DA'ARO YOUTH PROJECT

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Details

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT AND PROMOTION OF EQUALITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE ASYLUM-SEEKERS AND REFUGEES (AND IN PARTICULAR NEWLY ARRIVED YOUNG ERITREANS) WHO ARE LIVING IN THE U.K. AND WHO ARE AT RISK OF BEING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED ON THE GROUNDS OF THEIR LEGAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POSITION, BY PROVIDING:1. BEFRIENDING AND MENTORING INVOLVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY;2. SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS INVOLVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY;3. SUPPORT IN ACCESSING EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND IN VOCATIONAL SKILLS;4. ADVOCACY SUPPORT, WHICH EMPOWERS YOUNG REFUGEES TO ACCESS AND TO SPEAK OUT FOR THEIR RIGHTS AND THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS.

Activities: Da'aro Youth Project currently run two projects for young asylum-seekers and refugees from the Horn of Africa. Injera Club is our weekly youth club, running in south London. We also provide casework support to young people who attend our youth club and who are dealing with a problem and want support or advice.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£495,876	£451,032	-	-
2024-03-31	£403,133	£188,242	-	-
2023-03-31	£173,833	£164,050	-	-
2022-03-31	£102,943	£114,340	-	-
2021-03-31	£88,798	£38,774	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Yohannes Teklu Bahru	Chair	2021-09-15
Adonay Younas Berhe		2023-09-15
Amel Hamilton		2023-09-15
Aron Zerezghi		2023-09-15
Dr Elaine Chase PhD		2020-03-28
Dr Mikal Woldu		2023-10-15
Tigist Kinfe		2023-09-15
Yacob Woldehiwot		2021-04-08
Yordanos Tesfa Feseha		2023-09-15

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Da'aro Youth Project

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CHAIR'S REPORT



Following the COVID-19 community awareness campaigns in South London, I joined Da'aro Youth Project (DYP) in the summer of 2021 at the invitation of Dehab Woldu. I remain eternally grateful to her for giving me that opportunity. In November 2022, I was formally appointed Chair by the Board of Trustees.

This year's report reflects on our journey — the legacy we've upheld, the lives we've touched, and the future we're building together.

OUR LEGACY AND MISSION

DYP was founded in response to the tragic loss of young lives, particularly among East African communities in London. While Eritreans formed the majority of young people attending the project at the start, the founding members of DYP broadened its scope to include youth from Ethiopia, Sudan, and Somalia. This inclusive spirit remains central to our mission: to support vulnerable young people with compassion, dignity, and cultural understanding.

Our open-door policy ensures that anyone who walks through it receives support — emotionally, psychologically, socially, and educationally. Word of mouth remains our strongest outreach tool, and our community continues to grow organically.

This year, we've strengthened ties with the founding mothers of DYP, especially through Yirgalem and Saba, whose leadership helped launch our Injera Club and reignite grassroots engagement. This bridge between our charity and its base community is vital to our long-term sustainability.

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

In 2023, DYP underwent a major transformation in its leadership structure. We moved from informal nominations to a formal, skill-based selection process for trustees, ensuring that our governance reflects the expertise and diversity needed to serve our mission. This shift has brought fresh energy and professionalism to our board of trustees.

To strengthen our governance further, we introduced four trustee subcommittees. These groups allow trustees to work more closely with staff, offering strategic guidance and hands-on support. This structure has created a vital bridge between operational delivery and board oversight, enhancing collaboration and accountability.

We also undertook a comprehensive policy review. Our safeguarding framework was updated to meet the highest standards, and we produced detailed handbooks for both employees and trustees. These documents have helped clarify roles, responsibilities, and expectations, ensuring consistency and transparency across the organisation.

GROWTH AND CAPACITY

DYP has grown significantly in the past year. Our staff team expanded from just three to ten members, bringing in a wealth of experience, cultural insight, and professional expertise. This growth has allowed us to deepen our services and respond more effectively to the complex needs of our youth.

We've actively encouraged staff development, supporting them to gain new qualifications and build external partnerships. These efforts have led to stronger safeguarding practices, improved legal compliance, and new collaborations with law firms and training providers - all of which enhance our ability to protect and empower vulnerable young people.

ADVOCACY AND POLICY WORK

Our work continues to change lives in profound ways. One of our most moving achievements was reuniting two brothers — one in Kampala, the other in the UK — after years of separation. The process was long and emotionally demanding, but our team never gave up. Our Director, Sarah, personally collected the young man from Heathrow, ensuring he arrived safely and with dignity.

"🤣🤣 I didn't sleep last night woke up at 3 am. The new arrival is H with the orange top. I gave him some of the tops. He was just wearing a T-shirt fit for a child. When I started this case, he was only 15 years old".

That was a message I received from Sarah upon collecting H from Heathrow airport on his arrival. Across previous annual reports and social media posts, we have shown family reunions facilitated by Benny Hunter, who continues to help and support us in many ways.

We also supported a bereaved mother from Asmara to attend her son's inquest in Coventry, a case that drew national media attention. Despite the logistical and emotional challenges, DYP coordinated travel and support for the entire family (some from Europe) to attend the hearing, demonstrating our commitment to standing by our community in moments of deep grief.

Our ongoing advocacy work earned us a prestigious award of 'Pro Bono and Social Responsibility Initiative of the Year' by Advocate, recognising the impact of our work on national policy and awareness.

DYP's work has attracted attention from leading academic and social institutions, including Oxbridge, SOAS, and Mind. Researchers and postgraduate students regularly engage with us to understand the lived experiences of East African youth in the UK. This recognition has helped elevate our profile and validate our approach greatly.

Our trustees, including Professor Elaine Chaise and Dr Mikal Woldu, have played a key role in supporting these academic collaborations. Meanwhile, barrister and broadcaster Hashi Mohamed has been a tireless advocate for DYP, helping us raise funds and share our story with wider audiences. These relationships have opened doors to new networks, donations, and funding opportunities.

Sarah, often in the company of Youth Service Manager Zeena, has been invited to present our story and our work at several social and academic forums and round table discussions. These various forums have helped us to form vital network links. High quality clothing, telephones and laptops are among some of the donations that have come as a result. It has also helped us to strengthen our successful funding applications from larger organisations and maintain trust from our regular long-term funders.

DYP YOUTH CLUBS AND SERVICES

In the latter part of our annual report, we have highlighted the activities and initiatives across our services. Our three youth clubs — Injera on Tuesdays, Salam on Thursdays, and Saturn on Saturdays — have grown in scope and depth.

Each club now offers enhanced services tailored to the evolving needs of our youth. The clubs have introduced mentoring, providing young people with guidance and role models they can relate to. Salam Club now includes a barber shop, offering not only practical skills and high-quality equipment but also a sense of pride and belonging. The Saturday Club has added cooking sessions, helping participants develop essential life skills in a warm, communal setting.

Beyond these new additions, we've strengthened our case management approach, ensuring that each young person receives support that is both personalised and holistic. Crucially, our clubs remain open during school and national holidays — a time when many other organisations close their doors. This continuity of care is vital, and our open-door policy ensures that support is always available, without barriers or bureaucracy. It is this accessibility that makes DYP truly unique.

None of our achievements would have been possible without the dedication and devotion of our volunteers. Time and again they have sacrificed their resources, their time and talent to support our youth in many ways. No word is strong enough to express my gratitude to them.

Equally, I would like to thank our staff who have in many ways served far beyond their call of duty. It is a great honour and a privilege to witness the devotion and dedication of Sarah; the organisational developments are living witness statements to her work. My warmest thanks go to the many organisations and individual donors who continue to trust us with their money and provide us with ongoing support.

Finally, I am eternally grateful to my fellow trustees who tirelessly offer their time and expertise freely. They have been instrumental in shaping the organisation DYP is today – organisationally fit and financially secure.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES, TRIPS & CLUBS

At Da'aro Youth Project, we are committed not only to providing essential casework services for young people but also to creating a community and space where they can socialize, relax, and reach their full potential.

Every week, we host three youth clubs, each with a unique purpose. All our clubs offer a space for 14 to 25-year-olds from Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan, Somalia and South Sudan to socialize, play, relax, participate in workshops, classes, and activities, and enjoy a hot meal.

We strive to provide respite from the isolation that many young unaccompanied asylum seekers and refugees face in the UK. Although each club is tailored towards different needs, we remain flexible and adaptable to the ever-changing circumstances of young people, ensuring we maintain a youth-led approach in all that we do.



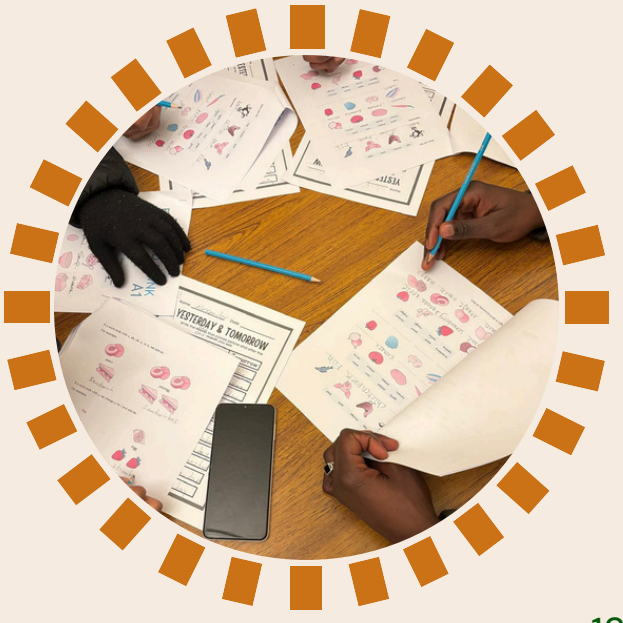
SALAM CLUB

Salam Club is our youth club dedicated to serving young people who are new to the country. The name Salam—which means peace and is used as a greeting in many languages, was put forward by one of our youth club attendees during an ideation workshop.

The club offers a welcoming and relaxing environment where young people can connect with friends from similar backgrounds, speak their native language, and settle into the country while also accessing key casework, ESOL, and mentoring services.

This year we have held 51 Salam Club sessions, serving 920 hot meals and ESOL classes activities and arts workshops at every session.

Salam Club takes a holistic approach to well-being, ensuring that a crafting space is available at every session. This space provides an opportunity for young people to engage in relaxing activities, foster their creativity, and have meaningful conversations with each other and our staff and volunteers.



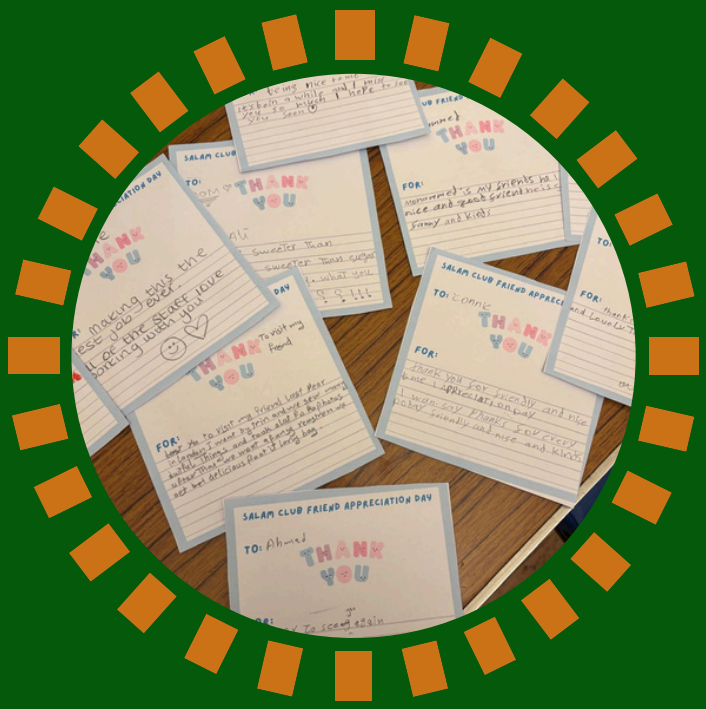
HIGHLIGHTS from our Salam Club include:



4 youth-led weaving workshops, where young people shared traditional weaving techniques and were supported by Da'aro Youth Project staff in facilitating weaving sessions for youth club attendees.

A sewing workshop, where young people learned how to make a tote bag.





A friendship appreciation workshop, where young people wrote letters of appreciation to their friends and loved ones and designed their own friendship bracelets.

INJERA CLUB

Injera Club is a space for Da'aro Youth Project's longer standing clients. It is designed to foster friendships and support positive development both within and beyond Da'aro Youth Project services. This year we have hosted 47 Injera Club sessions, serving 2327 hot meals.

At Injera Club, young people have the opportunity to express their culture through shared language, dance, music, and food. Whether through traditional songs, eating together, or celebrating cultural days, the club provides a space for young people to connect with their roots while building strong relationships within their community.



Young people can access casework and mentoring at Injera Club. We are also committed to fostering creativity and self-expression. Our resident music teacher provides an open studio space where young people can learn to play instruments, produce music, DJ, and record their own songs.

We also ensure that a weekly creative activity is available for our members. These have included bracelet-making, weaving workshops, landscape sketching, and festive card-making and decorations for Easter, Christmas, New Year, and Ramadan, offering young people the chance to connect with their cultures. Our creative highlight of the year at Injera Club was our poetry workshop during Refugee Week on 18/06/24, where young people wrote poems on the theme of Home.

I have three homes,
Eritrea, Ethiopia and the UK.
Home feels different in each place,
but I know I will be OK

A poem from an Injera Club attendee

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS AT YOUTH CLUBS

Da'aro Youth Project has collaborated with local organisations to expand the scope of our services. This year, we were fortunate to continue our partnership with Fulham Football Club, who deliver the Refugee Kicks program aimed at creating inclusive and positive spaces in football. Injera Club hosts a weekly football training session with Fulham FC coaches, and many of our young people have gone on to compete. Our proudest moment of the year was the Da'aro Youth Team winning the Paul Smithers Kicks Senior Cup in May.

POP-UP ARCADE

Pop-Up Arcade has become a staple service at youth clubs. The Pop-Up Arcade Project initiative has provided Da'aro Youth Project with monthly gaming parties, allowing young people to enjoy a variety of video games with their friends. As always, we are dedicated to making Injera Club a space of joy!





SATURDAY INTEGRATION CLUB

We have expanded our services this year with the successful addition of our Saturday Integration Club, named Saturn Club after a competition with young people to find a name for the club. Da'aro Youth Project has partnered with a local organisation, Knights Youth Centre, to provide a weekly, youth-led club for both organisations, offering a unique opportunity for both groups of young people to socialize, play, and learn together.

Our Saturday Youth Club is run by Da'aro Youth Project and Knights Youth Centre staff, with additional support from Young Champions selected from the Da'aro Youth Project and Knights Youth Centre cohorts.

Our Young Champions have been instrumental in founding the club. Over 10 young people have contributed to the Saturday Integration Club as Young Champions. Some notable achievements include a champion-led collaging workshop, champion-led weekly games and sports sessions, and a Champions' day trip to Wey Island, where they learned how to canoe and kayak on the River Wey.

Young people attending our Saturday Youth Club have also benefited from monthly cooking classes facilitated by a chef, during classes aimed at fostering budgeting, shopping, and cooking skills.

NOTABLE TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

THE HORNIMAN MUSEUM (CROSSING BORDERS FESTIVAL)

During this event in collaboration with refugee organisations, young people actively participated in a circus skills workshop. This workshop, led by a young person, allowed them to engage with festival attendees and share their skills in a meaningful and interactive way.

BOLD TENDENCIES WORKSHOPS

2 workshops were conducted during the summer season with Bold Tendencies, focusing on sculpture making, nature drawing, and skyline drawing. Additionally, a gallery visit helped young people familiarize themselves with free and accessible local arts events at Bold Tendencies.



FASHION AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION WITH THREAD AHEAD

We have worked closely with Thread Ahead this year, 5 trips to the Thread Ahead Clothing Bank were organised, providing young people with access to coats and clothing.

A Fashion Content day trip was also organised for fashion and photography enthusiasts to select outfits, take pictures, create content, and take their chosen outfits home, to develop their portfolios and experience within the fashion industry.

Thread ahead also hosted 2 DJ Workshops this year, where young people were taught how to mix music by a professional DJ, offering hands-on experience in which young people were able to take their mixes home.





EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS

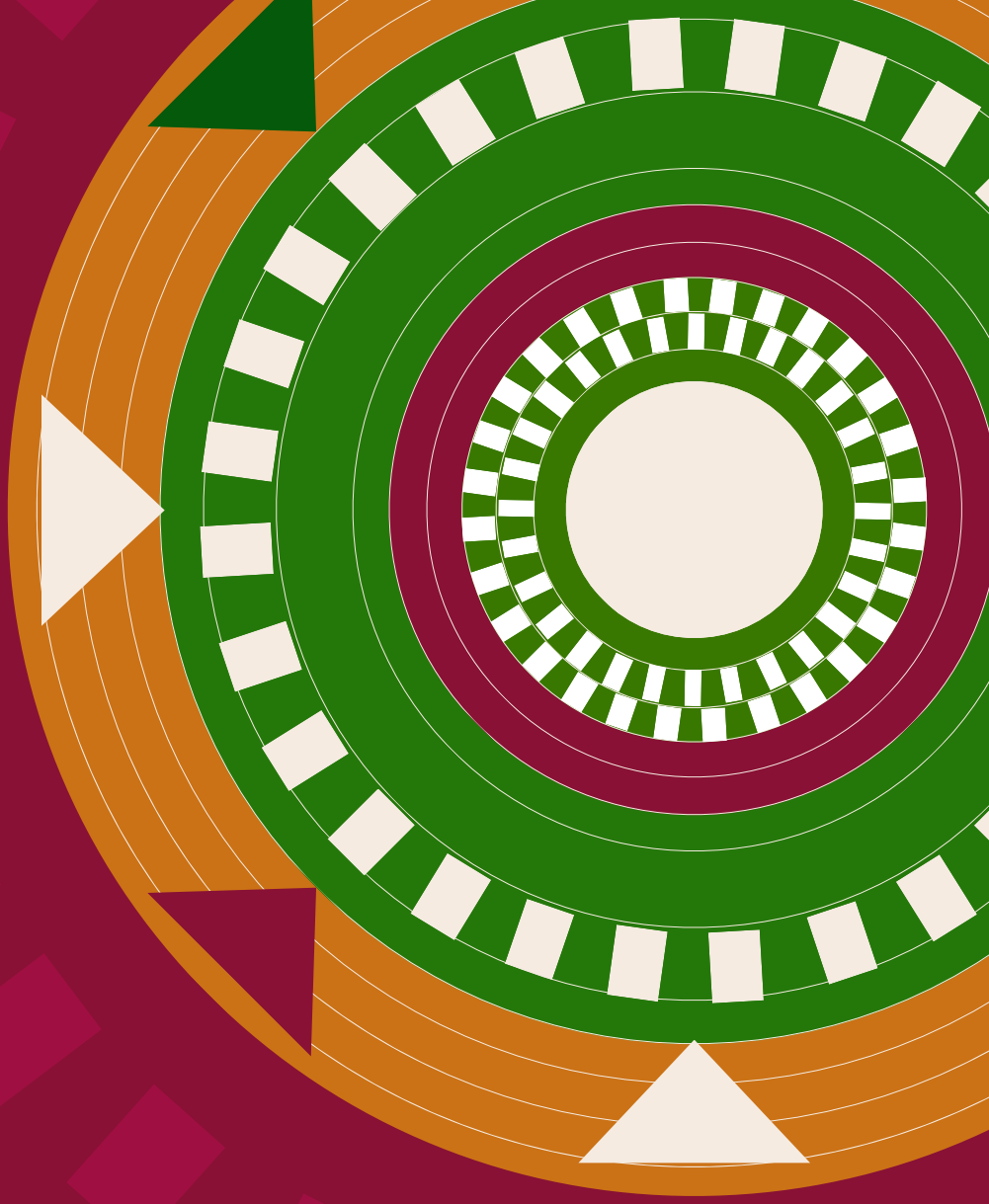
This year Da'aro Youth Project facilitated 4 Wey Island Trips in partnership with Clapham Consortium. This included 2 residential and 2 day trips. These outings featured kayaking, canoeing, nature walks, bike rides, and team-building activities, offering a balance of adventure and personal development.

OUTDOOR AND ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

A visit to the Science Museum in December provided an educational experience focused on biology, engineering, and space exploration, enhancing young people's knowledge in these fields through interactive exhibits.







YOUTH MENTORING SERVICE

Our Youth Mentoring service was established in May 2024, with the appointment of our Youth Mentoring Lead. The mentoring service offers 1-1 support for young people, helping with a diverse range of needs that can enhance their daily life. Over the past year this has included college enrollment, support to learn English, registering for gym memberships, supporting young people to engage in more social activities and develop their hobbies, CV writing, job applications, budgeting and life skills and more.

Since the service began, 23 young people have benefitted from long term 1-1 support, with many more receiving short term ad-hoc support at our youth clubs.

LAMBETH REFERRALS

Our mentoring service is funded by Lambeth Council. Since the service was established, we have supported looked after children and care leavers under the care of Lambeth Council, through a referral system.

These young people have had full access to Da'aro Youth Project services, with the 1-1 support of our Youth Mentoring Lead. Of the young people that we have supported, all have accessed youth clubs, all have attended at least one trip tailored to their interests and all have been supported through our digital inclusion provisions.

REFERRALS TO PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

Our mentoring service has allowed us to build connections with various organisations within London, and a number of organisations nationwide. Through our mentoring service we are able to refer young people to services that can specifically support their interest and hobbies.

Through referrals made within the mentoring service, Da'aro young people have been supported to access opportunities and support with:

- **Engaging in hobbies, such as drama, sport, fashion and photography**
- **Education**
- **Digital inclusion**
- **Clothing and hygiene item distributions**



CASE STUDY - H

Our Youth Mentoring Lead provided mentoring support to a young person, H, from Sudan, who had recently arrived into the UK. H explained that he wanted to improve his English, and also wanted to engage in more social activities for the summer holidays. H was invited to attend Da'aro ESOL classes at Salam Club. H was also invited to our Integration Project, in which he would be able to converse with young people who have grown up in the UK, and practice conversational English. Since then, H has become a regular attendee at both of these clubs and has significantly improved his level of English.

To ensure that H had an activity packed summer while college was closed, H was invited on one of Da'aro Youth Projects summer residentials to Wey Island. For 3 days, H engaged in a number of activities and was able to develop new friendships which have long continued into our current youth clubs. H was also referred to Springboard Youth Academy's summer programme, offering an educational programme and activities. H attended this on a regular basis and was awarded the 'star student' award for his commitments!



DIGITAL INCLUSION

A popular provision within our mentoring service is offering digital inclusion support to our young people.

Due to financial and language barriers, refugees and asylum seekers often face being digitally excluded, in a society that heavily relies on technology that moves at a fast pace. Through this service, we are working to break down these barriers.

We have been able to do this by providing smartphones, laptops and SIM cards to our young people. This has been achievable through the support of partner and referral organisations, and successful funding applications to receive such items.

Each item supports a different need. Smartphones support young people to stay connected with social networks in their new country, as well as keeping in touch with family outside of the UK. The SIM cards we provide offer data that allows young people to effectively use their phone, particularly helping them to navigate moving around London, to explore and access their support networks.

Laptops are provided for those accessing education, online classes or work.

When a device or SIM card is provided, our Youth Mentoring Lead or a volunteer mentor ensures the young person is confident in how to use the item, with a support session offered.

Since our mentoring service began, we have provided:

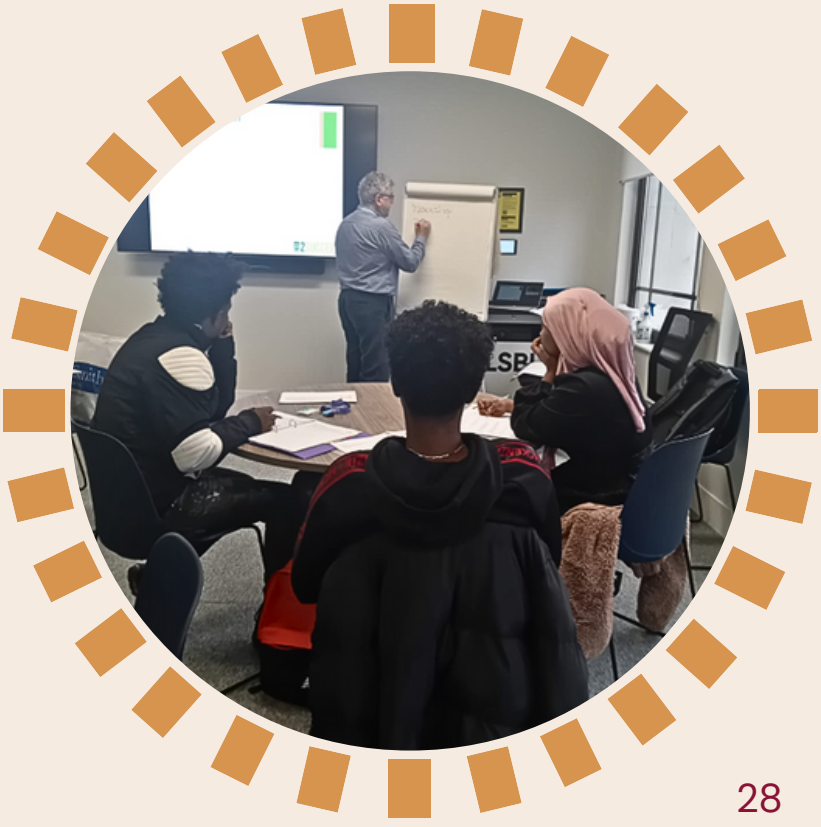
- **6 young people with a smartphone**
- **82 SIM cards**
- **15 young people with laptops**



YOUTH WORK TRAINEES

Through our mentoring service, 4 young people have had the opportunity to undertake a youth work qualification - Level 1 Certificate in Exploring Youth Work Practice, provided by Need2Suceed. On a weekly basis, the young people attend a lesson to learn the theoretical practice behind youth work, submitting coursework.

Alongside this, each week the trainees attend a placement at a Knights Youth Centre youth club, supporting the staff to run the club. This includes attending planning sessions, setting up the clubs, cooking and serving dinner, facilitating sport and art activities and closing down the clubs. The trainees receive gift vouchers for their commitments at their placement, and are supported to prepare for the working world.



CASE STUDY - Z

Z was referred to our mentoring service through our Lambeth partnership. Z had many needs and was struggling particularly with her mental health. Her main goal was to improve her mental health and engage in positive activities. After rapport was built, our Youth Mentoring Lead put Z forward for the youth work training opportunity.

Z was placed at Knight's Youth Centre's Girls club - a female only youth club. Over the past few months, we have seen a noticeable difference in Z, with a new found confidence and focus on self-improvement. Z told us she is really focused on her future.

"Even when my placement finishes, I think I would like to continue volunteering at the girls club. I'm thinking about being a youth worker in the future. I never thought about this before starting the training, but now I feel like that's what I want. I want a job where I help people, it makes me feel good.

I always help one girl at Girls clubs. She is young and the staff told me she doesn't talk with anyone, only me. I'm so happy I can be there for her"



CASE STUDY - D

D joined our mentoring service looking for more activities and opportunities to be involved with, aligning with his hobbies and interests. D was put forward for youth work training shortly after this and he has never looked back since! Consistently attending both his lessons and placement with enthusiasm and commitment, D has impressed his mentor, teacher and placement lead.

Over a 6 month period, D saved the vouchers he received for his placement. With the support of his mentor, D was able to purchase a brand new phone! D's mentor supported him to set up the phone and learn how to safely use it and look after it.

CHAMPIONS

WORK EXPERIENCE

SECURED JOBS

Of the 8 young champions that have supported the running of our integration project over the past year, 2 have completed their times as champions after securing paid work.

Our young champion programme has helped young people to learn about the working world and gain youth work experience, to support them move into paid work. Through our mentoring service, we are able to offer champion positions to young people who express an interest in gaining work experience.

FULHAM JOBS FAIR

4 young people attended Fulham jobs fair in 2024, offering opportunities to work with Fulham FC through hospitality or security opportunities.

Young people attended talks on the opportunities available, discussions regarding the recruitment processes and wages. Our young people were also treated to a tour of the Fulham FC stadium.

Following the fair, young people were supported by Da'aro staff to complete job applications. 2 young people were able to secure interviews and 1 young person has secured a job with the hospitality team.



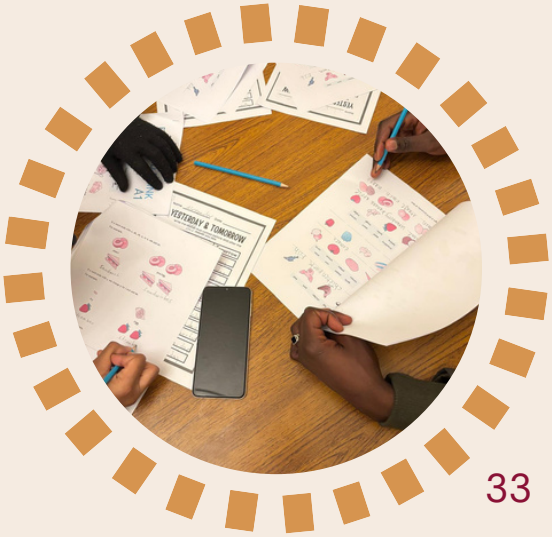
ESOL CLASSES AND LIBRARY SERVICES

We have ESOL classes every Salam Club, where young people can improve their confidence in spoken and written English in a supportive, encouraging and lively environment. This is often accompanied by educational games, and tailoring lessons to adapt to everyday scenarios and interactions.

Available at Salam Club, we have established a library service with a range of books available, catering to different levels of English. Young people are able to take one book home, after signing the book out.

Young people can return the book once finished, and take out another book. The aim of our library service is to encourage reading among our young people and also build responsibility, as they are expected to return their book.

The library service has been supported by our amazing volunteers, who have provided the books.



LINKING MENTORING AND ACTIVITIES/CASEWORK

As we offer a holistic service at Da'aro Youth Project, our mentoring service sits comfortably between our casework support and activities department.

While young people receive support from our casework team, the young person may be referred into our mentoring service, for needs that sit outside of casework. This referral system also works for those within the mentoring service who may present needs that can be supported via casework. The two departments work closely on cases, ensuring each young person is receiving well-rounded support, catering to as many needs as possible.

Additionally, the mentoring service works very closely with our youth activities department. Through mentoring, we are able to learn about the specific interests and hobbies of our young people, and therefore plan trips that are tailored to such interests, and invite young people that will particularly enjoy the activities.

For example, Da'aro Youth Project was invited to bring 10 young people along to Thread Ahead's annual content day in February 2025. Young people were able to choose a brand new outfit of clothes and shoes to take home, as well as trying on lots of branded clothing, having professional photos taken and having the opportunity to speak with a professional stylist. This was an incredible day, thoroughly enjoyed by all of our young people. The 10 young people that attended had all previously expressed an interest in either fashion, photography or both! With this in mind, we knew that these young people would be able to enjoy this activity and further inspire their interests.

Additionally, in 2024, we had the opportunity to attend a photography and storytelling workshop at King's College London. Young people spent the day learning about how to take good quality photographs, how to use photos to tell a story and then we went around the campus taking photos on polaroid cameras!

Our young people loved having the opportunity to take photos on a camera and explore a university campus – a few young people said this sparked their interest in attending university! As our mentoring and activities departments work so closely, this trip was organised with young people in mind who have an interest in photography, providing further opportunity for the young people to learn.

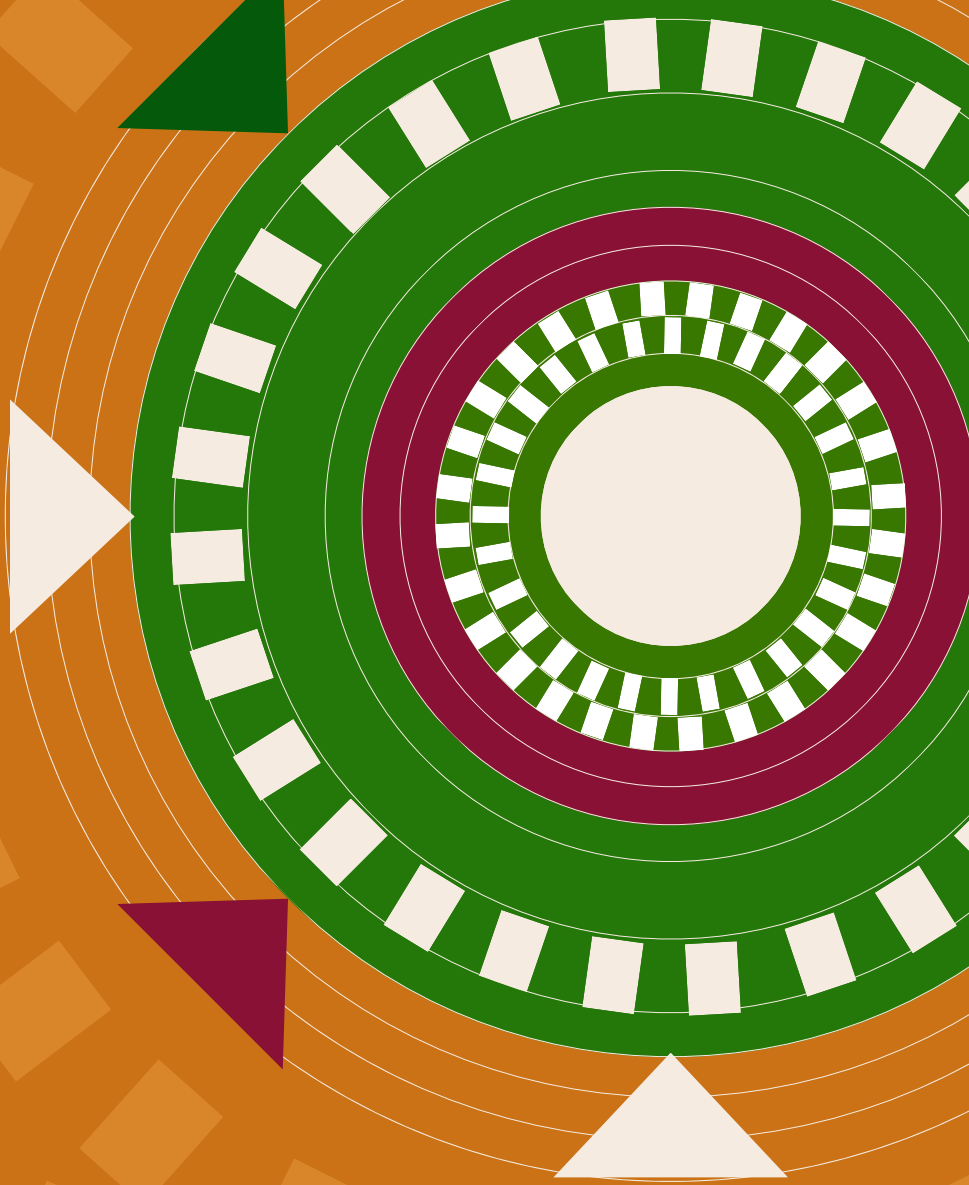


COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

In 2025, we have set up a 'community volunteer' programme, in which previous service users, or refugees and asylum seekers who sit beyond our 14 - 25 years age range are able to volunteer at our youth clubs.

Community volunteers are supported directly through our mentoring service, receiving a tailored induction and training. Community volunteers are able to receive a reference following their time volunteering, with the aim of this service preparing and supporting them to move into paid work in the near future.

Community volunteers are incredibly helpful in the running of our youth clubs, as they have a strong understanding of the needs of our clients, often speaking the same languages and have experience as attendees of youth clubs, so help to make our clubs the best they can be!



YOUTH CASEWORK SERVICE

OVERVIEW

Since April 2024, Da'aro's youth casework team has grown and evolved substantially. We have continued our work in building warm, trusting and caring relationships with young people who seek our support and have achieved outstanding outcomes working alongside them.

In June 2024, our second youth caseworker joined the DYP casework team, enabling us to further broaden the scope and impact of our support. We are currently in the process of expanding our casework team in order to maximise capacity, to maintain our holistic youth casework service while simultaneously working towards becoming a registered legal advice provider.

