



A Year of Joy & Community

225 people. 40 Countries. One Community.



Dear ,

As we come to the end of the summer term, we want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a remarkable and inspiring year for everyone at Islington Centre for Refugees and Migrants.

This year, we've welcomed and supported over 225 community members from 40 countries across the world who each bring their own strength, resilience and story.

End of Term Celebrations





Each week across the year we've offered three in-person days and five days of online activities.

At the end of term we had some special celebrations including:

- Visit from the **Mayor of Islington** to present certificates to English class learners
- **Summer baking workshop** of scones and cucumber sandwiches
- **Flower arranging session** with partner Bread and Roses who brought their incredible approach of floriculture therapy
- Celebration at **Islington Library South** for those who completed the Reading Ahead literacy programme

Highlights from the Year

Community Advisory Panel



We are very excited to have launched in 2026 our Community Advisory Panel made up of members of our community who share their insights, shape services, and work directly with our board to make the Centre an even more welcoming and supportive place for everyone.

1,200+ Classes Offered



Since September the Islington Centre has offered a full schedule of classes 5 days per week totaling **1,200 classes across the year** including English, art, gym, choir, dance, and digital skills, along with partner sessions like legal empowerment and women's health and so much more.

Our full 2025/26 Impact Report is coming soon!

Community Support with Suppers in Solidarity



The community came together to show their solidarity with refugees and those seeking asylum at our event series this year. **Your ticket purchases and generous donations raised over £25,000** enabling vital services to continue. **THANK YOU.**

60 People Accessed Legal Support



Our Support Service provides long-term personalised casework and supported 60 people with legal support this year.

One person shared the following reflections of their year with the Islington Centre:

"I like to learn English. I like the Support Service. I like to meet people when I am stressed. Outside is very hard. When I am here I am happy. I like to see people. I can talk to the people here. The Centre helped me with my legal support and getting help with everything for my children. If I get a letter I don't understand, I can bring it here to the Support Service and they will help me."

On behalf of the whole team and our community, thank you for standing with us. Your generosity and belief in our work has made all of this possible.

We are so grateful for your continued support, and we look ahead to the new term in September with hope, determination and excitement for all that's to come.

Andy Ruiz Palma
Chief Executive
Islington Centre for Refugees and
Migrants



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