

Quarterly Newsletter

DA'ARO YOUTH PROJECT

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A Quarter of Progress and Impact!

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter. As we reflect on the past quarter, it is clear that it has been a busy, productive, and impactful period for our organisation.

Over the last few months, we have continued to support young people through our youth clubs, casework, advocacy, and community activities, while also working to influence change at a national level. From celebrating important cultural and religious events with our young people, to contributing to policy discussions and presenting research findings to decision-makers, this quarter has highlighted the breadth and impact of our work.

We are incredibly proud of what has been achieved this quarter and grateful to everyone who has supported our work.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We hope these stories give you an insight into the progress we have made together and the exciting work still to come.

In this Newsletter you can expect:

- Highlights from events from the last quarter
- A little about the work we do with our young people
- A special thank you to our amazing community
- Upcoming Events to look forward to

Now for some words from our director:

"We are delighted to share our second newsletter and celebrate another wonderful milestone for our project. We continue to do our very best to support our young people, making the most of our resources while also building strong partnerships with other organisations.

Despite some staffing challenges, I was able to take 10 young people along with Brixton Youth Theatre to see The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind. We were incredibly grateful to receive free tickets, transport, and food, which helped make the day such a positive and memorable experience.

Brixton Youth Theatre also continues to visit our clubs every Tuesday to offer free sessions to our young people. This has been a fantastic opportunity for them to develop transferable soft skills, build confidence, and enjoy new and enriching experiences. We are truly proud to be working in collaboration with such a supportive organisation, and we look forward to continuing this partnership for a long time to come."

Sarah Robson x
Director

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Fasika/ Orthodox Easter Celebrations



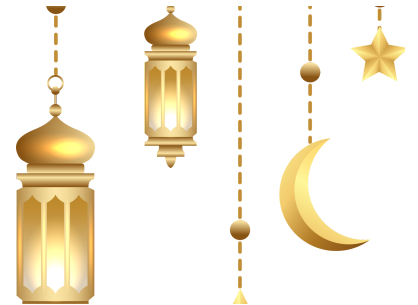
Our youth clubs celebrated Fasika/ Orthodox Easter on the 14th and 16th of April, with a range of fun and engaging activities. To mark the occasion, young people took part in a creative drawing workshop, enjoyed a lively game of pass the parcel, and shared plenty of sweets together.

The celebrations concluded with a special community meal, bringing everyone together to enjoy good food, conversation, and the spirit of Fasika. It was a wonderful opportunity for young people to learn about and celebrate this important cultural occasion in a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Eid Al Adha Celebrations

On 26th and 28th May, our youth clubs came together to celebrate Eid al-Adha. In the weeks leading up to the celebration, young people enjoyed taking part in card-making and decoration-making activities, helping to prepare for the special occasion.

During the celebrations, our young volunteers took the lead in running a variety of fun games and activities for everyone to enjoy. The event also featured a selection of delicious baked goods and concluded with a special community meal, bringing young people together to celebrate Eid al-Adha in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.



Research, Report and Parliament



Law overturned

Following a legal challenge brought by refugee and homelessness organisations, the Home Secretary agreed to temporarily suspend the 28-day move-on period for newly recognised refugees who were at risk of street homelessness. We are proud that the statements and evidence gathered by our Casework Team contributed to this important outcome, helping to demonstrate the real risks faced by young people transitioning out of asylum support.

The Home Secretary agreed to temporarily disapply the 28-day move-on period until the 16 January, meaning our young people would not be at imminent risk of homelessness over the festive period. This is a positive step forward, and we will continue to advocate for long-term solutions that provide young people with the stability and support they need to thrive.

In this quarter, our organisation completed a research project examining the deaths of unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people in the UK between 2015 and 2024. The findings revealed a concerning number of deaths, most of which were recorded as suicides.

Our research called for stronger government action on prevention, improved post-death investigations, and better recording and monitoring of cases by Local Authorities. We presented our findings and recommendations to civil servants, Lords, and Ministers at both the Department for Education and in Parliament.

The report was also featured by several organisations and in The Guardian. We have since been informed that our recommendations have been submitted directly to policymakers in Parliament, marking an important step forward in efforts to strengthen support and safeguarding for unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people.

More than 50 young asylum seekers have died in UK since 2015, data shows

Figures gathered from children's services and health trusts show 31 deaths were suicides, including six in under-18s





On the 1st June we hosted the final session of our Saturday "Saturn Club". We built and ran this club from February 2024 in collaboration with Knights Youth Centre, and it succeeded in building strong personal relationships between some of our young people and local young people born and brought up in our area of South London. Young people from both organisations took turns in leading each session of the club.