Our casework team has taken part in several training programmes to ensure that we approach casework through a person-centred and all-encompassing lens and to enable us to be as well informed as we can be when working with young people who have complex needs and experiences.

Our team has also undertaken training relating to the immigration and asylum system in the UK and the delivery of trauma informed youth services in the context of continually growing systemic hostility towards Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) and young people.

CASEWORK MODEL

Over the past year, we have refined our administrative practises so that we are able to effectively maintain the relevant and necessary information concerning each of our young people, their level of need, the level of risk they may be exposed to and the complexity of their circumstances, enabling us to maximise our impact and to maintain effective records.

We have also developed spaces for reflective practice and each caseworker is now able to work alongside a clinical supervisor, should they so choose, to discuss some of the challenges that arise as a result of working with people who have experienced severe and ongoing trauma.

Crucially, the Casework team has worked hard to develop positive and lasting relationships with other professionals and organisations in the sector, including solicitors and legal representatives, other charities working on similar issues and third sector providers who are able to extend direct and/or indirect support to our young people

Our youth casework team has continued to work in partnerships with several law firms and other organisations, to ensure we are able to fortify our support to young people. Our Casework Manager has worked closely with the Refugee Council on processes designed to broaden the support available to age disputed young people, who often find themselves without any real recourse to social and pastoral support as soon as they are assessed as adults.

Moreover, we have continued to explore and build partnerships with local organisations working on analogous issues, such as the Advocacy Academy (TAA). TAA is working alongside our team to deliver workshops intended to further the impact of our community building activities and to extend solidarity and comradery through TAA's recently founded Liberation Centre. Similarly, our youth caseworkers have developed an informal partnership with DePaul, a London based charity extending vital support to young people facing homelessness. This partnership has enabled us to ensure that our young people are able to access vital emergency support as efficiently as possible.

We have worked closely with a volunteer Barrister, through our partnership with Bar in the Community, to design a legal information pack for young people who have recently arrived in the UK. This is now complete and will form a vital part of the induction processes for new staff and will be amended and adapted to be shared with young people in a more accessible way. This should enable staff and young people to become more familiar with the basic legal requirements that public sector providers and services are legally mandated to abide by, so that young people can be empowered to challenge the failure to meet their needs where this occurs. In addition, we hope to be able to utilise this legal resource to form the basis of a set of know-your-rights workshops in multiple languages, to be delivered at our weekly youth clubs.

Our Casework team continues to provide vital assistance to young people at varying stages of the resettlement process. Young people in need of practical and pastoral support can still access casework services via our weekly youth clubs.

Our focus over the past year has been refining our youth casework services so that displaced young people seeking protection in the UK are able to access all provisions they are entitled to. Something that makes Da'aro's Casework team stand out is the fact that we have no limit in terms of time on how long we will support any young person, we are willing to continue working with a young person for as long as is needed, enabling young people to feel that they can really depend on us and our support until they feel more stable and secure.

We continue to advocate on behalf of young people to ensure social care and public sector services are providing them with adequate and effective support. In addition, our casework service works closely with young people to ensure they have access to legal assistance, secure and stable housing, physical and mental health sustainment provisions, where they are unable to secure these necessities through the local authority. We also work closely with our Youth Mentoring Lead to ensure all young people have access to education, training and employment opportunities. In addition, we work closely with our Youth Activities Lead to ensure any young people who would like to engage in wellbeing, mindfulness and/or arts and crafts activities are able to do so.

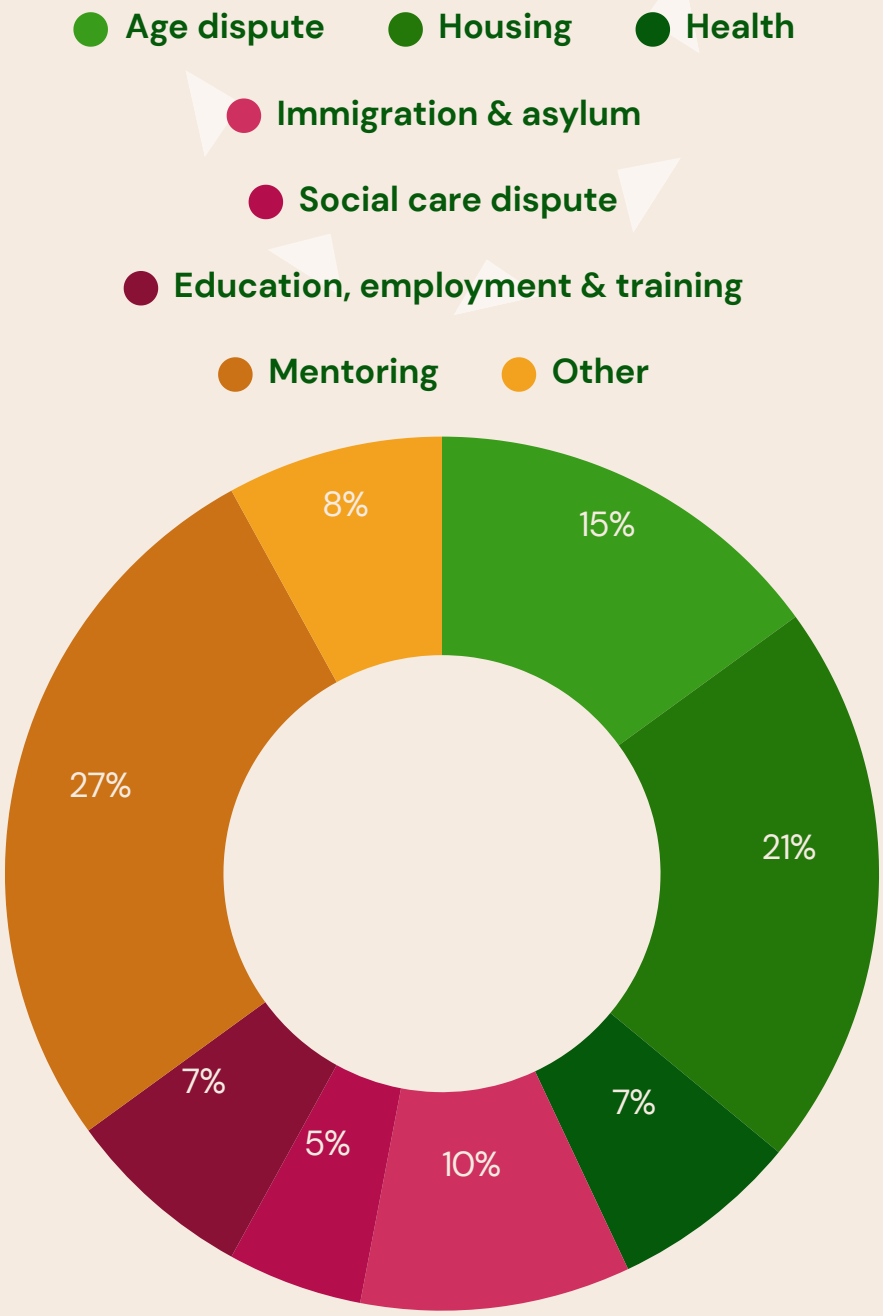
OVERVIEW OF PRESENT CASEWORK

At the start of April 2024 DYP had 59 open cases. Since April 2024, we have worked with a total of 73 young people – although some were originally young people accessing mentoring, who were referred to us by our Mentoring Lead, who we work closely with to ensure all young people are accessing the appropriate and necessary support.

Our youth caseworkers and casework manager support young people with a multitude of complex and often intersecting issues, such as:

- **Immigration and asylum**
- **Housing and homelessness**
- **Age disputes**
- **Physical and mental health sustainment**
- **Family reunification**
- **Seeking education and employment opportunities**
- **Social care disputes**

CASEWORK DELIVERY 2024/25



The casework team maintains diligence and care in relation to safeguarding which is a vital element of our work and is built into every aspect of the casework process, from the moment we meet young people until we explore closing their cases, once we have done all that we possibly could do to assist them. A breakdown of the key issues we have worked with young people on over the past year is shown above.

Over the past year, we have seen a dramatic increase in age assessments and as a result, the number of young people requiring emergency support with their housing and/or facing sudden homelessness has also dramatically increased. At the same time, we continue to see a decline in the number of legal representatives who are able to take on challenges to unlawful age assessments.

We have therefore focused a large amount of our efforts and energy on developing partnerships with legal representatives, charities working with UASC who are facing homelessness and other charities looking to challenge the inherent injustice and trauma resulting from the blanket use of age assessments against children.

CHALLENGES

The key challenge we face in carrying out casework continues to be the difficulty in securing access to appropriate legal representation.

In particular, this year, we have seen the number of legal representatives able to take on family reunion claims dramatically decrease. Similarly, we are finding it incredibly difficult to refer young people to immigration advisors for legal assistance pertaining to immigration and asylum claims.

This means that a huge number of our young people are forced to wait lengthy periods under difficult circumstances before they can speak to a solicitor who may be able to take on their claims.

Moreover, the legal process itself is increasingly lengthy and we are seeing many young people spend more than a year awaiting the outcome of a legal claim, which can often be disruptive to their access to all vital services, including education, employment, housing, financial assistance and mental health support.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



Legal Assistance
We assisted 18 young people to seek legal advice in relation to a wide range of issues including negative age disputes, community support and asylum and immigration claims.



Housing Support
We successfully supported 15 young people to work towards securing stable and secure housing



Family Reunification
We secured solicitors for 3 young people seeking to initiate family reunification claims

CASE STUDIES

** Please note both case studies have been anonymised in the interest of safeguarding young people who each consented to a brief summary of their cases being shared as part of this report.*

CASE STUDY - O

We met O in July 2024 when he approached DYP's casework team during one of our Injera Club casework drop-ins. He explained that he was age disputed and placed in Home Office accommodation. O explained that he was having a really difficult time and was struggling living with people who were much older than him, and often rough sleeping to avoid staying in the hotel. Further to this, O's initial asylum claim had been refused, and it was at appeal stage.

We offered to support O with the following issues:

- **Age dispute;**
- **Immigration and asylum case;**
- **Mental health sustainment; and**
- **Housing and homelessness**

Through our initial conversation with O, we observed that he was likely being exploited and noted the urgent need for action to be taken to ensure that he was being appropriately safeguarded. We made the appropriate referrals to local authority adult social care and sourced an age dispute solicitor to look into challenging O's age assessment outcome. We also contacted O's hotel to ensure that necessary welfare checks were taking place regularly. We also began liaising with O's immigration solicitor to receive updates on his case as he was at the appeal stage at this point.

Further down the line, we also sourced O a community solicitor to assist him with issues regarding his accommodation. While O's mood has been very up and down due to the difficult situation he has been placed in, over time we have seen an improvement in his mental health as he now knows he has the support of an organisation that understands the challenges he has gone through.

O is now much more comfortable in liaising with professionals, and knows who the professionals in his network are. He understands the processes that have impacted him much better now, which is a huge achievement as O had very little awareness of his professional network, legal claims and options when he first came to us. We have managed to build a trusting relationship with him, where he feels comfortable in approaching us if he has any issues. We have also built a strong professional network for O, with three solicitors working on different aspects of his case, all showing a great level of care into the work they carry out for O.

This case has not yet been resolved and remains very complex, but it is one we are very proud of our work on, just to be able to be a safe space for young people who are frequently neglected, is a privilege for our team and we hope that over time, this young person can continue to grow and that his situation will continue to improve.

CASE STUDY - Y

Y is a young mother who came to the UK to join her relatives who were already here. From the outset, she faced significant challenges, including disputes with social services, struggles with her mental health, and profound social isolation.

Over the years, DYP played a key role in ensuring she received the appropriate support from social care through our advocacy and continued presence in professionals' meetings with Y and her network.

We have successfully facilitated access to essential services that provided her with stability, we have supported Y to recognise, name and address her feelings of isolation and anxiety and consequently, have been able to work with her to build a strong support network that allows Y to gain confidence and develop meaningful connections with other people of her age group.

Upon her arrival, Y was apprehensive about joining social spaces and hesitant to engage with new people. To address this, we collaborated closely with her social workers to devise a strategy that would encourage her participation in our youth clubs.

With the consistent support of her foster carer, social workers, and DYP caseworkers, she gradually began attending one of our youth clubs. Although she initially found the environment overwhelming and felt reserved in social settings, her confidence steadily grew as she continued to attend.

Through consistent participation in two youth clubs per week, we have witnessed remarkable growth in Y's confidence and social skills. She has learned to advocate for herself, build friendships with peers, and engage in activities that were once unfamiliar to her. Her enthusiasm for music production, arts and crafts, and socialising has flourished.

Our youth clubs have provided Y with invaluable moments of respite, a chance to step away from her responsibilities as a young mother and simply exist as a teenager again.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

I report on the accounts for the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5) (b); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

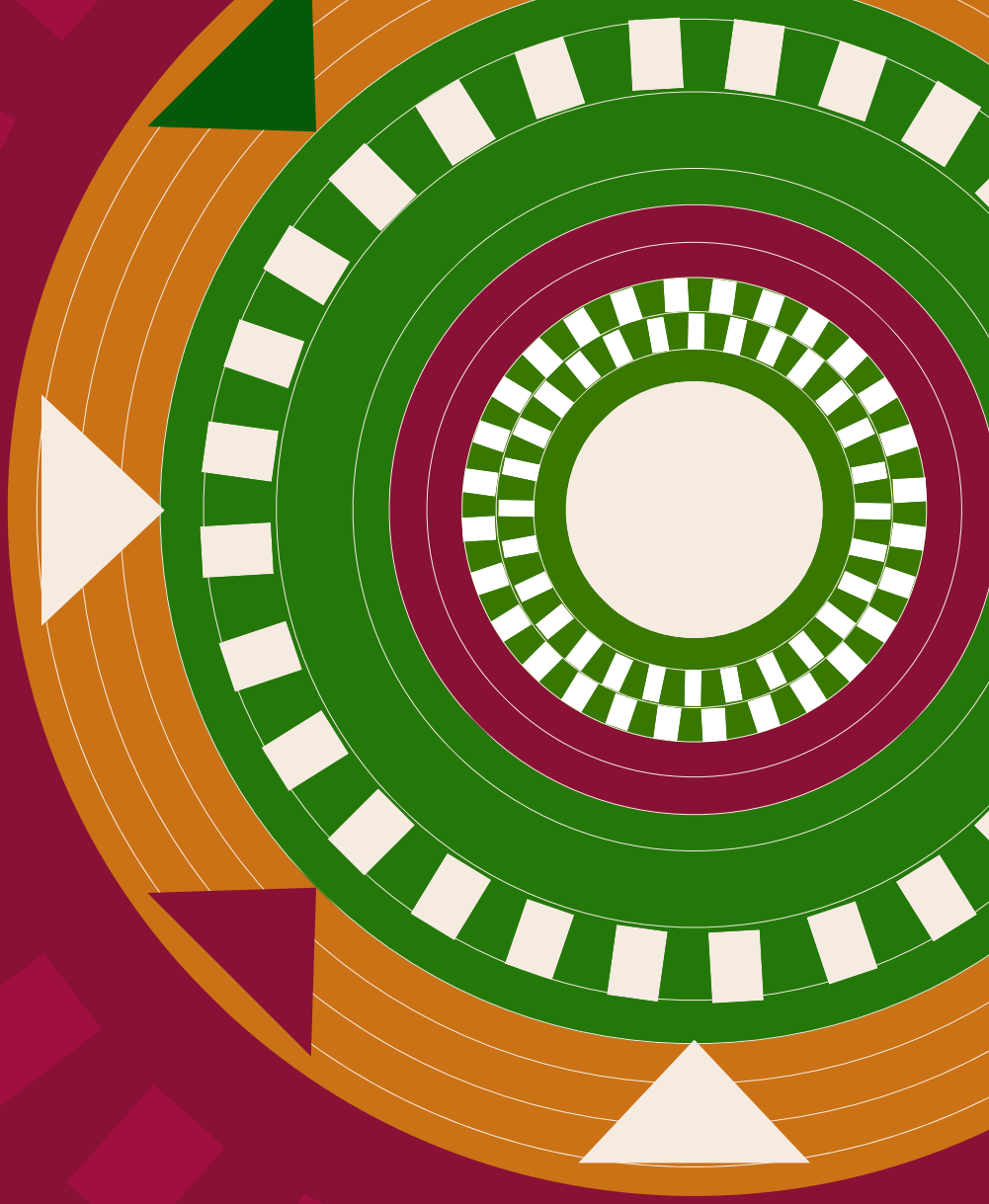
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements have not been met;

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Dunstanette Kuti FCCA
Position: Community Accountant, Community Action Sutton, Granfers Community Centre, 73-79 Oakhill Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 3AA

Signature: **Date:** 23/10/2025



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		2025	2025	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
Income:					
Charitable Activities	**2**	122,510	366,975	489,485	398,821
Investments	**3**	6,391	-	6,391	4,312
Total Income		**128,901**	**366,975**	**495,876**	**403,133**
Expenditure:					
Charitable Activities	**4**	2,125	448,907	451,032	188,242
Total Expenditure		**2,125**	**448,907**	**451,032**	**188,242**
Net Income / (expenditure)		126,776	(81,932)	44,844	214,891
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		126,776	(81,932)	44,844	214,891
Total Funds brought forward		126,118	147,665	273,783	58,892
Total Funds carried forward		**252,894**	**65,733**	**318,627**	**273,783**

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Office Equipment		-	-
Current assets			
Debtors and receivables	**8**	-	1,749
Cash at bank and in hand		365,216	318,730
Total current assets		**365,216**	**320,479**
Current liabilities			
Deferred income	**9**	44,578	40,410
Amounts falling due within one year	**10**	2,011	6,286
Total current liabilities		**46,589**	**46,696**
Net current assets		**318,627**	**273,783**
Net assets		**318,627**	**273,783**
Funds			
Restricted Funds		65,733	147,665
Unrestricted Funds		252,894	126,118
Total Funds	**11**	**318,627**	**273,783**

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 24/10/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Chair | Dr Yohannes Bahru



Treasurer | Aron Zerezghi

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Accounting Conventions

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

b) Fund Accounting

Restricted Funds are those received which have been earmarked for a special purpose by the donor.
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

c) Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the Charity, are recognised when the Charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Activities for generating funds consist of room hire and are accounted for on a receivable basis. Surplus funds are invested in a bank deposit account to earn interest. Interest received is included when receivable. Interest is credited to the unrestricted fund to offset overheads.

