



Highlights from a productive and exciting quarter!

Welcome to our charity newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to all of our donors and volunteers who have continued to support us. Your generosity and dedication have allowed us to keep our overall work running smoothly and effectively.

We will be looking at what has happened in the last quarter of 2025, just before the year ended and what we are looking forward to moving forward.

We will start of with some words from our Director, Sarah:

"Welcome to Our First Newsletter! We are delighted to present the very first edition of our newsletter - a milestone that reflects our continued growth, commitment, and impact for the most vulnerable youngsters in our community. Here, we share our most recent achievements, inspiring stories and the

powerful work taking place every day across our projects. Standing strong through challenging times, we remain unwavering in our mission to empower young people and strengthen the community we serve. These few years have reminded us just how vital our work is - and how essential it is to stay resilient, united, and focused.

I am immensely proud to lead such a dedicated and passionate team. Together, we strive to deliver life-changing support that truly meets the needs of our young people. Our approach remains deeply grassroots-led, built on trust, compassion, and a belief in every individual's potential in a holistic way.

None of this would be possible without the support of our donors, funders, and volunteers - the lifeblood of our organisation. Your belief in our mission drives us forward and fuels the positive change we continue to create together.

We hope you enjoy reading about our ongoing work, successes, and the difference your support helps us achieve every single day."

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

Charity Director x

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Orthodox Christmas and New Years



This year, our community came together for not one, but three wonderful celebrations to mark the festive season. We held our general Christmas parties on 18th December at Salam Club and 23rd December at Injera Club, welcoming our young people for evenings filled with laughter, music, and holiday spirit. We were thrilled to reach maximum capacity at both youth clubs, a true reflection of how much our service is needed.

On the 8th January, we continued the celebrations with our joint Orthodox Christmas and New Years Party at Salam Club. The evening was filled with delicious cultural food, lively music, and fun games for all ages, including a much-loved round of pass the parcel. It was a joyful opportunity for everyone to come together, celebrate traditions, and create lasting memories.

Orthodox Christmas holds deep cultural meaning for many members of our community, particularly those with heritage from Ethiopia and Eritrea. According to the Julian calendar, and observed by many of our young people, Orthodox Christmas is not only a religious celebration but a powerful expression of cultural identity. It is a time when traditional foods are prepared, native languages are spoken, music is shared, and customs are honoured just as they were in our home countries, i.e. coffee and popcorn!



Winter Wishlist & SLRA Integrated Activity

Amazon Winter Wishlist



Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to all of our donors, volunteers and our community, who have continued to support us. Your generosity and dedication have allowed us to carry on supporting our young people. In particular, we would like to thank everyone who engaged with our Amazon Winter Wishlist. Through your kindness and willingness to give, we were able to provide meaningful gifts tailored to the wishes of our young people, helping to ensure they felt valued and supported during the festive period. For the last week of youth clubs for the year, our young people were handed a bag full of winter essentials - all thanks to you all!

SLRA Integrated Activity- 15th December

On the 15th December 2025, Da'aro Youth Project and SLRA partnered up for a bowling trip. We brought along nine of our young people to give them the opportunity to socialise and connect with other young people from different communities who are also living locally in the area.

The trip was generously funded by Lambeth Council and was specifically organised to give young people in care the chance to meet peers, build friendships, and feel part of a wider community network.

The day was a great success. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the bowling, with lots of laughter and friendly competition throughout.

Afterwards, the group continued the fun over a shared meal at a local pizza restaurant. It was a positive and enjoyable experience for all involved, and we look forward to more opportunities for collaboration in the future.



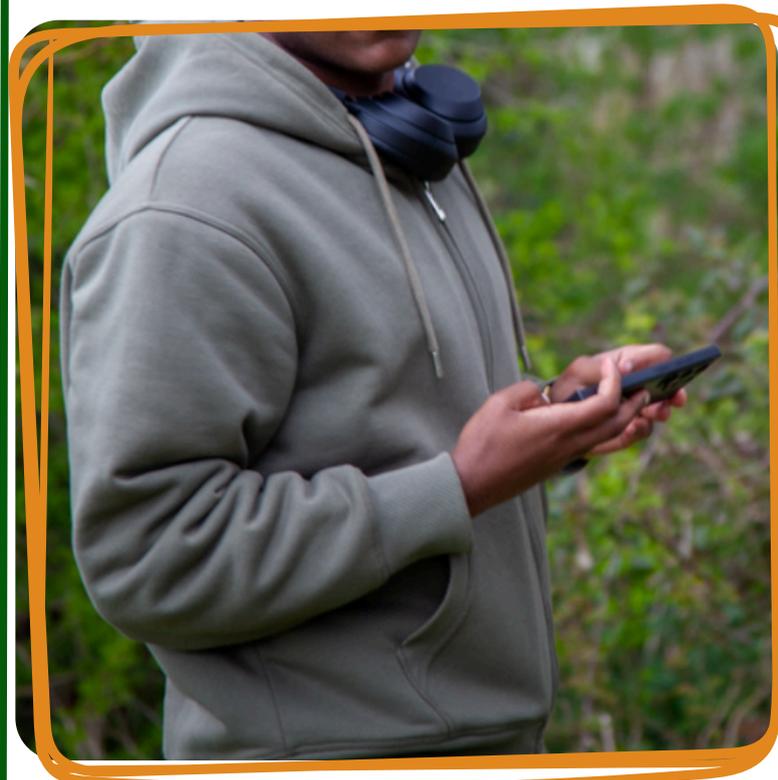
Mentoring

Through our Mentoring service, we strengthened partnerships with Screen Share, Community Tech Aid, Good Things Foundation and Vodafone UK, distributing around 70 laptops and receiving 120 mobile phones for young people this quarter. SIM cards have also been provided to help increase engagement, communication, connection and safety. We are also expanding our digital awareness and education within mentoring through a youth-led approach. Youth Work trainees are gathering feedback from newly arrived young people about what information they wish they had when arriving in the UK. This insight will help shape an ongoing digital awareness presentation at Salam Club.