To mark the occasion, young people came together for a community mural workshop, sports activities, and team games led by Champions. The celebration ended with a shared pizza meal, providing an opportunity to reflect on the friendships, achievements, and memories created through the club.

Saturn Club has been a valuable space for young people to connect, build confidence, and shape activities themselves, and we are grateful to everyone who has been part of its journey.

“I really enjoyed being a champion at youth club. I helped with cooking, serving people, and taking part in different activities. One of the things I enjoyed most was cooking because I learned a lot of new skills, especially how to season chicken properly and prepare different foods. It helped me build my confidence, improve my communication skills, and learn how to work better with others. I met different people, gained useful experience and learned skills that will help me in the future. I’m grateful for the opportunity because it helped me grow as a person and become more responsible.”

- Words from a Young Champion

Zeena - Outreach support through hospital visit

“In May, I had the privilege of visiting a young person currently receiving care in a mental health unit who had previously been supported by our service and had since aged out of our remit. Having specifically requested a visit from someone connected to the DYP community, it felt important to respond with a friendly and familiar presence. During our time together, we reflected on the challenges he has faced over the past few years, including the tragic loss of family members, which had significantly impacted his mental health and wellbeing.

We also spoke about the positive progress he is making in his recovery, particularly around improved sleep, eating routines, and artistic exercises he engages with inside the unit. Despite these gains, he remains eager to regain his independence and return to work when he is discharged. I connected with ward staff to stay informed about his progress when he is able to start preparing for discharge. Our visit ended with a lively game of UNO, laughter, and a reminder of the value of maintaining meaningful connections with our wider community.

This experience reinforced the importance of community-led support and prompted conversations about developing stronger links with associations and individuals to provide outreach and companionship to individuals experiencing isolation. As a service, we remain committed to holistic support and will continue exploring ways to strengthen trusted community networks and increase engagement beyond the duration of our direct involvement.”

Ice Skating Trip

On 15th December, 11 young people enjoyed a fantastic trip to the ice rink for an afternoon of ice skating. There were plenty of smiles, laughter, and memorable moments throughout the day. While there were a few slips and falls along the way, everyone got back up and joined in the fun, making for lots of laughs together.

The young people showed great enthusiasm and supported one another as they built their confidence on the ice. To round off a wonderful day, everyone enjoyed some delicious pizza before heading home.

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“Today was such an amazing day ice skating with all of you. We fell, we laughed, and no one left without a big smile!”

- Words from a young person

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A huge **THANK YOU** to all of our incredible runners who took on the Saucony 10K on Sunday the 12th of July, in support of us!

We are so grateful for the amazing support, dedication, and generosity we have received which made this day such a huge success. Thanks to your efforts, **we raised an incredible £10,225** for our cause, as every donation makes a real difference.



The day was a fantastic success, and we loved celebrating together afterwards with a picnic. It was the perfect way to round off such a brilliant day! 🧺☀️



A group of local charities came together to host a collaborative Youth Community Day on 23rd July, creating an opportunity for young people to connect, make new friends, and take part in a range of creative activities. We carried out a printmaking workshop, alongside a community meal where everyone came together, shared food, and built new connections. Our young people enjoyed a fun, creative, and inclusive day.



UPCOMING EVENTS



**DYP ANNUAL NETWORKING &
FUNDRAISING EVENT**

**10TH OCTOBER
2026**

6-10PM Clapham Park Cube, 116 Kings Ave, SW4 8EP



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EST. 2018

Thank you for your continuous support!

As we come to the end of another busy and successful quarter, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supports our work. To our young people, staff, volunteers, trustees, partners, funders, donors, and supporters - thank you. Your commitment, generosity, and belief in our mission make it possible for us to continue providing vital support, opportunities, and advocacy for the young people we work alongside.

This quarter has demonstrated what can be achieved when people come together to create positive change. From youth activities and community events to research, campaigning, and influencing policy, every achievement highlighted in this newsletter

could have only been made possible through your support. We are excited about the months ahead and look forward to welcoming many of you to our upcoming events, including our 10K fundraising run and our Annual Networking Event. These occasions provide valuable opportunities to connect, celebrate our shared achievements, and continue building support for the young people at the heart of our work.

If you would like to volunteer your time, share resources, support outreach initiatives, or stay connected with this aspect of our work, please get in touch at info@daaroyouth.org.uk. Thank you for being part of our journey.



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