Incoming resources from the charitable activities consists of grants, which are related to performance and are accounted for as the Charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Other sources of Incoming resources from the charitable activities consist of fees and Cafe takings accounted for on a receivable basis.

d) Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Cost of generating funds comprises the costs associated with attracting future Income.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and include the Independent Examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity.

Costs are allocated to charitable activities and the Community Centre on the basis of usage. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, other overheads are apportioned on an appropriate basis see note.

e) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities include grants made during the year.

f) Incoming resources

Incoming resources are included gross on a receivable basis. There are no deferred incoming resources.

g) Investment income

Investment income is included in the statement of financial activities on an accrual basis.

h) Accounting basis

The accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis.

2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Grants received	82,050	366,975	449,025	349,554
Donations	40,460	-	40,460	49,267
	122,510	**366,975**	**489,485**	**398,821**

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:				
Choose Love	-	110,000	110,000	91,666
City Bridge Foundation	-	41,033	41,033	14,720
Community Lottery Fund	-	58,733	58,733	84,114
Groundwork London Mayor	-	6,000	6,000	54,000
Lambeth DfE	-	103,865	103,865	51,932
The Phoenix Fund	-	47,345	47,345	1,749
Unrestricted funds:				
Capital group	12,000	-	12,000	-
Blue Thread	30,500	-	30,500	29,423
AB Charitable Trust	20,383	-	20,383	3,617
DragonsDen Money4You	-	-	-	10,000
Lloyds Bank Foundation	19,167	-	19,167	8,333
Total grants received	**82,050**	**366,975**	**449,025**	**349,554**

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	6,391	4,312

4. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Freelance Workers	-	14,447	14,447	3,523
Salaries incl. HMRC	-	245,384	245,384	116,211
ER's NIC	-	19,993	19,993	5,724
ER's Pensions	-	8,568	8,568	2,457
Payroll Expense	-	438	438	578
Staff Recruitment	1,062	350	1,412	2,100
Staff Travel and Expense	732	1,880	2,612	2,269
Staff Training and Supervision	888	10,198	11,086	1,444
Volunteer Costs	18	246	264	469
Insurances	52	312	364	261
Materials and Equipment	112	1,264	1,376	4,006
Youth Activities	(444)	30,377	29,933	491
Injera Club Food and Delivery	-	24,059	24,059	20,146
KYC Rent	-	6,400	6,400	6,420
Office Rent	-	8,100	8,100	6,732
Fundraising	2,532	2,261	4,793	3,463
IT Equipment	30	4,607	4,637	1,481
Stationery, Postage and Printing	11	19	30	38
Telephone	50	2,762	2,812	1,696
Miscellaneous Costs	1,694	1,061	2,755	450
Young Person Direct Support	575	14,579	15,154	3,151
Bookkeeping And Accounts	-	3,605	3,605	2,095
Refreshments	1,198	322	1,520	470
Professional fees	37,913	2,366	40,279	1,557
Independent Examiner's fees	1,010	-	1,010	1,010
Expenses recharge	(45,309)	45,309	-	-
Total expenditure	**2,125**	**448,907**	**451,032**	**188,242**

5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Legal and professional fees [see note]	40,279	1,557
Independent Examiner's fees	1,010	1,010
	41,289	**2,567**

Note: The increase in legal and professional fees reflects investments in strengthening the charity's governance, and updating key policies and compliance frameworks.

6. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fees	1,010	1,010

7. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries	245,384	116,211
ER's NIC	19,993	5,724
ER's Pensions	8,568	2,457
	273,945	**124,392**

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

2025	2024
8	4

The number of employees whose emoluments fell within the following bands was:

	2025	2024
£60,001 - £70,000	Nil	Nil

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	-
Accrued Income	-	1,749
	-	**1,749**

9. DEFERRED INCOME

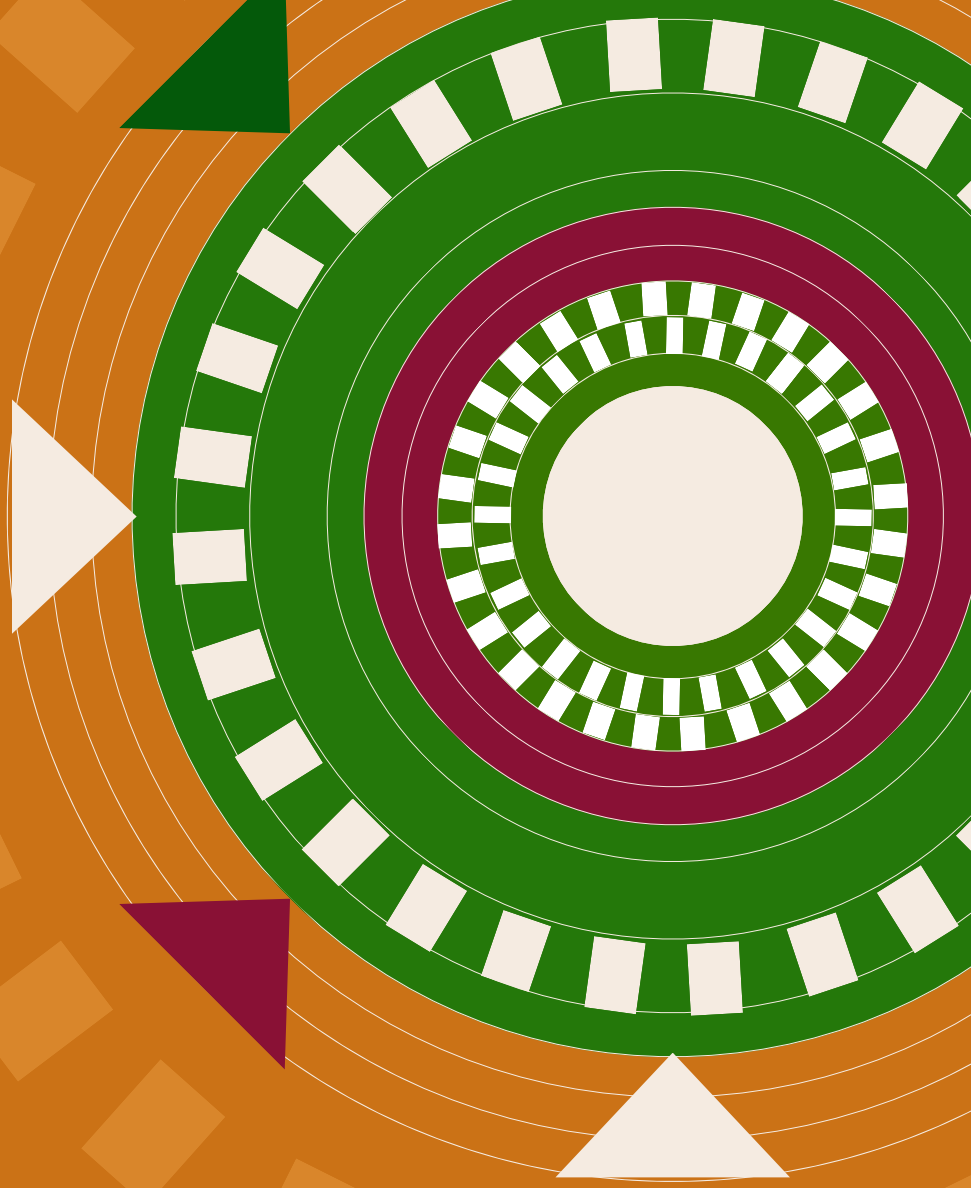
	2025	2024
	£	£
Restricted Grants:		
Choose Love	25,000	-
City Bridge	-	7,360
Community Lottery Fund	19,578	-
Unrestricted Grants:		
AB Charitable Trust	-	16,383
Lloyds Bank Foundation	-	16,667
	44,578	**40,410**

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Taxation and social security	(1,664)	2,479
Pensions payable	(740)	827
Payroll Control	-	(125)
Accruals	4,415	3,105
	2,011	**6,285**

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 31.3.24	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	126,118	128,901	(2,125)	-	252,894
Restricted funds					
Balance B/fwd	27,463	-	-	-	27,463
Choose Love	30,004	110,000	(140,004)	-	-
City Bridge Foundation	6,429	41,033	(46,436)	-	1,026
Community Lottery Fund	36,738	58,733	(95,094)	-	376
Groundwork London Mayor	23,585	6,000	(1,722)	-	27,863
Lambeth DfE	22,682	103,865	(126,188)	-	358
The Phoenix Fund	764	47,345	(39,462)	-	8,647
Total restricted funds	**147,665**	**366,975**	**(448,907)**	**-**	**65,733**
TOTAL FUNDS	**273,783**	**495,876**	**(451,032)**	**-**	**318,627**



TRUSTEES

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Da'aro Youth Project Board of Trustees

Full name of trustee	Position
Dr Yohannes Teklu Bahru	Chair of Trustees
Dr Elaine Chase	Secretary
Aron Zerezghi	Treasurer
Dr Mikal Woldu	Trustee
Tigist Kinfe	Trustee
Adonay Younas Berhe	Trustee
Yordanos Tesfa Feseha	Trustee
Amel Hamilton	Trustee
Futsum Kahsa	Trustee
Yacob Woldehiwot	Trustee

Da'aro Youth Project is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Our governing document is a 'constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees'. There must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee. The maximum number of charity trustees is 12. The charity trustees may not appoint any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum. The majority of trustees must be people who claim Eritrean heritage.

At every annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, he or she shall retire.

The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot; the vacancies arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting.

The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed, or as an additional charity trustee, provided that the limit on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded; a person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting after the date of his or her appointment, and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting.

All of our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the benefit of the public. The Trustees have had regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

This report looks at what the Charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The Trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the Charity has brought to those groups of people it was set up to help. The review also helps the Trustees ensure the Charity's aims, objectives and activities remain focused on its stated charitable purpose.

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities, which is reviewed at least annually. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

In considering our key objectives, the Trustees have taken into account the following factors: The profile, numbers and needs of asylum-seeking and refugee young people from the Horn of Africa who are at risk in the local area.

The provision of accessible, specialist services available to the people we work with within our local area and the gaps in provision.

External factors such as changes in national and local government policies and procedures. Feedback from all our stakeholders.

DECLARATIONS

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees.

Dr Yohannes Bahru:  **Date:** 24/10/2025

Dr Elaine Chase:  **Date:** 24/10/2025

THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS

As we reflect on the achievements and challenges of the past year, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our funders whose generous support makes our work possible. Your commitment enables us to continue providing essential services, advocating for systemic change, and supporting young unaccompanied asylum seekers and refugees through their most difficult times. Thank you for standing with us and for investing in the future of these young people. Together, we are making a meaningful difference.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

The recent sad stories of death and tragedy of migrants while crossing the channel to reach the UK continue to occupy a large part of our national social discourse. For the young people supported by Da'aro Youth Project (DYP) these stories are a fraction of the harrowing journeys they have made to reach safety and sanctuary. Their stories are filled with anguish, hardships and rejection far beyond our comprehension. Having escaped death and multiple tragedies on their journey to seek safety and sanctuary in the UK, sadly some of them succumbed to self-harm and suicide out of desperation.

It is as a result of these tragic outcomes that DYP was founded with the sole purpose of helping young people arriving in whatever way possible. Since its inception in 2018 and its birth as a charitable organisation in 2020, the financial year of 2023/2024 marks its growth as an established, formidable and mature small charity. Financially, Da'aro is in a secure and stable position, thanks to the generosity of our funders. Our services have greatly expanded not only in size but in the type and nature of our provision. Our staff size has equally expanded to meet the above changes. In parallel to this, our management and governance structures have been strengthened and updated. Such change was made possible through the hard work, dedication and devotion of each one of our staff members, volunteers and trustees and a very high credit goes to our director, Sarah Robson.

The case study section of our annual report reflects a snapshot of DYP's activities within and outside our clubs. Our collaborative work with organisations that have similar values to our mission witnesses our growth and development. The Thursday Youth Club allows us to add value to our service by working more closely with SLRA, an organisation that has played a key role in the survival of DYP during its early days. These Thursday sessions add value to our traditional Tuesday Injera clubs which continue to increase in popularity. Our open-door policy of serving anyone that comes through the door allows us to welcome and support all those that arrive on the day.

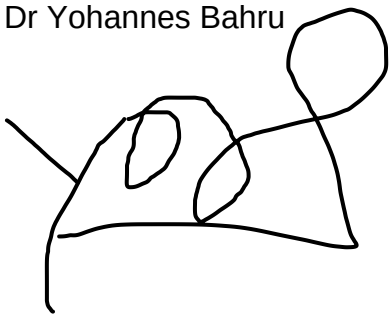
Our staff are well supported by our committed volunteers. The safety and wellbeing of our staff and volunteers is maintained through regular training and supervision. This has allowed the clubs to offer a seamless and peaceful regular social activity. There are regular opportunities for young people to provide feedback on how best to maintain and improve our services. DYP is involved in high-level research in collaboration with a senior researcher of one of our world leading universities in the UK. This is to look at the overall impact of our services in improving the quality of life of our service users.

CHAIR'S REPORT (continued)

For me it is both a great privilege and a great honour to support and encourage such change, however little my role might have been. Having closely witnessed the devotion and dedication invested by our director, no word is strong enough to express my gratitude. All these achievements would have not been possible had it not been for the initial getting together of the Eritrean mothers in 2018 and for Dehab Woldu and Benjamin Hunter who led the foundation of the charity in 2020. We are in debt of gratitude to all of them for their unparalleled contribution. Our trustee Futsum has been part of the journey from 2018 and our trustee Elaine Chase since the foundation of the charity in 2020. It would be impossible to make all of these changes happen without the hard work and support of my fellow trustees in both the present and past.

It is now time to up our game and lift and expand further DYP's services, as discussed in our latest strategy meeting. Last but not least, no hard work or good will would have been made possible had it not been for the generosity of our funders who trusted us with their donations. Our major funders are listed on the annual report, but I would like to highlight the small donations of our community members and those who tirelessly run and participate in our fundraising efforts. It has helped us raise our profile in addition to the donations we have received. Thank you again for all of your efforts. Needless to say, thank you to all the young people who gave us this opportunity to serve and regularly improve our services based on their feedback.

Dr Yohannes Bahru





Da'aro Youth Project members at the Africa Writes Festival, Oct 2023

INTRODUCTION

Da'aro Youth Project was founded in 2018 by members of the Eritrean community in London, in response to a tragic series of suicides among Eritrean teenagers. These heartbreaking events underscored the urgent need for a support network tailored to the unique challenges faced by unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors from the Horn of Africa.

According to the UNHCR, Eritreans and Ethiopians collectively represented the largest group of unaccompanied minors arriving in the UK during 2017, 2018, and 2019. In 2020, Sudanese minors became the most prevalent nationality among new arrivals, with Eritreans ranking as the third-largest group of asylum seekers in 2021. These young people embark on perilous journeys, often traversing the Sahara Desert, enduring harrowing conditions in Libya, crossing the treacherous Mediterranean Sea, and navigating tumultuous environments in Europe, such as in Calais. Upon reaching the UK, they face the daunting task of adapting to life in a foreign country, far from their families. The complexities of the asylum system, coupled with social isolation, discrimination, and, at times, outright hostility, only exacerbate the trauma they have already endured.

Da'aro Youth Project is committed to promoting the wellbeing of these vulnerable young migrants by providing direct support and advocating for systemic change. In the context of a broader "hostile environment"—a term that describes the increasingly restrictive and punitive immigration policies that create significant barriers for asylum seekers and refugees—our work is both crucial and challenging. This environment intensifies the difficulties faced by unaccompanied young people from navigating a complex asylum system to accessing essential services and support. We work tirelessly to challenge the unfair and discriminatory practices that undermine their wellbeing and impede their ability to build new lives and resettle in the UK.

To achieve these aims, we currently run two key initiatives: two youth clubs throughout the week and comprehensive casework support. These programmes provide young asylum seekers and refugees with a safe space to connect, receive guidance, and build resilience, and make friends. Additionally, we actively advocate on behalf of our community, focusing on the mental health and wellbeing of unaccompanied young people. Through our campaigns, we strive to bring attention to the issues that matter most, ensuring that young people's voices are heard in the broader societal and policy contexts.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Injera Club

Our weekly Injera Club caters to a range of unaccompanied asylum-seeking and refugee young people. The club offers a space for 14-25-year-olds from Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan, and Somalia (and their friends) to relax, socialise, play, and take part in our workshops and activities.

Injera Club is a space that offers young people the chance to feel safe and seeks to provide respite from the social and cultural isolation many feel upon arrival in the UK. At Da'aro Youth Project we are passionate about ensuring that our young young people receive more than just essential services; we also aim to afford them the opportunity to find belonging and community in their new home. Young people can interact with their traditions and create meaningful connections within their communities through food, dance, and speaking in their own languages.

One young person attending Da'aro reported,

> *"Since attending the weekly Injera Club sessions, my confidence has grown significantly. I feel more at ease communicating with young people, and my language skills have improved considerably. I have met many young people of a similar background at Injera Club and now have a friendship group I regularly spend time with, which has made me very happy. It is nice for me to be around people from my home country"*

Between April 2023 and March 2024, we hosted 48 Injera Club sessions. A home cooked meal is served at every session and cultural holidays and celebrations are marked with meals and activities for our young people.

