



## Autumn Newsletter

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

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### You're Invited!



ISLINGTON CENTRE FOR  
REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS



# OPEN EVENING

JOIN US FOR A PERFORMANCE FROM  
OUR CHOIR, ART DISPLAY, AND TO  
HEAR FROM OUR COMMUNITY!

9 DEC 2024

6:00 - 7:30PM

16-18 CROSS STREET N1 2BG

Join us at the Islington Centre for an open evening this December! It will be a great night with a performance from our Choir, an art display from our Art and Writing class, and a story from our community. Invite a friend along with you and stop by. We hope to see you there!

### Holiday Cards On Sale!



Our 2024 holiday card is on sale now! Support refugees and migrants in London this festive season through cards designed in our Art & Writing class! Purchase cards online and have them shipped to your door. Or come to the Islington Centre to purchase and collect your cards any Wednesday.

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## A Visit from the Mayor of Islington



During the last class of summer term in July, our Tuesday in-person English class in Highbury was visited by the Mayor of Islington, Anjna Khurana! To celebrate, we played games, ate cake, and the Mayor shared encouraging words while handing out certificates and a book for summer reading. What a special day!

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## 68 New Community Members



At the start of the new term in September the Centre registered 68 new people at the Centre who will now have access to our full timetable of classes, casework support, and financial assistance. Our community of 214 people is working to build a new life in the UK and the Centre is proud to be a hub of welcome, support, and friendship. We love to see our community grow!

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## NEW In-person Day Each Week





This term we started a NEW English class on Thursdays at our third site in Islington! We've loved seeing so many in our community coming out to improve their language skills through interactive activities and fun conversations. Additionally, referrals and signposting appointments are available as well as a relaxing space to chat over a warm drink and snacks with friends.

## Welcome New Staff



At the start of the term we welcomed two new staff to our team! Robina Dam [pictured left] is a highly experienced English teacher. She joins our team as the English Language Coordinator, overseeing all 20+ English classes online and in-person at the Centre every week. Martha Gartside-Mitchell [pictured right] joins as Support Service Caseworker. Along with the Support Service team, she provides one-to-one casework on housing, healthcare, legal support, and more.

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## Joseph's Story



Joseph has been a member of the Islington Centre community for a few years. He has participated in many activities and through the Support Service has accessed support with housing and financial hardship Support Packages. He shared with us:

*"I come to the Centre because it is a place to meet with people, talk, and unwind. We understand the issues we are each going through. It sets my mind free to have these connections. It is therapeutic to socialise and take your mind away from difficult situations.*

*The Centre also helps me with Support Packages. You may think that the Support Packages aren't very much, but for us it goes a long way. And the phone top-ups help me connect with my family and friends.*

*The Centre is my number one helper. They help me financially, with getting toiletries and basics, and signposting and connecting with other organisations. They check on me and my wellbeing.*

*People who support the Centre are helping so many people beyond their wildest dreams. It is the reason that some of us are still here. Donors to the Centre are saving lives. Thank you to the donors for making this the place to come."*

*- Joseph*

Joseph is continuing to build his new life in the UK and the Centre will be here as a place of support and encouragement for as long as he needs.

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## Support Our Community with a Donation

Your donation can help community members, like Joseph, this autumn. A donation of £15 can help to keep a person facing destitution from hunger for two weeks. 100% of your donation will be directly disbursed to someone in need. Become a regular donor to support this scheme all year long!

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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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