Our Youth Work trainees have now completed their Youth Work qualification and are putting their learning into practice by taking on greater responsibility. Alongside Young Volunteers, DYP staff and volunteers, they are playing a key role in supporting the coordination, planning and delivery of our youth club activities.

Casework

2025 has brought both positive developments and new challenges for Da'aro Youth Project's casework team. In May 2025, we welcomed two additional youth caseworkers to the team, significantly increasing our capacity to provide holistic, person-centred support to young people. As part of ongoing professional development, all members of the casework team undertook Level 1 Asylum and Protection training linked to accreditation with the Immigration Advice Authority (IAA). Alongside strengthening our internal capacity, we have continued to build and deepen partnerships with a range of organisations, legal firms, housing providers, and community groups. Due to increasing demand and the complexity of the issues faced by young people, we have also refined our intake process. Over the past financial year, the casework team supported young people across a range of complex issues and successfully closed over **360 issues**. The figure below reflects the breadth of challenges faced by the young people we support and the ongoing demand for holistic, person-centred casework services.





This year, we were proud to host a special Girls' Christmas celebration, creating a dedicated safe space just for our girls. As there are significantly more boys attending our youth club, this event was designed to give the girls an opportunity to connect, express themselves, and feel empowered in a supportive environment.

The day was filled with creativity and reflection. The girls took part in sewing and tile painting workshops, showcasing their artistic talents, and joined a reflection session where they set positive New Year's resolutions and shared their hopes for the year ahead.

A shared group meal together was enjoyed, strengthening friendships and building confidence through conversation and laughter. To make the day even more special, the girls received generous gifts, including beautiful items gifted from Lush and other thoughtful treats.

It was a meaningful celebration of friendship, creativity, and empowerment, and a wonderful reminder of the importance of providing spaces where every young person feels seen, valued, and supported.

The true impact of the day can be seen in the girls' own words below:

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OooMG the Girls' Christmas party is very good and I have to say (thanks 🙏 so much ~~to~~ and your memories 😊❤️🥰)

Yes, I'm enjoying when meeting other girls through in club.....
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Coming Together to Celebrate

**RAMADAN MUBARAK
TO ALL THOSE WHO
ARE PRACTICING**



**RAMADAN IS IN FULL SWING, AND EID IS
JUST AROUND THE CORNER!**



EID PARTY

We will be having Eid parties at our Injera & Salam Club on the 24th & 26th of March!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Bringing Our Community Together This Year

**10K LONDON
RUN**

12/07/26

Support our
runners!



**DYP ANNUAL
NETWORKING AND
FUNDRAISING EVENT**

**SEPT/OCT
2026**

More information to come soon



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Thank you for your ongoing support!

As we wrap up this edition of our newsletter, we want to take a moment to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many people who make everything we do possible.

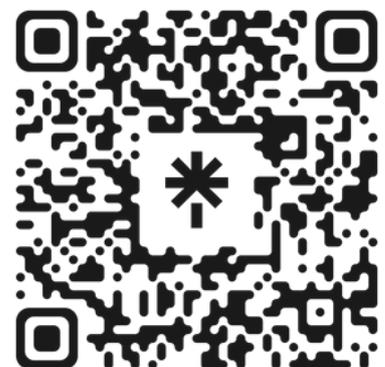
To our incredible volunteers who give their time and energy to support our clubs and trips: your dedication, enthusiasm, and care create opportunities and experiences that simply wouldn't happen without you. Whether you are helping behind the screen by supporting our social media page or working as a volunteer at one of our clubs your impact is felt every single day.

To our generous donors, thank you for your continued support and belief in our mission. Your contributions especially those made through our wishlist have made

a tangible difference, allowing us to provide resources, experiences, and opportunities that directly benefit our community.

And finally, to our wider community: thank you for standing with us, encouraging us, and supporting us in so many ways. We are truly grateful to be surrounded by people who care so deeply and help us grow stronger together. This means even more for the young people we support.

Thank you for reading!



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INJERA CLUB

For young people aged 14–25 from Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan, and Somalia.



Food - Games - Football



Every Tuesday 6-9pm



27 Streatham Pl, London SW2 4QQ

Walk from Streatham Hill station (15 min) Buses 59, 109, 118, 133, 159, 250, 333 from Brixton or from Streatham Hill.



SALAM CLUB

For newly arrived young people aged 14–25 from Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan and Somalia.



EVERY THURSDAY FROM 6–9PM



The Woodlawn Centre 16 Leigham Court Road SW162PJ

- ★ English Classes
- ★ Food
- ★ Games
- ★ Activities

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