1920 hot meals were served



268 young people were reached through Injera Club



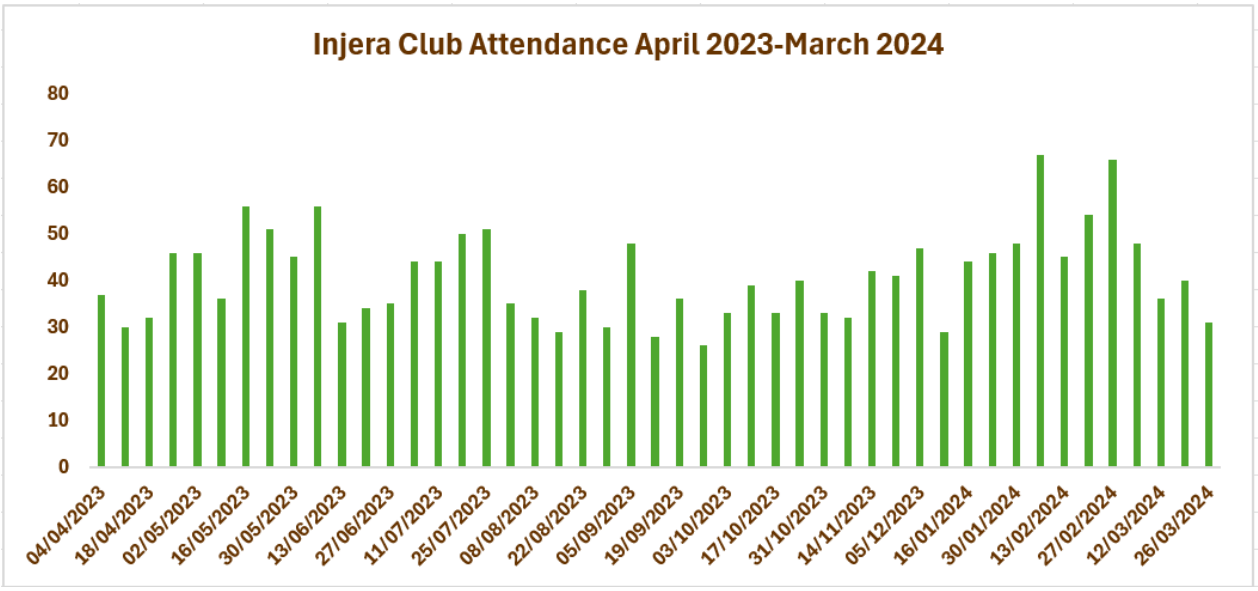


FIG.1 Injera Club attendance April 2023 - March 2024

Thursday Youth Club

Alongside Injera Club, Da'aro Youth Project has collaborated with South London Refugee Association (SLRA) to deliver a joint Thursday Youth Club aimed at fostering cross cultural exchange and community building across the refugee and asylum-seeking population, beyond the Horn of Africa. This club caters to unaccompanied refugees and asylum-seeking young people aged 14 to 25 and the club also offers an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) class run by our volunteers.

Thursday Youth Club is a space for young people to participate in games, wellbeing workshops, arts and craft sessions and sports whilst being provided with a hot meal. The first Thursday Youth Club was hosted on 12/10/2023, we have since hosted 14 Youth Clubs serving 95 hot meals to young people.

Thursday Youth Club also operates as a space to facilitate youth-led activities and enable our members to take on extra responsibilities and develop their interpersonal and leadership skills. One participant noted that:

> *"My confidence and language skills have improved, I support new attendees to feel comfortable at the youth club, making sure they are included in activities and providing translations."*

Supplementary Activities

In addition to our Youth Clubs, many young people attending Da'aro are given the opportunity to engage with our services through a host of trips, activities and cultural events. We work with partners to deliver services beyond the scope of our youth clubs including Thread Ahead and Fulham Football Club Foundation.

Thread Ahead Partnership

Da'aro Youth Project have worked in partnership with Thread Ahead to provide essential clothing for particularly vulnerable young people including those new to the country, experiencing homelessness and new mothers. During these trips, individuals have had the opportunity to choose high-quality and sustainable clothing and toiletries. These trips have aimed to restore dignity and enable our young people to regain their confidence and autonomy.

May 2023 - Girls Football Trip & Picnic

Another highlight of the year was our trip to Fulham Football Club, where we organised a memorable day for young women at Da'aro. We enjoyed a game between Fulham FC and Crystal Palace FC and rounded off the day with a picnic.

July 2023 - Beach Trip

In July 2023, we organised a trip to Brighton Beach for young people. This excursion provided an opportunity for them to enjoy a day outside of London, and was the first time many of them had left London since arriving in the UK. We played sports on the beach and walked around the town. It was a refreshing break and a wonderful opportunity for young people to relax, have fun, and experience a new side of the UK.

September 2023 - Men's Mental Health Talk & Football Match At Fulham Stadium

Fulham Foundation organised a men's mental health summit at Fulham Stadium. The day included talks and interactive workshops. This event was particularly relevant given that many young people coming to Da'aro have experienced immense hardship making their way to the UK, often dealing with trauma, PTSD, and ongoing mental health struggles as they try to navigate life in a new country. The talk provided a safe space for them to learn about mental health, share their experiences, and acquire practical tools to help manage their wellbeing. Following the talk, those attending were able to watch an exciting football match between Fulham FC and Norwich FC.

October 2023 - Africa Writes

Africa Writes is an annual festival celebrating contemporary literature from Africa and the diaspora. Hosted at the British Museum, it features a range of events including book launches, panel discussions, and performances, showcasing the vibrant literary culture of Africa.

One of our young people had the opportunity to recite a poem at this event alongside many renowned black poets including poet laureate Lemn Sissay. Volunteers and young people came along to support and engage with cultural activities of the day. This event not only showcased the remarkable talent within our group but also highlighted the importance of providing platforms for young voices to be heard and celebrated.

December 2023 - Christmas Party

One of the most cherished events of the year was our Christmas party at Injera Club. The celebration was a true community effort, with generous individuals from the local community bringing food, snacks, and fruit baskets for young people to enjoy. We also organised a variety of games and team building activities. Sharing traditional meals together was a highlight event, fostering a sense of unity and togetherness.

Azmaribet Ethiopian Cultural Show

We were honoured to receive an invitation from Azmaribet for young people at Da'aro to participate in an Ethiopian cultural event. This special occasion provided a unique opportunity for them to engage in the rich traditions and vibrant celebrations of Ethiopian culture.

Throughout the event, many young people from Da'aro were treated to mesmerising performances of traditional music, dance, and cultural showcases. They had the chance to engage directly with the cultural aspects of the event, gaining a deeper appreciation and connection to Ethiopian heritage.

YOUTH CASEWORK SERVICE

(April 2023 - March 2024)

Background

Our Casework team provides vital support to our young people. Our present focus is attempting to ensure they have access to all provisions they are entitled to as unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and young people. We advocate on behalf of young people to ensure that the authorities are providing adequate support to them and enabling them to thrive by ensuring they have access to legal assistance, secure and stable housing, physical and mental health provisions and education and employment opportunities. Da'aro also enables young people to attend a cultural hub where they can meet people from similar backgrounds and begin to rebuild their social lives here in the UK.

The DYP casework team has evolved significantly over the past financial year. We continue to be committed to working with a person-centred approach and providing excellent support whereby young people can access relevant information and referrals to other services which may assist with some of the practical difficulties that they frequently grapple with. We have continued to build warm and caring relationships with young people and have achieved outstanding results in supporting them. In October 2023, DYP recruited a Casework Manager who has since worked alongside DYP's youth caseworker on streamlining the casework service. Between October 2023 and April 2024, the casework team worked on developing the existing casework model to enable staff to gain further training and expertise to support young people effectively.

The team also worked towards reshaping administrative processes and practises in preparation for recruiting more caseworkers and team members to meet the needs of our young people. The Casework team has additionally developed further positive and lasting relationships with other organisations in the sector including solicitors and legal representatives, other charities working on similar issues and third sector providers who are able to extend direct and/or indirect support to our young people. We have also started looking at partnerships with other community organisations such as The Advocacy Academy and Bar in the Community who are committed to offering workshops, information sessions and further practical support to our young people.

Casework Model

We continue to develop our casework model to enable more holistic service delivery. We are working on enhancing our current self-referral, adhoc service to incorporate it within a more formalised casework model. This means that while DYP will continue to operate an open-door policy based primarily around young people seeking casework support via youth clubs, young people will all have detailed needs and risk assessments carried out before their case is taken on, and we will ensure that we formalise support plans for each young person so that both their short-term and long-term needs are adequately met. Likewise, we are working towards being able to carry out more work in the community, whereby we attend some appointments alongside young people. Our scope to do this has been limited by a huge demand and insufficient capacity to take on outreach work. We have now recruited more youth caseworkers which will enable us to provide more comprehensive support to our young people.

We are also working towards ensuring that the bulk of our casework takes place outside of youth clubs so that the clubs become a space where referral and information-gathering processes take place whereas all support and referral-based work happens with the team in a more formal and sustained manner.

In December 2023 DYP began sending our employees for OISC training (Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner) with Refugee Action. This is part of the process necessary to enable caseworkers to undertake OISC assessments and become qualified immigration advisors. By April 2024, DYP had begun the process of completing an application for OISC registration so that DYP can register to be a regulated organisation which is able to offer some immigration advice to service users. The casework team will be pursuing OISC qualifications up to level 3 in the immigration and asylum support categories. Our objective is to ensure that casework staff gain a level 2 qualification in the asylum and protection category by April 2025 with a view to seeking a level 3 qualification by the end of the following financial year.

Overview Of Present Casework

At the start of April 2024 DYP had 59 open cases. Our youth caseworker and casework manager support young people with a multitude of complex and often intersecting issues such as:

- Immigration and asylum
- Housing and homelessness
- Age disputes
- Physical and mental health sustainment
- Family reunification
- Seeking education and employment opportunities
- Social care disputes.

Additionally, the casework team ensures that safeguarding is integral and built into our work with all young people. A breakdown of the key issues we support young people with is offered below.

Key Issues

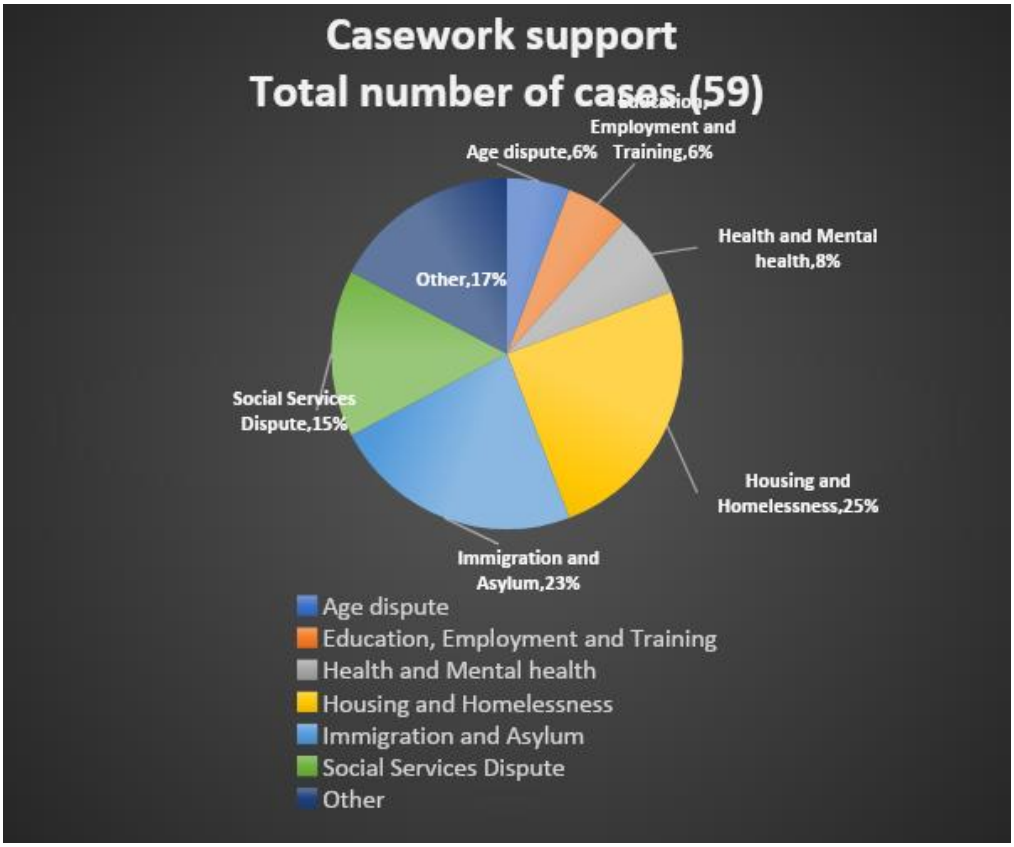


FIG.2 - Breakdown of areas of casework support 2023-24

The 'hostile environment' has led to all young people experiencing significant difficulties as part of the resettlement process. The most common difficulties we support young people with are shown in the graph above. Most other issues we work

on stem from failures to ensure young people are able to access asylum and/or stable housing in the UK. All our young people have experienced trauma of unimaginable magnitude on their journeys to the UK, this is further compounded by the difficulties they face in accessing stability and security here following arrival.

Therefore, many of the challenges young people face in accessing education, employment as well as mental and general health services are exacerbated by issues surrounding their immigration status and housing needs. This is the central driving factor behind our decision to move towards making DYP's casework service an immigration advice service in the coming years.

Challenges

The key challenge we face in carrying out casework is ensuring that all young people have access to appropriate legal representatives. Unfortunately, due to increasing legal aid cuts, it is very difficult for young people to be able to find solicitors and legal advisors. We currently operate legal referrals through a triage list which enables us to refer young people to solicitors in line with their individual needs.

However, it usually takes us at least four to eight weeks to find a solicitor who has the capacity to take on any given legal aid claim. This means that a huge number of our young people are forced to wait lengthy periods under difficult circumstances before they can speak to a solicitor who would be able to challenge negative outcomes. These could be related to age disputes, immigration claims and/or social services disputes – which are all issues that typically tend to be interconnected among young people using our service. As a non-fee charging organisation, we hope to be able to alleviate some of the demand for legal advice on immigration and asylum issues. DYP's Youth Casework Manager and Caseworker have both completed training on OISC levels 1 and 2 in both immigration and asylum & protection categories. Once the organisation completes the registration process, DYP staff will be able to undertake their assessments to be able to offer immigration advice to young people.

Key Achievements

Legal Assistance

3 young people and their relatives were supported in navigating complex legal issues; one was supported through a public sector inquest into the death of a love one and two others were provided with practical and emotional support in going through criminal justice proceedings.

We secured access to legal representatives for 12 individual young people who were in need of solicitors to process their asylum applications in the UK.

We assisted three young people in challenging negative age disputes.

Housing Support

We successfully supported 13 young people in securing stable housing in London.

Family Reunification

We secured solicitors for 11 young people seeking to initiate family reunification claims.

CASE STUDIES

**Please note all case studies have been anonymised in the interest of safeguarding young people who each consented to a brief summary of their cases being shared as part of this report.*

i. Young person (M)

M is a 15-year-old boy who approached DYP's casework team via our Tuesday evening Injera club. He had previously been placed with a foster carer in London but was moved to another area in the midlands under the National Transfer Scheme. He had been age disputed by his new social worker and experienced violence and discrimination at his new placement. He returned to London on his own and refused to return to the placement in question because he felt very unsafe there.

Following his age dispute M was forced to live on the streets, as social services would not support him given the fact that they claimed he was over 20 years old. We supported M to find a solicitor to challenge the age assessment outcome, which was said to be highly contentious by M's legal representative. This was subsequently withdrawn by the local authority. We were also able to find M a solicitor to complete his asylum claim. This took more than two months. We attended solicitor appointments with M and ensured he was able to complete his asylum claim safely and with extensive emotional support around him.

We sought further support for M with regards to his health and past experiences. Although M is still waiting for his asylum application decision and has been returned to the midlands in the interim, he is living safely with a caring foster family and is now looked after by social services and has an advocate in his local area who works with him to ensure he receives adequate support from social care.

We are proud to be able to see that we saw M through an exceptionally difficult time and ensured he had a roof over his head and was well on his way to accessing secure refugee status. This was a very long process and a challenging case but we are delighted to know that M is living with a kind family and is able to be safe, taken care of and crucially, has been recognised as a child and can access provisions to enable him to enjoy his childhood. M keeps in touch with DYP and has said he would like to come back and visit Injera club once he has secure status and is a little more settled.

ii. Young person (S)



Successful family reunion: Two young siblings united with their older brother in the UK, August 2023

One of the remarkable success stories this year involves a young man who faced significant distress due to his siblings being stranded in Sudan. These siblings, very young and without an adult to care for them, were in a vulnerable situation, causing the young person immense worry about their wellbeing and safety.

A regular attendee of our youth club, this young man approached us at the Injera Club a year ago to express the severe stress he was experiencing and to request our assistance in reuniting with his two younger siblings. Understanding the urgency and importance of his situation, we promptly connected him with lawyers who could assist in the process.

After a long and challenging journey, we are pleased to report that earlier this year, he was successfully reunited with both of his siblings. The two siblings have since adjusted well to their new environment and have both started school, marking a positive turn in their lives.

iii. **Young person (K)**

Our casework team worked with a vulnerable young person who was dealing with multiple incidents, mainly that he was severely attacked and left with major medical trauma as a result. On top of this, there were social services disputes alongside accessing appropriate housing.

We advocated for the replacement of his PA as the one he had was dismissive of his situation, not empathetic, and was unable to provide the care and support required or enable him to access appropriate care from other services.

We also supported him on a daily basis in terms of advocating for multiple services as issues were overlapping. This involved attending GP appointments, supporting with attending court dates and dealing with the investigation over the attack, which eventually had a positive outcome as his perpetrators were found guilty. We made referrals for Mentoring support with external service providers and the young person continued to engage positively with DYP.

POLICY & CAMPAIGNS

Overview

Our work extends beyond providing direct support and we are deeply committed to advocating for systemic change, particularly in the realm of healthcare access and accountability for asylum seekers and refugees. We continue to campaign for the rights of refugees, ensuring that their voices are heard and their dignity upheld, reflecting our ongoing commitment to challenging injustices within the system.

For the past two years, we have been supporting the family of a young man who tragically died in a mental hospital in Coventry. Our efforts have extended to assisting his family members in both Switzerland and Eritrea as they seek justice for his untimely death.

One of our key actions was to find a lawyer to help investigate the staff involved in his care and ensure they fulfilled their duty of care responsibilities. Despite our efforts and the thorough investigation, it was determined earlier this year that the police would not bring any criminal charges against those involved in his care.

Throughout this process, we have faced significant challenges, including navigating an unjust system and addressing the barriers refugees encounter in accessing adequate medical support. The young man who committed suicide in the hospital's care was not provided with basic services, such as an interpreter or support workers. This lack of communication likely led to misunderstandings and inappropriate treatment, contributing to the tragic outcome.

Preparation for the inquest proved to be a crucial step in understanding the circumstances surrounding the young man’s death and ensuring that the family’s quest for justice continues. This case underscores the critical need for policy reforms, as it also highlights the systemic failures that refugees often encounter in accessing adequate medical support.

