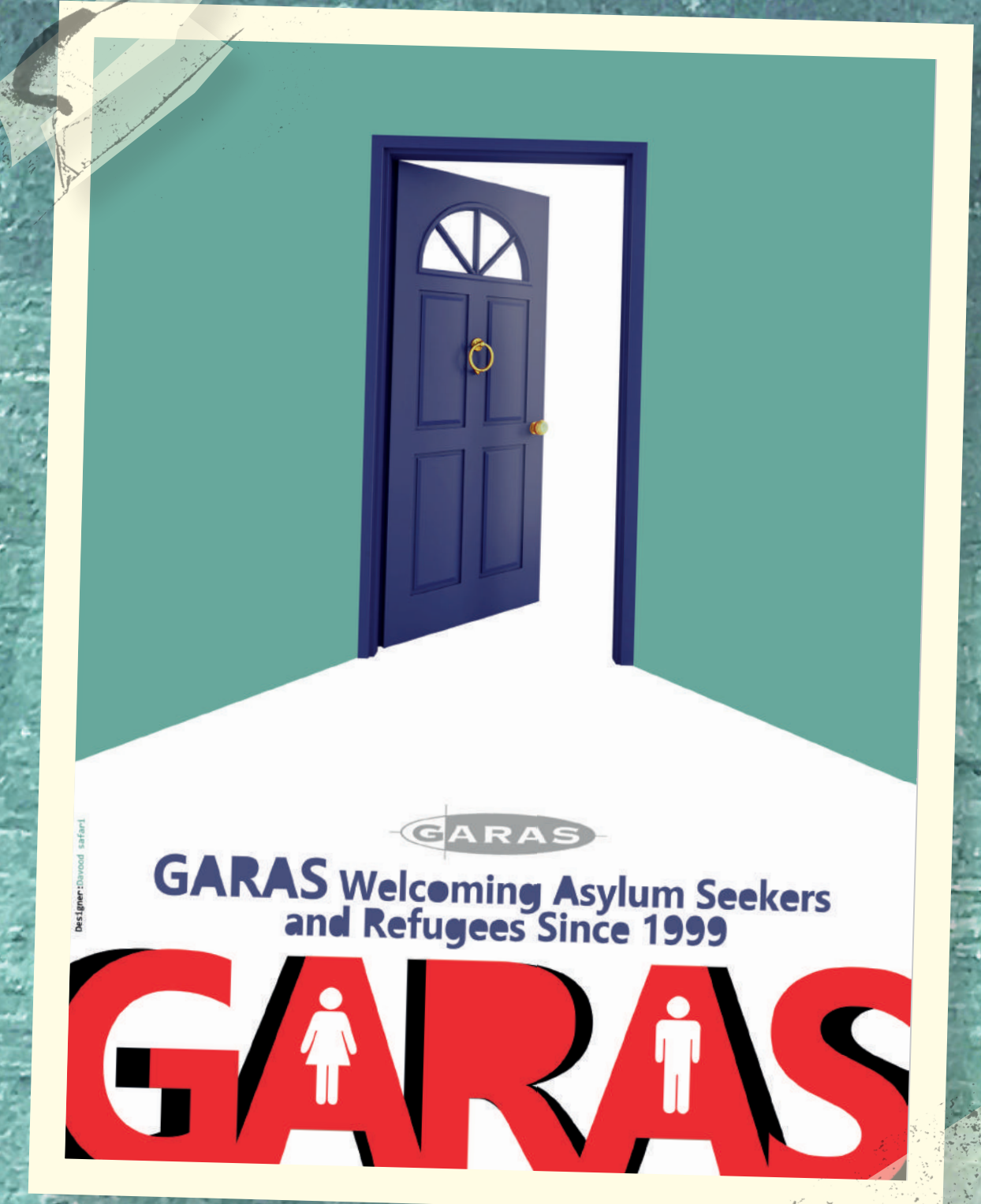




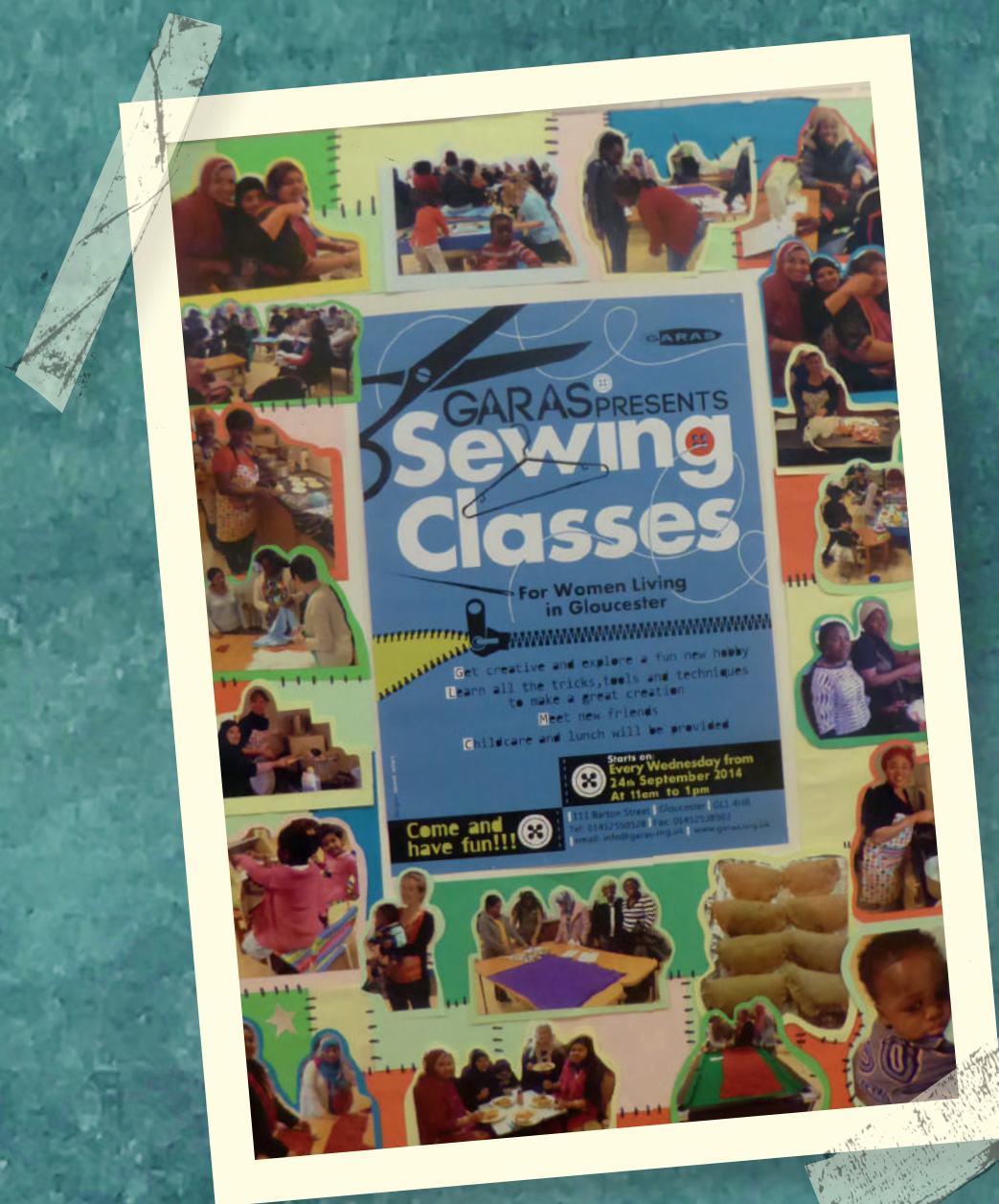
WHAT DOES GARAS DO?



GARAS OPENS THE DOOR TO SUPPORT THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE, WELCOMING THEM WHEN THEY ARRIVE, ADVOCATING FOR THEM IN THEIR DAILY STRUGGLES, SUPPORTING THEM IF THEY FACE BEING SENT BACK AND HELPING THEM ADJUST TO THEIR LONG TERM FUTURE IF THEY ARE RECOGNISED AS 'REFUGEES'. WE ALSO HELP OTHER MIGRANTS WITH IMMIGRATION ISSUES.

