



Summer Newsletter

Check out what we've been up to at the Islington Centre!

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Celebrating Refugee Week 2024



For Refugee Week in June, we enjoyed a beautiful performance from our choir with songs inspired by poems created by the Art & Writing class, everyone joined the dance class for a special communal dance, and the Centre's art class displayed amazing creations from the year. Our incredible volunteers prepared a special lunch and pudding that was enjoyed by all! We are so grateful to those who attend the Islington Centre each week and have built a thriving, welcoming community.

Stories from Our Community



Through our Support Service, we helped Gladys obtain a solicitor who made a 20 year application on her behalf. We all celebrated when Gladys was granted leave to remain in December 2023! Gladys is continuing to build her new life in the UK and the Centre will be here as a place of support and encouragement for as long as she needs us. She shared:

"I come to the Centre because they help me a lot with many things including paperwork and legal matters. I come here to see people and make friends. It's great to mix with people from different cultures. I make an effort to come every week because it's really important for me. I have even participated in singing and dancing projects. It's a great stress-buster!"

Cultural Field Trips



Each month we lead a group field trip to an art exhibition, performance, or community event in London to increase access to the arts and culture. Trips across this year have included:

- London Glassblowing
- St Paul's Cathedral - Evensong Concert
- Hayward Gallery - Hiroshi Susimoto Exhibition
- Hayward Gallery - When Forms Come Alive Exhibition
- Russell Square - Park Picnic
- Hackney City Farm

One person shared: "Ever since I came to this country I had never been to a museum. [With the Islington Centre] we get to go to museums and shows."

Volunteer Week



In June we celebrated Volunteer Week. We're incredibly grateful for our dedicated volunteers who make a difference each week. Whether it's serving

lunch, assisting with casework, or creating a welcoming environment, your time and commitment matter. Thank you for being the heart of our community!

Pride Month



June was a busy month with a lot to celebrate! Our Art & Writing class had a special day focusing on Pride 2024. One of our board members, Gabrielle Samuels, joined and introduced the session with information about the Pride rainbow, and recent changes to the Pride flag which have made it more inclusive. Then we created a beautiful display of rainbows and hearts and created a communal poem.

[READ THE POEM](#)

Coming soon...



THURSDAYS STARTING SEPTEMBER 2024

AT CHURCH ON THE CORNER ISLINGTON

We are delighted to announce that starting in September, the Centre will be adding a new in-person Centre Day at Church on the Corner in Islington with an English class, hot lunch, and signposting and referrals. More details coming soon. In the new academic year, our in-person days will include:

- Tuesdays at Christ Church Highbury
- Wednesdays at the Islington Centre on Cross Street
- Thursdays at Church on the Corner

As always, thank you for your support in the work we do. We couldn't do any of it without you!

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