While our immediate focus often involves addressing the critical gaps left by service providers and the state, we are determined not to merely "clean up the mess." Our ultimate goal is to drive systemic change that prevents these failures from occurring in the first place. We are deeply committed to advocating for policy reforms that protect and empower young asylum seekers and refugees. In our efforts to raise awareness and advocate for change, we spoke to the BBC about this case and the broader issues affecting young asylum seekers. By sharing these stories through media channels, we aim to elevate the conversation and push for the necessary reforms to prevent such tragedies in the future.

As we look to the future, we are eager to expand our capacity in this area, working strategically to influence policies and practices that ensure fair treatment and adequate support for all young people in need. This is not just a vision, but a priority that we are determined to develop as our organisation grows.

YOUTH MENTORING SERVICE

As Da'aro Youth Project is growing, we have recognised the need for an additional service to support young people - a Youth Mentoring project. This project was discussed in early 2024, with a projected partnership across 3 organisations, with funding from Lambeth Council.

The idea of this project is for support to be provided through a 1-1 model, helping young people with a diverse range of needs that can enhance their daily life. This could include enrolling into college, engaging with more social activities, developing new skills and hobbies, CV writing, applying for jobs and more.

As we look towards the future, we envision a project in which a Youth Mentoring Lead will develop this new service, leading on 1-1 work with young people to develop a positive support system and set goals for each young person. The Youth Mentoring Lead will assess the needs of young people and provide both internal and external support where suitable, including referrals to external organisations to grow the young person's support network. For example, a young person looking to join a football club may initially be encouraged to attend our weekly football sessions at Injera Club, and then also supported into finding an external club.

This project will work alongside our other services, including casework, activities and youth clubs. The Youth Mentoring Lead will develop rapport with young people being supported and ensure that they are holistically supported by DYP. For example, young people looking to meet new friends through social activities will be encouraged to attend youth clubs but could also be put forward for trips that DYP runs, in coordination with our Youth Activity Lead.

This project will also be supported by volunteer mentors. Volunteer mentors will be provided with mentoring training, and then matched with young people to support, based on the volunteer's skills and the young person's needs. For example, a volunteer may support a young person to complete an online registration for a library, during Injera Club.

Much of the face-to-face mentoring may happen at our youth clubs, but the Youth Mentoring Lead will also facilitate outreach work where appropriate.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF DA'ARO YOUTH PROJECT

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

I report on the accounts for the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5) (b); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements have not been met;

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act ,or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Name: Dunstanette Kuti FCCA **Date**: 11/10/2024

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Financial Statements

DA'ARO YOUTH PROJECT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income:					
Charitable Activities	2	104,952	298,181	403,133	173,833
Investments	3	-	-	-	-
Total Income		104,952	298,181	403,133	173,833
Expenditure:					
Charitable Activities	4	20,296	167,946	188,242	164,050
Total Expenditure		20,296	167,946	188,242	164,050
Net Income / (expenditure)		84,656	130,235	214,891	9,783
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		84,656	130,235	214,891	9,783
Total Funds brought forward		41,462	17,430	58,892	49,109
Total Funds carried forward		**126,118**	**147,665**	**273,783**	**58,892**

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

DA'ARO YOUTH PROJECT

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31st March 2024

	Note	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Office Equipment			-		-
Current assets					
Debtors and receivable	**8**	1,749		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		318,730		82,102	
		320,479		82,102	
Current liabilities					
Deferred income	**9**	40,410		18,589	
Amounts falling due within one year	**10**	6,286		4,621	
		46,696		23,210	
Net current assets			273,783		58,892
Net assets			**273,783**		**58,892**
Funds					
Restricted Funds			147,665		17,430
Unrestricted Funds			126,118		41,462
	11		**273,783**		**58,892**

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on and were signed on its behalf by:

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Accounting Conventions

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

b) Fund Accounting

Restricted Funds are those received which have been earmarked for a special purpose by the donor.
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

c) Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.
Voluntary income is received by way of grants and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the Charity, are recognised when the Charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
Activities for generating funds consist of room hire and are accounted for on a receivable basis. Surplus funds are invested in a bank deposit account to earn interest. Interest received is included when receivable. Interest is credited to the unrestricted fund to offset overheads.
Incoming resources from the charitable activities consists of grants, which are related to performance and are accounted for as the Charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Other sources of Incoming resources from the charitable activities consist of fees and Cafe takings accounted for on a receivable basis.

d) Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Cost of generating funds comprises the costs associated with attracting future Income.
Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and include the Independent Examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity.
Costs are allocated to charitable activities and the Community Centre on the basis of usage. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, other overheads are apportioned on an appropriate basis see note.

e) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities include grants made during the year.

f) Incoming resources

Incoming resources are included gross on a receivable basis. There are no deferred incoming resources.

g) Investment income

Investment income is included in the statement of financial activities on an accrual basis.

h) Accounting basis

The accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis,

2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024 Unrestricted	2024 Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Grants received	51,373	298,181	349,554	154,021
Donations	49,267	-	49,267	19,316
Other Income	4,312	-	4,312	496
	104,952	298,181	403,133	173,833

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	£			£
Restricted funds:				
Choose Love	-	91,666	91,666	73,334
City Bridge	-	14,720	14,720	-
Community Lottery Fund	-	84,114	84,114	-
Ground work London Mayor	-	54,000	54,000	-
Lambeth DfE	-	51,932	51,932	-
The Phonix Fund -	-	1,749	1,749	-
Unrestricted funds:				
Blue Thread	29,423	-	29,423	80,687
ABCT AB Charitable TS	3,617	-	3,617	-
Dragons Den Money4You	10,000	-	10,000	-
LLoyds Bank Foundation	8,333	-	8,333	-
	51,373	298,181	349,554	154,021

3 INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	-	-

4 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Bookkeeping And Accounts	2,095	-	2,095	-
Freelance Workers	-	3,523	3,523	-
Fundraising	3,463	-	3,463	96
Independent Examiner Fees	1,010	-	1,010	910
Injera Club Food and Delivery	-	20,146	20,146	11,268
Insurances	261	-	261	261
IT Equipment	-	1,481	1,481	2,181
KYC Rent	-	6,420	6,420	5,222
Materials and Equipment	4,006	-	4,006	271
Miscellaneous Costs	450	-	450	679
Office Rent	-	6,732	6,732	14,508
Other Interest	-	-	-	161
Payroll Expense	-	578	578	422
Professional fees	1,557	-	1,557	3,216
Refreshments	-	470	470	-
Staff Costs (note 7)	-	124,392	124,392	112,197
Staff Recruitment	2,100	-	2,100	1,491
Staff Training and Supervision	-	1,444	1,444	4,232
Staff Travel and Expense	-	2,269	2,269	953
Stationery, Postage and Printing	38	-	38	313
Telephone	1,696	-	1,696	1,915
Volunteer Costs	469	-	469	841
Young Person Direct Support	3,151	-	3,151	2,521
Youth Activities	-	491	491	389
	20,296	167,946	188,242	164,050

5 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Legal and professional fees	1,557	3,216
Independent Examiner's Fees	1,010	910
	2,567	4,126

6 NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent Examiner's Fees	1,010	910

7 STAFF COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Salaries	116,211	105,805
ER's NIC	5,724	4,276
ER's Pensions	2,457	2,117
	124,392	112,197

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

2024	2023
8	5

The number of employees whose emoluments fell within the following bands was:

	2024	2023
£60,001 - £70,000	Nil	Nil

8 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Accrued Income	1,749	-
	1,749	-

9 DEFERRED INCOME

	2024 £	2023 £
Restricted Grants:		
Choose Love	-	16,666
City Bridge	7,360	-
Unrestricted Grants:		
Blue Thread	-	1,923
ABCT AB Charitable TS	16,383	-
Lloyds Bank Foundation	16,667	-
	40,410	18,589

10 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Taxation and Social Security	2,479	3,413
Pensions payable	827	298
Payroll Control	(125)	-
Accruals	3,105	910
	6,286	4,621

11 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 31.3.23 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	41,462	104,952	(20,296)	-	126,119
Restricted funds					
Balance B/fwd	27,463	-	-	-	27,463
Choose Love	(10,033)	91,666	(51,629)	-	30,004
City Bridge	-	14,720	(8,291)	-	6,429
Community Lottery Fund	-	84,114	(47,376)	-	36,738
Groundwork London Mayor	-	54,000	(30,415)	-	23,585
Lambeth DfE	-	51,932	(29,250)	-	22,682
The Phoenix Fund -	-	1,749	(985)	-	764
	-			-	-
	17,430	298,181	(167,946)	-	147,665
TOTAL FUNDS	58,892	403,133	(188,242)	-	273,784

TRUSTEES

Governance And Management

Board of trustees at Da'aro Youth Project:

Full name of trustee	Position
Sarah Akberet Robson	Director
Dr Yohannes Teklu Bahru	Chair of Trustees
Dr Mikal Woldu	Trustee
Tigist Kinfe	Trustee
Adonay Berhe	Trustee
Yordanos Tesfa Feseha	Treasurer
Amel Hamilton	Trustee
Nardos Yemane	Trustee
Yacob Woldehiwot	Trustee
Dr Elaine Chase	Secretary of Trustees
Futsum Kahsa	Trustee
Aron Zerezghi	Trustee

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Public benefit

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In considering our key objectives, the Trustees have taken into account the following factors:
The profile, numbers and needs of asylum-seeking and refugee young people from the Horn of Africa who are at risk in the local area.
The provision of accessible, specialist services available to the people we work with within our local area and the gaps in provision.
External factors such as changes in national and local government policies and procedures.
Feedback from all our stakeholders.

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees.

Dr Yohannes Bahru:..... Date: 15 October 2024

Dr Elaine Chase ..... Date: 15 October 2024

THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS

As we reflect on the achievements and challenges of the past year, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our funders whose generous support makes our work possible. Your commitment enables us to continue providing essential services, advocating for systemic change, and supporting young unaccompanied asylum seekers and refugees through their most difficult times.

Thank you for standing with us and for investing in the future of these young people. Together, we are making a meaningful difference.

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DA'ARO YOUTH PROJECT

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Accounts

DA'ARO YOUTH ANNUAL REPORT 2022 2023

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Foreword from our Chair of trustees

The UK has been welcoming generations of asylum seekers from East Africa for a very long time. What makes the Da'aro Youth Project (DYP) services unique is our dedication to young, unaccompanied asylum seekers who have endured harrowing journeys to reach the UK; unimaginable emotional and physical trauma. They have lost everything; their dignity, their identity, and everything else they hold dear. Having survived the untold trauma, a lot of them faced after arriving here unparalleled misery and rejection on multiple levels. These pushed some of them to tragically end their life, the great majority of whom were Eritreans. Galvanised by these tragic stories, about thirty mothers from the Eritrean community in south London sprang into action and laid the founding cornerstone of DYP in 2018.

Dehab Woldu and Benny Hunter built on this foundation and created DYP as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in the same year. We owe a debt of gratitude to the many mothers who took that first step and to both Dehab and Benny who have jointly made possible the success DYP continues to enjoy to this day. Behind every success are the devotion and zeal of our volunteers without their help our success would not have been possible. Thank you for all your selfless sacrifices. Thank you to all our staff who have endured the tough and rough side of the work that brought the success we are all proud of.

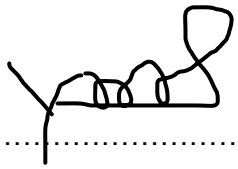
Da'aro (Sycamore) is a giant tree that holds a distinct and an important status in the Eritrean landscape and way of life. Its majestic branches adorned by its broad evergreen leaves outstretch to shield and protect the community from the burning sunlight. It serves as a focal point where people gather to give or receive justice, a place where the young and the not so young come to tell and equally listen to folk stories, to laugh and play. Local people as well as birds enjoy its sweet fruit. DYP through its casework, advocacy advisory work and through,the Injera Club truly reflects that human spirit of loving and caring; giving as well as receiving help in equal measure. It forms a platform where young refugees and asylum seekers from Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia and Sudan gather for advice, help and support; where they meet friends and create a network of contacts. There are so many untold stories of family reunions and representations assisted by our team – too many to be listed here.

In the year 2022/23 we served 1673 traditional freshly-cooked hot meals to 249 youths at our weekly Injera Club. The club also provides several types of recreational games and it is a great joy to watch them enjoying these activities. Thank you to Fulham Football Club for their support in providing weekly indoor football training sessions during the club evenings as well as giving a tour of their football stadium to a group of our male and female youths. It's equally a great pleasure to see our youth play music and dance making the club a relaxing place where they can bury their sorrow and hardships however brief it might be.

The short history of DYP 2022/23 has been marked with great challenges and turbulence but through collective effort we have used this adversity to create new opportunities, thanks to the strategic planning, forward thinking and teamwork of our staff and the Trustees.

The financial and management advisory support of our funders has also played a key role in our successes. Appointing our current Youth Project Lead, Sarah Robson, strengthening the expertise of our board of trustees and eventually strengthening our financial standing are marks of our key achievements. This does not ignore the internal challenges we have encountered, the many emergency Trustees' meetings I have had to call. Words cannot express enough my gratitude to my fellow Trustees. You have given me unstintingly and

without hesitation your time and expertise whenever I needed it. Last but not least I would like to express my gratitude on behalf of DYP to all our supporters and our donors who trusted us with their donated money.



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Dr Yohannes Teklu Bahru, Chair

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY

TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Constitution

Da'aro Youth Project is a registered charity governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The charity number is 1189245.

Directors and Trustees

The directors of the charity are its trustees for the purposes of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees. All trustees are elected and confirmed in post at each Annual General Meetings. The trustees serving during the year and at the year end are as follows:

Dr Yohannes Teklu Bahru, Chair
Dr Elaine Chase PhD, Secretary
Petros Tesfai, Treasurer (until September 2023)
Nardos Yemane
Yacob Woldehiwot
Futsum Kahsa
Hadgu Kiflai (until July 2023)
Berhane Semere (until July 2023)
John Abraha (until July 2023)
Yordanos Tesfa Feseha, Treasurer (from September 2023)
Adonay Younas Berhe (from September 2023)
Tigist Kinfe (from September 2023
Amel Hamilton (from September 2023)
Aron Zerezghi (from September 2023)
Dr Mikal Woldu PhD (from October 2023)

Senior Management

Sarah Akberet Robson, Director

Registered Office and principal place of business

The Woodlawns Centre, 16 Leigham Court Road, London, SW16 2PJ

Independent Examiner

Dunstanette Kuti FCCA MCSI
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73-79 Oakhill Road
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Bankers

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Introduction

Da'aro Youth Project was established in 2018 by members of the Eritrean community in London in response to the deaths of a number of teenage Eritreans by suicide.

According to the Home Office, Eritreans and Ethiopians together were the largest nationality group of unaccompanied minors to arrive in the UK in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Sudanese minors were the largest nationality group to arrive in the UK in 2020. Eritreans were the third-largest nationality seeking asylum in the UK in 2021. Asylum-seeking children and young adults arrive here after traumatic journeys through the Sahara Desert, Libya, the Mediterranean Sea and after crossing borders in Europe, such as in Calais. Once here, young people often struggle to adapt to new lives separated from their families and find that navigating the complex asylum system can be stressful and traumatic. They face social isolation, discrimination and sometimes even hostility.

We aim to promote the wellbeing of these migrant young people living in the UK, through direct support and through advocating for changes to unfair and discriminatory systems which undermine their wellbeing.

Towards this aim, we currently run two projects for young asylum-seekers and refugees: a weekly youth club and casework support, both involving the Eritrean community in London. We also advocate on behalf of our community by campaigning on issues that affect them. We are particularly focused on issues that impact the mental health and wellbeing of unaccompanied young people.

Youth Activities

We run a weekly youth club in south London for 16-to-25-year-old unaccompanied asylum-seeking and refugee children and young people from the Horn of Africa: Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan and Somalia (and friends from other countries). At Injera Club, young people can socialise with others, play games, pool, table tennis, football and enjoy a home-cooked traditional Eritrean meal. We mark special occasions, birthdays and holidays (such as Eritrean Christmas) at Injera Club by holding extra special parties.

Injera Club is a social space and a safe space – an environment where young people can be themselves for a change away from the stress they have to deal with in their daily lives, where they can interact with their culture and food, and where they can speak to others in their own language. Through the work we do at Injera Club we are looking to build community, improve wellbeing and strengthen the resilience of the young people who attend. Many of our youngsters have suffered trauma during their journeys; they have found hostility after arriving in the UK; our club provides them with a happy, welcoming atmosphere where they begin their recovery. We don’t seek to replace or replicate the help provided by social services and other agencies; what we do is to help individuals holistically, under a single roof, to address their multiple areas of need and suffering.

Number of young people who attended Injera Club - 294 young people

1673 attendances and hot meals served

Average attendance per week across the last 6 months of the financial year - 42

Young people have told us consistently how vital Injera Club is to their life. When they are at the club their loneliness is banished and they feel relaxed, safe, and welcomed. One comment: “When I come to the Injera Club I look forward to eating traditional food and speaking in Tigrinya with the friends I have made.”

Youth Casework Service

Our Youth Casework Service was established in July 2021. The Youth Casework Service is trauma-informed, holistic and responsive to the needs that our community present with. Very often our service users first come forward to us whilst attending our weekly Injera Club; the supportive and relaxed club atmosphere provides them with the confidence to come forward and open up to us. The issues they struggle with could be to do with housing, education, immigration, health and mental health, and family reunion (separation from close family members who are in danger elsewhere in the world). Our caseworkers attend the club and after an initial appraisal of each person’s situation they arrange a fuller one-to-one meeting with one of the casework team.

Our history of supporting young people goes back to our first days, however, before we formalized our support into the Youth Casework Service. From the birth of DYP in 2018 until the end of the 2021 to 2022 financial year we supported in total 78 young people (between 16 and 25 years old) who needed 1-to-1 support, including with advocacy, advice, emotional support and referrals to specialist legal and other third-sector organisations. For those young people we worked on 138 issues (or we call them ‘cases’) – including immigration and asylum issues, social services disputes, housing and homelessness, health and mental health matters, family reunion cases and more. In the 2022 to 2023 financial year we have engaged with a further 59 young people, helping them with a further 88 issues. Only 14 of those issues had not been resolved by the end of the financial year.

