

MAKING NEW MEMBERS FEEL WELCOME

Probably everyone can remember what it felt like to go into a room where there were a lot of people you didn't know or where you knew only one other person.

So, it is important that people coming to your group for the first time are made to feel welcome.

Otherwise, they may not come again!

When anyone comes into the meeting, make sure they get a friendly welcome.

You might want to make one member of the group responsible for this. They could stand at the door and welcome people.

Introduce new members to other people in the group.

Make sure new members have the chance to speak — if they want to.

Make sure new members know what is going on in the group. It can be hard to understand what is going on the first time you go to a meeting.

For example:

E14 If you need to know about what benefits you are entitled to, a Employment Assistance Worker (EAW) at your local Ministry of Housing and Social Development (MHSD) office should be able to help you”.

E11 If you need information about the law, a policeman may be useful.

E11 If you need to know more about money, a bank manager may be able to answer your questions.

Don't be afraid to ask for help.

We all need help at times.

ASK for it when you need it.

