



As community group, Fife Arabic Society (FAS) aim to provide essential advice and services for our community and work closely with our members and partners to create a supportive environment. We will have a structure in place that allows us to adjust to new situation despite working remotely and travel as little as possible. We will use our social media channels, digital and mobile technology to address community needs, we expect majority of work will be toward relief effort.

Our community centre has been closed since 16/3/2020 and suspended normal activities. This is in light of the Coronavirus Pandemic and the guidance advised by the Scottish and UK government.

During this difficult time we know our members will need a lot of support and advice; Therefore, we will establish a professional and dedicated volunteers:

- Advice and applying for benefits and universal credit; the current situation created sudden changes in peoples livelihood, especially for the self-employed. We will help them to apply for the new benefit online by providing volunteers with laptop or if necessary use the facilities (desktop, telephone, internet) at our centre – following governments guidelines at all times.
- Helping families of our community from European countries in applying to settlements in the UK
- Logistic support; such as shopping and bringing medicine for people, particularly the most vulnerable.
- Delivering parcel of food to families in need. We will rely on community kindness and generosity, also will work with local businesses and food bank.
- Establishing group of health professionals from retired and current people; Consultants/GP, dental, pharmaceutical and elderly care.
- Social media network to share updates (including Arabic language) and one to one conversation.
- Working in partnership with national voluntary organisations such as BEMIS and SCVO
- Any other requirements by community

We wish to encourage all members to keep up to date with the current coronavirus guidelines. This currently includes social distancing at all times, with the most vulnerable groups (over 70s, pregnant, those with underlying health conditions) to stay at home whenever possible.

By supporting each other and keeping positive in these difficult times we will get through together.

If you wish to discuss any of the above matters please contact admin@fifearabs.org.uk, otherwise you can send a message via Facebook.

Let's all keep safe