We have built up excellent relationships with a wide range of organisations and professionals and this means we can skillfully and efficiently help young people to access specialist services – this includes law firms specialising in “outside of the rules” family reunion and complex immigration matters, community care law firms, homelessness organisations, counselling and mental health support organisations, mentoring and educational organisations and many more. We work hand-in-hand with social services, and advocate for young people when their voice isn't being heard.

Since being established in 2018, our organisation has supported:

16 young people including 5 in this financial year, dealing with criminal legal issues - by giving help access specialist legal support and support when attending court.

52 young people, 21 in this financial year dealing with the housing issue of homelessness by advocating making referrals and providing advice.

28 young people including 8 in this financial year are struggling to access mental and physical health care by enduring their voice and making referrals to support them.

13 young people 3 in this financial year who had been disbelieved about their age. By referring to children's services to legal support and providing other advice and support.

35 young people 2o in this financial year, dealing with an immigration or asylum matter. By making referrals to specialist legal support.

24 young people 14 in this financial year, in dispute with children's services by advocating making referrals and providing advice.

5 families who were navigating the inquest process after the death of a loved one by making referrals to specialist legal support and ensuring the voice of the family is heard.

Family Reunion

Da'aro Youth Project specialises in supporting complex family reunion work due to the skills of our caseworkers and the relationships we have built with legal organisations. By the end of the 2021 to 2022 financial year our organisation had supported 21 young people to begin the complex legal process for an 'outside of the rules' family reunion application and we had succeeded as part of this in bringing 3 lone children to the UK and reuniting them with their siblings; an older sibling of a man who was blinded; and a mother with her child. Each family reunion case has had a profound and lasting impact on a marginalised young person living alone in the UK. In the financial year 2022 to 2023 we took on a further two family reunion cases: a young mother with her child; and a 15-year-old boy left to die outside a church in Sudan at the hands of people-traffickers – we arranged for him to be reunited in the UK with his older brother, with the help of Islington Law Centre. Once again, or existing relationship with this legal firm was crucial in the success of this case. The scale of our success in these complex situations is particularly remarkable given what a small team we are.

Financial Reserves Policy

DYP is currently dependent on mainly grant funding to sustain its activities. This means that if there were to be a shortfall in grant funding level it is likely that DYP would have to close services.

To avoid closure if funding difficulties were to happen the Trustee Board has agreed to keep a certain level of financial reserves to ensure that main operations can continue for a period of 3 months minimum.

The main concerns of the Trustee Board are to ensure:

•that staff can continue working, primarily to secure new funding

•that clients are supported to move on to other services

Reserves will be built up from unrestricted income.

Thanks

Thank you to everyone who donated and fundraised for us in 2022 – 2023. Every one-off contribution, donation to a fundraiser, and monthly contributor, has allowed us to grow month on month and continue to support the young people that we support.

We are very grateful to our major funders, without which we couldn't do the work that we do: Choose Love, Manpin Foundation, Do It Now Now, The Lloyds Foundation, Thread Ahead, Money 4 You, and The National Lottery Community Fund.

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Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above. **Dated approved by the trustee 24/01/2024**

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees.

Dr Yohannes Bahru:..... Date:24/1/24

Dr Elaine Chase ……:……Date:28/01/2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF DA'ARO YOUTH PROJECT

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

I report on the accounts for the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5) (b); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report
An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements have not been met;

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act ,or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Name: Dunstanette Kuti FCCA MCSI **Date:** 25th January, 2024

Position: Head of Finance
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DA'ARO YOUTH PROJECT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the year ended 31st March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income:					
Charitable Activities	2	100,499	73,334	173,833	102,949
Investments	3	-	-	-	-
Total Income		100,499	73,334	173,833	102,949
Expenditure:					
Charitable Activities	4	80,683	83,367	164,050	114,416
Total Expenditure		80,683	83,367	164,050	114,416
Net Income / (expenditure)		19,816	(10,033)	9,783	(11,467)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		19,816	(10,033)	9,783	(11,467)
Total Funds brought forward		21,646	27,463	49,109	60,575
B/F variance					
Total Funds carried forward		**41,462**	**17,430**	**58,892**	**49,109**

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

DA'ARO YOUTH PROJECT

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31st March 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors and receivable					
Prepayments					
Cash at bank and in hand		82,102		49,109	
		82,102		49,109	
Current liabilities					
Deferred income	**8**	18,589		-	
Amounts falling due within one year	**9**	4,621		-	
		23,210		-	
Net current assets			58,892		49,109
Net assets			**58,892**		**49,109**
Funds					
Restricted Funds			17,430		27,463
Unrestricted Funds			41,462		21,646
	10		**58,892**		**49,109**

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 24/01/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Dr Y Bahru

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Accounting Conventions

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

b) Fund Accounting

Restricted Funds are those received which have been earmarked for a special purpose by the donor.

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

c) Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the Charity, are recognised when the Charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Activities for generating funds consist of room hire and are accounted for on a receivable basis. Surplus funds are invested in a bank deposit account to earn interest. Interest received is included when receivable. Interest is credited to the unrestricted fund to offset overheads.

Incoming resources from the charitable activities consists of grants, which are related to performance and are accounted for as the Charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Other sources of Incoming resources from the charitable activities consist of fees and Cafe takings accounted for on a receivable basis.

d) Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Cost of generating funds comprises the costs associated with attracting future Income.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and include the Independent Examination fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity.

Costs are allocated to charitable activities and the Community Centre on the basis of usage. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, other overheads are apportioned on an appropriate basis see note.

e) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities include grants made during the year.

f) Incoming resources

Incoming resources are included gross on a receivable basis. There are no deferred incoming resources.

g) Investment income

Investment income is included in the statement of financial activities on an accrual basis.

h) Accounting basis

The accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis,

2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Grants received	80,687	73,334	154,021	88,429
Donations	19,316	-	19,316	14,234
Other Income	496	-	496	287
	100,499	73,334	173,833	102,949

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	£			£
Restricted funds:				
Choose Love	-	73,334	73,334	83,945
Unrestricted funds:				
Grants	80,687	-	80,687	4,484
	80,687	73,334	154,021	88,429

3 INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	-	-

4 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Freelance Workers	-	-	-	131
Salaries Incl. HMRC [Note 7]	68,007	44,190	112,197	54,272
Payroll	-	422	422	385
Staff Recruitment	1,491	-	1,491	1,115
Staff Travel and Expenses	-	953	953	3,302
Training and Supervision	-	4,232	4,232	1,489
Volunteer Costs	841	-	841	372
Insurances	261	-	261	261
Materials and equipment	271	-	271	871
Youth Activities	-	389	389	710
Injera Club Food and Delivery	-	11,268	11,268	6,584
Young Person Direct Support	2,521	-	2,521	416
KYC Rent	-	5,222	5,222	4,680
Office Rent	-	14,508	14,508	9,808
Professional Fees	3,216	-	3,216	-
Fundraising	96	-	96	318
IT Equipment and Software	-	2,181	2,181	6,006
Stationery, Postage and Printing	313	-	313	295
Telephone	1,915	-	1,915	961
Miscellaneous Costs	410	-	410	922
Attack Victim Expenses	-	-	-	21,518
VAT	269	-	269	-
HMRC -interest	161		161	
Independent Examiner Fees	910	-	910	-
	80,683	83,367	164,050	114,416

5 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Legal and professional fees	3,216	-
Independent Examiner's remuneration	910	-
	4,126	-

6 NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Independent Examiner's/Auditors' remuneration	910	-

7 STAFF COSTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries	105,805	54,658
ER's NIC	4,276	-
ER's Pensions	2,117	-
	112,197	54,658

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

2023	2022
5	3

The number of employees whose emoluments fell within the following bands was:

	2023	2022
£60,001 - £70,000	Nil	Nil

8 DEFERRED INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Restricted Grants:		
Choose Love	16,666	-
Unrestricted Grants:		
Blue Thread	1,923	-
	18,589	-

9 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Taxation and Social Security	3,413	-
Pensions creditors	298	-
Accruals	910	-
	4,621	-

10 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 31.3.22	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	21,646	100,499	(80,683)	-	41,462
Restricted funds					
Balance B/fwd	27,463	-	-	-	27,463
Choose Love	-	73,334	(83,367)	-	(10,033)
	27,463	73,334	(83,367)	-	17,430
TOTAL FUNDS	49,109	173,833	(164,049)	-	58,892

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MESSAGE FROM DEHAB

It has been a humbling and life changing experience to see the tremendous impact Da'aro Youth Project has made to so many young people over the past 4 years.

The project has gone from strength to strength with the unwavering support of all the donors, volunteers and staff who have helped us to raise the profile of the charity and increase our outreach.

There have been many exceptional moments during my time at Da'aro. Witnessing a teenager reunited with his mother after 8 years of separation and another reunited with his brother after 7 years makes all the effort extremely fulfilling.

It has been an honour and privilege to be part of Da'aro's incredible story and it's a cause very close to my heart.

I look forward to seeing the Charity continue to flourish and increase it's outreach.



Dehab Woldu
Founder and Operational Manager

OUR 2021-22 RESULTS

Our achievements at a glance, during the financial year 1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022:

250 Young People Reached

1200+ Hot Meals Served

81 New Cases Opened

14 Contributions in News and Media


Food Allergy?
Ask before you eat...



DA'ARO YOUTH

Da'aro Youth Project was established in 2018 by members of the Eritrean community in London in response to the deaths of a number of teenage Eritreans by suicide.

Eritreans and Ethiopians together were the largest nationality group of unaccompanied minors to arrive in the UK in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Sudanese minors were the largest nationality group to arrive in the UK in 2020. Asylum-seeking children and young adults arrive here after traumatic journeys through the Sahara Desert, Libya, the Mediterranean Sea and after crossing borders in Europe, such as in Calais. Once here, young people often struggle to adapt to new lives separated from their families, and find that navigating the complex asylum system can be stressful and traumatic. They face social isolation, discrimination and sometimes even hostility.

We aim to promote the wellbeing of these migrant young people living in the UK, through direct support and through advocating for changes to unfair and discriminatory systems which undermine their wellbeing.

Towards this aim, we currently run two projects for young asylum-seekers and refugees: a weekly youth club and casework support, both involving the Eritrean community in London. We are also advocate on behalf of our community by campaigning on issues that affect them. We are particularly focused on issues that impact the mental health and wellbeing of unaccompanied young people.

INJERA CLUB

We run a weekly youth club in south London for 14-to-21-year-old unaccompanied asylum-seeking and refugee children and young people from the Horn of Africa: Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan and Somalia (and their friends). At **Injera Club**, young people can socialise with others, play games, pool, table tennis, football and to enjoy a home-cooked traditional Eritrean meal. We mark special occasions, birthdays and holidays (such as Eritrean Christmas) at Injera Club by throwing extra special parties.

Injera Club is a social space – an environment where young people can interact with their culture, food and speak to others in their own language. Through the work we do at Injera Club we are looking to build community, improve wellbeing and strengthen the resilience of the young people who attend.

Number of young people who attended injera club	250 young people.
Number of attendances / hot meals served	**1218 attendances and hot meals served.**
Average attendance per week across the last 6 months of the financial year	38 young people.

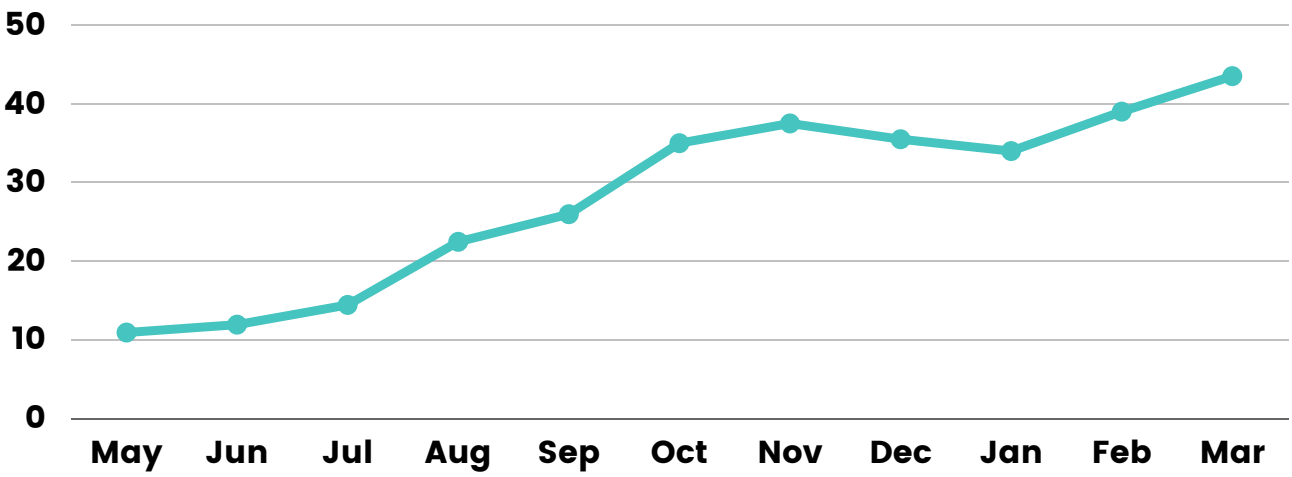
Injera Club closed during periods of national lockdown due to Covid-19.

We then re-opened in May 2021.

Since re-opening, we have seen a gradual increase, month by month, on the number of young people who attended injera club each week.

Weekly Average Attendance 2021-22

How many young people attended injera club each week, on average?



Young people have commented on how important socialising with their friends at injera club is and also mixing with older persons from their community. One said: "When I get injera, it feels like I am having dinner with my mum."





YOUTH CASEWORK SERVICE

Our Youth Casework Service was established in July 2021. The Youth Casework Service is trauma-informed, holistic and responsive to the needs that our community present with. Young people who attend our weekly youth club with an issue can approach our youth caseworker. They are then triaged within our team and invited to attend a face-to-face meeting with the allocated caseworker.

Since we were established in 2018, in total we have supported **78 young people** (between 14 and 21 years old) who needed 1-to-1 support, including with advocacy, advice, emotional support and referrals to specialist legal and other third-sector organisations.

For those young people **we have worked on 138 issues** (or we call them 'cases') – including immigration and asylum issues, social services disputes, housing and homelessness, health and mental health matters, family reunion cases and more. Of this number, we started working on **81 of these issues** during the 2021-22 financial year.

We have been able to refer many of these young people to specialist legal and third-sector support, thanks to our connections with those organisations – this includes law firms specialising in "outside of the rules" family reunion and complex immigration matters, community care law firms, homelessness organisations, counselling and mental health support orgs, mentoring and educational organisations and many more. We work hand-in-hand with social services, and advocate for young people when their voice isn't being heard.

Of that 138 cases, 90 cases have now been resolved and have been closed and 48 cases are still ongoing and are still currently being worked on.

Since being established in 2018, our organisation has supported:

No.	Issue	Support Offered
11 young people	dealing with a criminal legal issue	by giving help to access specialist legal support and supporting when attending court.
31 young people	dealing with a housing issue or homelessness	by advocating, making referrals and providing advice.
20 young people	struggling to access mental and physical health care	by ensuring their voice is heard and making referrals to support.
10 young people	who had been disbelieved about their age	by referring to children's services, to legal support and providing other advice and support.
15 young people	dealing with an immigration or asylum matter	by making referrals to specialist legal support.
10 young people	in dispute with children's services	by advocating, making referrals and providing advice.
5 families	who were navigating the inquest process after the death of a loved one	by making referrals to specialist legal support and ensuring the voice of the family is heard.


KNIGHTS YOUTH CENTRE
Social Distancing Measures in Place
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FAMILY REUNION

Da'aro Youth Project specialises in supporting complex family reunion work due to the skills of our caseworkers and the relationships we have built with legal organisations. Our organisation has supported **21 young people to begin the complex legal process for an 'outside of the rules' family reunion application.** We have been successful in bringing to the UK and reuniting 3 lone children with their siblings; an older sibling of a man who was blinded; and a mother with her child, so far. Each family reunion case has had a profound and lasting impact on a marginalised young person living alone in the UK. An example of this Arun* (name changed) who we began working with on a family reunion application in 2019. We supported this young person to attend appointments with his solicitor, ensuring his voice was heard, and ensured his case was progressing. When the Home Office refused the application, we provided the solicitors with statements and additional evidence to prove the need of the young person at appeal. In 2022 Arun's mother arrived at Heathrow airport. They were reunited after 8 years of separation and now live together in North West London.



POLICY & CAMPAIGNS

We've been campaigning on issues that impact negatively on unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people - fighting against the erosion of their rights and for a better settlement for young people who seek safety in the UK.

01

Letter

In July 2021 we wrote to the government with the support of 46 other organisations, raising the alarm about deaths by suicide amongst young refugees.

02

Voice in media

We've been a voice for unaccompanied young people in press and media (incl. BBC News, Guardian, Independent and Financial Times), speaking out on issues that affect them.

03

Cross-sector work

We've been supporting the work of the Refugee and Migrant Children's Consortium, actively leading on mental health policy work.

04

Parliamentary work

We've worked with parliamentarians to raise issues in parliament, including supporting an amendment to the Borders Bill, and speaking out against changes to age assessment process.



Refugees

Alex, Filmon, Mulue and Osman thought they were safe in Britain. So why did the teenage friends take their own lives?

After perilous journeys fleeing human rights abuse in Eritrea, the four boys had arrived safely in the UK. Yet in the space of 16 months they were all dead. What went wrong?



Amelia Gentleman

@ameliagentleman

Wed 23 Feb 2022 10.00 GMT



Clockwise from left: Alexander Tekle, Osman Ahmed Nur, Mulubrhane Medhane Kfleyosus and Filmon Yemane. Composite: Guardian Design; Courtesy of Benny Hunter

For a while, the four teenage boys, Alex, Filmon, Osman and Mulue, did a reasonably good job of looking after each other. Filmon and Mulue had met in Eritrea before they embarked on their long, dangerous journey to Britain; the others became friends en route or in London, in a park near a Home Office registration centre for unaccompanied child refugees. Their similar backgrounds drew them together, as did the shared experience of travelling 3,300 miles in search of safety.

We've been a voice for young asylum-seekers and refugees in the Guardian and on BBC News

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Are asylum suicides an unfolding national tragedy?