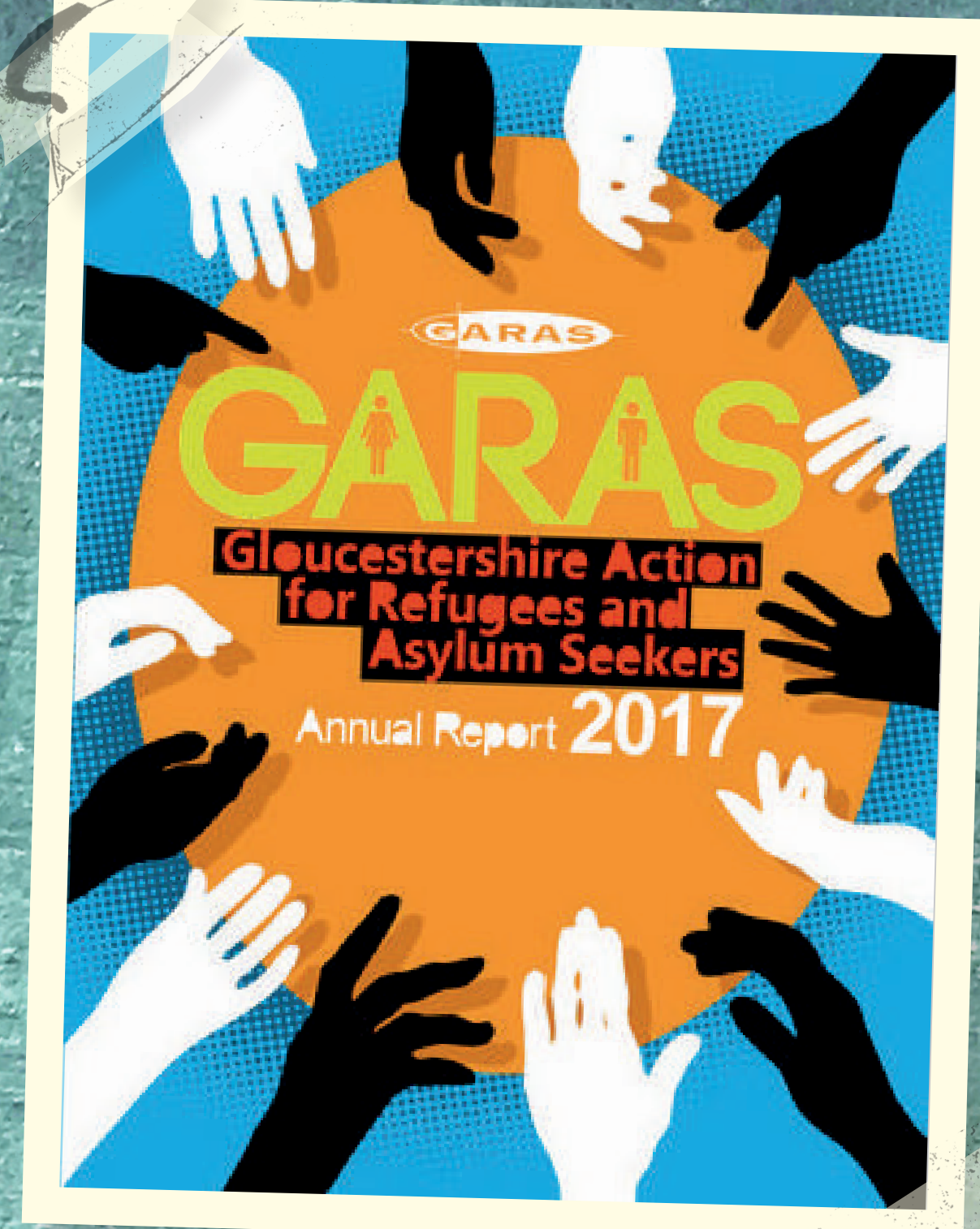
Our drop-in centre is a safe encouraging space providing high quality assistance to clients through:

- information, advocacy and advice on asylum, immigration, housing, health, benefits, law, education, careers etc
- activities, refreshments and relationships
- access to other agencies
- food, clothing and other practical needs
- counselling for those suffering the effects of trauma
- English for speakers of other languages





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All asylum seekers need our help but some are more vulnerable than others.

UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM-SEEKING CHILDREN

need to be recognised as children and have the same access to support and services as any other child in the UK. Sometimes we have to challenge decisions that don't reflect this.

TRAUMA. Asylum seekers will include those who have been raped, tortured, trafficked or experienced other forms of abuse. GARAS ensures that they are supported to tell their story to those that need to hear it and also that they have access to psychotherapy when ready.

WOMEN have specific needs, including experiencing all forms of violence, so we provide dedicated support for areas of domestic abuse, specialist medical help and financial

options for those who have 'No Recourse to Public Funds'.

SYRIANS. We have been at the forefront of the Vulnerable People's Resettlement Scheme, which supports Syrians resettling across the whole of the county. We find them somewhere to live, prepare the accommodation, collect them from the airport and help them through the challenging transition period.

MOVING ON. Being granted refugee status creates a new set of problems. GARAS supports people to make this transition as smooth as possible, including access to work.

ABOVE ALL, GARAS IS ABOUT HELPING PEOPLE TO REGAIN THEIR DIGNITY AND ENABLING THEM TO MAKE THEIR WAY INDEPENDENTLY AND CONFIDENTLY IN THEIR NEW HOME.