11 October 2021



Henok Zaid Gebrsslasie arrived in Coventry in May 2020

After fleeing his native Eritrea as a child and living for years as a refugee, Henok Zaid Gebrsslasie hoped to make a life for himself in the UK. Aged 23, he was found dead at a mental health facility in Coventry, West Midlands, and is thought to have taken his own life. His death is one of a growing number among young asylum seekers which a charity said could just be the "tip of the iceberg".

TEAM DA'ARO YOUTH

In 2021/22, our team grew from two staff to four staff. We welcomed two new staff members as part of our new Youth Casework Service: **Sarah Akberet Robson** and **Ibtisam Adem** joined us as Youth Caseworkers, both working part-time. They join **Benny Hunter** as Project Coordinator and **Dehab Woldu** as Operational Manager.

We continue to be thankful to our incredible volunteers for their patience and hard work. That includes our youth work volunteers who helped out during the last year: **Mikal, Aden, Adonay, Aron, Desta, Geordie, Jessica, Miheret, Simon, Yohana, Yordanos and Yorsalem** – and our kitchen support who was busy preparing yummy food: Freweyne.

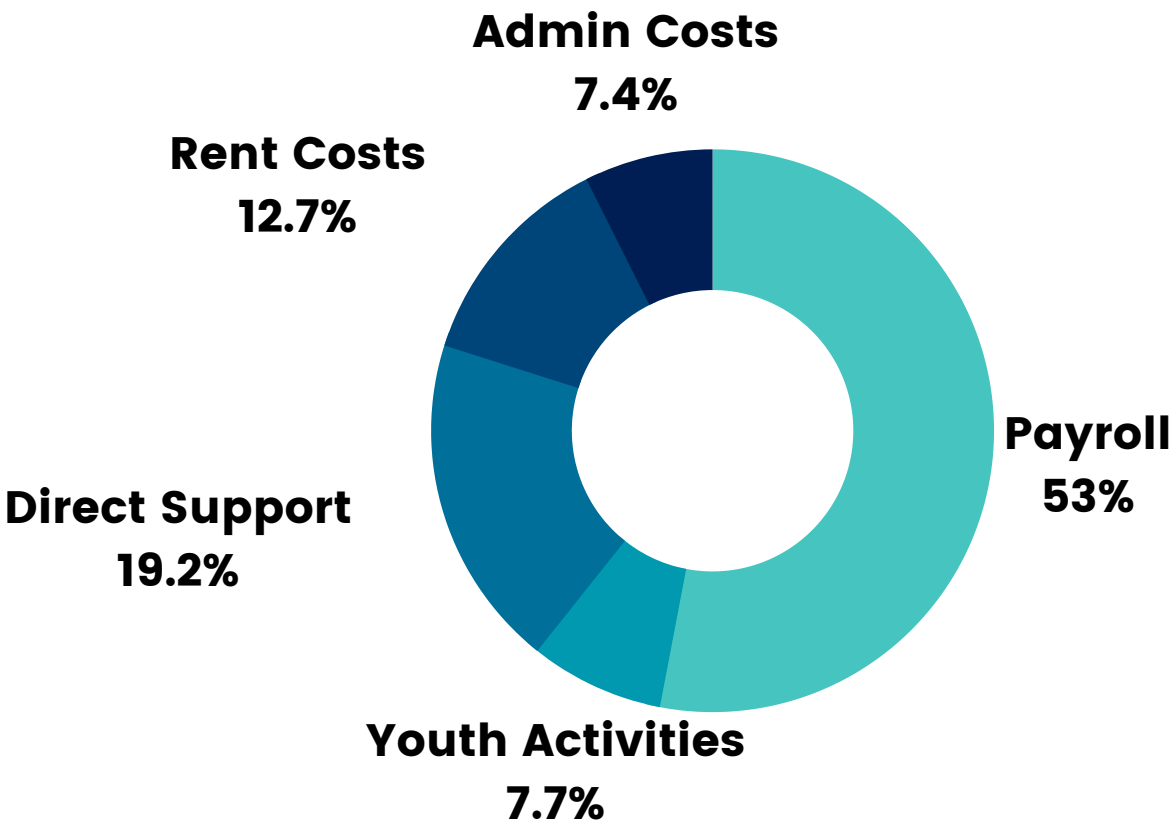
We're so hugely thankful to the community members who have brought food or otherwise helped in whatever way to make Injera Club a success.

We welcomed seven new trustees to the board during this year, bringing our total to nine trustees.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

What we spent money on in 2021-22



In the year ended 31st March 2022, our total income from donations and grants was £102,943.

Expenditure during that same period was £114,340.

Reserves at the end of the financial year are £49,178. This amounts to £21,715 in unrestricted reserves and £27,463 in restricted reserves, consisting of 3 restricted funds.

Reserves Policy

DYP is currently dependent on mainly grant funding to sustain its activities. This means that if there were to be a shortfall in grant funding level it is likely that DYP would have to close services.

To avoid closure if funding difficulties were to happen the Trustee Board has agreed to keep a certain level of financial reserves to ensure that main operations can continue for a period of 3 months minimum.

The main concerns of the Trustee Board are to ensure:

- that staff can continue working, primarily to secure new funding
- that clients are supported to move on to other services

Reserves will be built up from unrestricted income.

THANKS

Thank you to everyone who donated and fundraised for us in 2021 – 2022. Every one off contribution, donation to a fundraiser, and monthly contributor, has allowed us to grow month on month and continue to support the young people that we support.

We are very grateful to our major funders, without which we couldn't do the work that we do: Choose Love, Manpin Foundation, Do It Now Now and The National Lottery Community Fund.

TRUSTEES

During the period 2021/22 period the following persons were trustees:

John **Abraha**		Appointed as trustee on 8th April 2021
Yohannes **Bahru**		Appointed as trustee on 20th September 2021
Elaine **Chase**	(Secretary)	Appointed as trustee on 28th March 2020
Futsum **Kahsa**	(Chair)	Appointed as trustee on 28th March 2020
Hadgu **Kiflai**		Appointed as trustee on 8th April 2021
Berhane **Semere**		Appointed as trustee on 8th April 2021
Petros **Tesfai**	(Treasurer)	Appointed as trustee on 8th April 2021
Yacob **Woldehiwot**		Appointed as trustee on 8th April 2021
Nardos **Yemane**		Appointed as trustee on 8th April 2021

Governance and Management

Da'aro Youth Project is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Our governing document is a 'constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees'.

There must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee. The maximum number of charity trustees is 12. The charity trustees may not appoint any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum. The majority of trustees must be people who claim Eritrean heritage.

At every annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, he or she shall retire. The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot; The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting.

The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed, or as an additional charity trustee, provided that the limit on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded; A person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting after the date of his or her appointment, and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting.

All of our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the benefit of the public. The Trustees have had regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

c/o Streatham Space Project,
Sternhold Avenue,
London,
SW2 4PA

info@daaroyouth.org.uk

Charity No. 1189245

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Da'aro Youth Project	1189245

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1st April 2021		31st March 2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Grants	4,484	83,945	-	88,429
Donations	14,234	-	-	14,234
Fundraiser for Victim of Acid Attack	-	-	-	-
Refunds	281	-	-	281
Sub total*(Gross income for AR)*	18,999	83,945	-	102,943
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	18,999	83,945	-	102,943
A3 Payments				
Freelance Workers	-	131	-	130.65
Salaries incl. HMRC	-	54,272	-	54272.30
Payroll Expenditure	-	385	-	385.20
Staff Recruitment	1,115	-	-	1115.00
Staff Travel and Expenses	-	3,302	-	3302.39
Training and Supervision	-	1,489	-	1488.80
Volunteer Costs	372	-	-	372.45
Insurance	261	-	-	260.94
Materials and Equipment	-	867	-	866.97

Youth Activities	-	710	-	709.70
Youth Club Food and Delivery Costs	6,584	-	-	6584.44
Young Person Direct Support	416	-	-	415.76
Youth Club Rent	-	4,680	-	4679.94
Office Rent	-	9,808	-	9807.60
Fundraising	318	-	-	318.25
IT Equipment	-	6,006	-	6006.25
Stationery, Postage and Printing	-	295	-	294.62
Telephone	961	-	-	960.80
Attack Victim Expenses	-	21,518	-	21517.52
Miscellaneous Costs	851	-	-	850.87
Refunds	-	-	-	0.00
			-	-
Sub total	10,879	103,462	-	114,340

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,879	103,462	-	114,340
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,120	- 19,517	-	- 11,397
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,595	46,980	-	60,575
Cash funds this year end	21,715	27,463	-	49,178

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Advice Project Funds	-	14,726

Injera Club Funds	-	8,216
Fundraiser for attack victim	-	-
Core Costs	21,715	4,521
Total cash funds	**21,715**	**27,463**
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
Printer	IT Equipment	175
Laptops	IT Equipment	1,689
Case Management System	IT Equipment	5,010

		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name

CC16a

[redacted]

Last year to the nearest £
60,810
6,041
21,892
55
88,798

-
-

88,798

9,885
10,891
140
169
879
1,763
597
254
647

184
8,036
751
853
-
96
2,195
101
325
920
87
-
-
38,774

-

38,774

50,024
-
10,551
60,575

Endowment funds

to nearest £

-

-
-
-
-

OK

Endowment funds

to nearest £

-
-
-
-
-
-

Current value (optional)

-
-
-
-
-

Current value (optional)

-
-
-

-
-
-
-
-
-

When due (optional)

Date of approval

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Da'aro Youth Project		
On accounts for the year ended	31st March 2022	**Charity no (if any)**	1189245
Set out on pages	1		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2022**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	Appiyah	**Date:**	25/10/2022
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DA'ARO YOUTH PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1189245

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020/21

FROM 28 APR 2020 - 31 MAR 2021



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FOREWARD

Dear Friends,

In late 2017, in response to the deaths by suicide of a number of Eritrean teenage asylum-seekers, our community came together to mourn. We saw the impact these deaths were having on other young people as well as the wider community – and felt compelled to help in any way possible. We had ideas on how to build a strong community response to offer these young people a sense of purpose and hope.

I was part of a group of community volunteers who met to further brainstorm ideas on what we could do to maximise the support and impact we could offer these young people arriving here alone from Eritrea. These community meetings led to the election of a trustee board for our project and offers of support from volunteers.

The trustees, volunteers and I were working full time jobs, but we were passionate about getting our project up and running and this is what kept us going despite the very long days. We met Ben and together, he and I had countless meetings on a Saturday morning in McDonald's and after work in Costa to bring together a plan of action.

Just as we felt the momentum was finally picking up, we lost another young person to suicide which was very hard for us all, especially for all his friends. This fuelled us further to act fast and formalise a youth club – our community gathering – which would come to be known as 'Injera Club', and we invited as many of the young people we had access to.

Our first Injera Club with the young people was held in the back garden of the South London Refugee Association (SLRA) in Summer 2018. I have to especially thank Celia and the SLRA team for all the support and guidance they have provided us since that first day. Then we were invited to open the youth club doors again at Knights Youth Centre in October 2018.

Witnessing the progress that has been made from inception to today makes me extremely proud. We have come a long way from some of our early sessions where we had no young people attend – just Ben and I sat in the youth centre alone – to a peak of 48 young people attending in one week.

We have helped over 300 young asylum-seekers find a safe space to meet and interact, to offer them a sense of community and family, and to help them understand that they are not alone. During the lockdown it has been especially difficult for these young people, living in isolation, but we have tried to offer them support over the phone and have managed to deliver over 350 homemade food packages to them, as well as protective masks and hand sanitisers.

In April 2020, we finally registered Da'aro Youth Project as a charity. It is a testament to all the hard work and commitment from the whole community in making this charity a success. I have no doubt Da'aro Youth Project will continue to grow from strength to strength and I would like to thank every single person that has supported our mission.

Thank you all for your continued support.

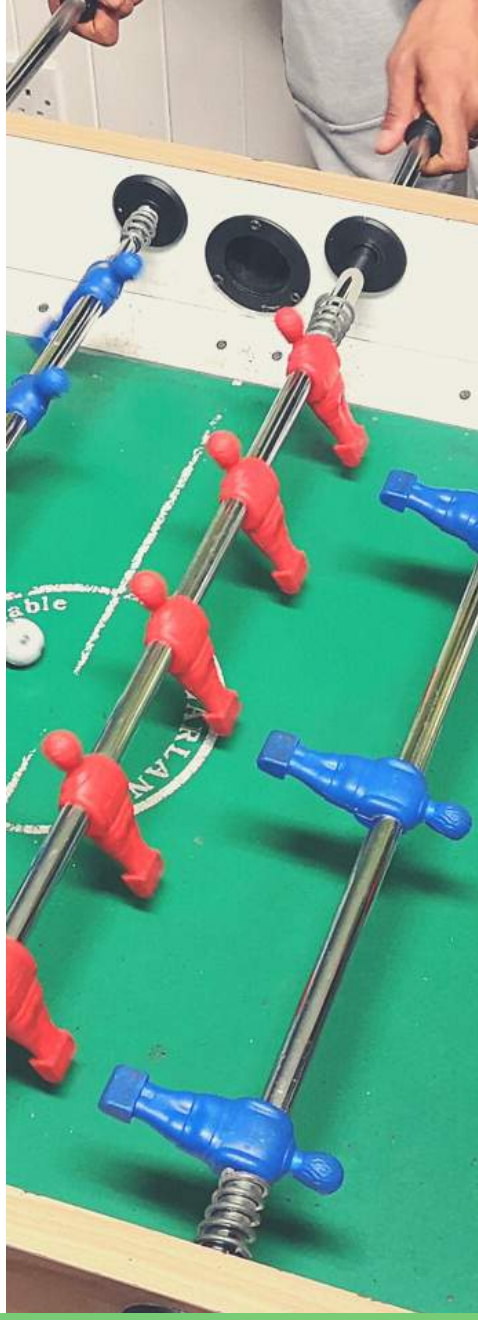


DEHAB WOLDU

Founder and Operational Manager

OUR 2020/21 RESULTS





200+

YOUNG PEOPLE REACHED

115+

ATTENDANCES OF INJERA CLUB PICNIC

27

NEW CASEWORK CASES OPENED

550

FOOD PARCELS DELIVERED

DA'ARO YOUTH

Da'aro Youth Project was established in 2018 by members of the Eritrean community in London in response to the deaths of a number of teenage Eritreans by suicide.

Eritreans and Ethiopians together were the largest nationality group of unaccompanied minors to arrive in the UK in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Asylum-seeking children and young adults arrive here after traumatic journeys through the Sahara Desert, Libya, the Mediterranean Sea and after crossing borders in Europe, such as in Calais. Once here, young people often struggle to adapt to new lives separated from their families, and find that navigating the complex asylum system can be stressful and traumatic. They face social isolation, discrimination and sometimes even hostility.

We aim to promote the wellbeing of these migrant young people living in the UK, through direct support, through building bridges in the Eritrean community and through advocating for changes to unfair and discriminatory systems which undermine their wellbeing. We believe that building sustainable relationships of trust and support within the Eritrean community is the best way to empower young people and enable them to overcome their marginalisation within society.





FIGURE 1.

Above: Our first Injera Club.

Below: Table football at Knights Youth Centre

INJERA CLUB

We run a weekly youth club in south London for 14-to-21-year-old unaccompanied asylum-seeking and refugee children and young people from the Horn of Africa: Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sudan and Somalia (and their friends). At Injera Club, young people are invited to socialise with others, play games, pool, table tennis, football and to enjoy a home-cooked traditional Eritrean meal. We mark special occasions, birthdays and holidays (such as Eritrean Christmas) at Injera Club by throwing extra special parties.

Injera Club is a social space - an environment where young people can interact with their **culture**, **food** and speak to others in their own language. Through the work we do at Injera Club we are looking to build **community**, improve wellbeing and strengthen the resilience of the young people who attend.



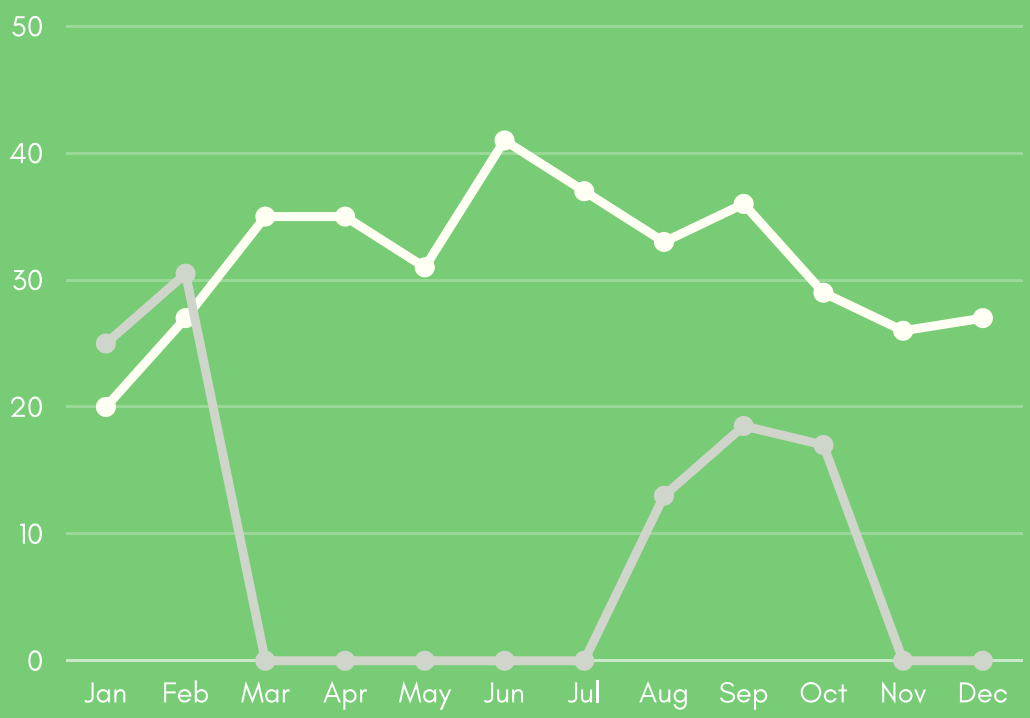


FIGURE 2.

Our average weekly attendances to Injera Club throughout 2019 (white) and during the months we could open in 2020 (grey).

We're thankful to Knights Youth Centre for allowing us use of their space in Streatham Hill - where we have access to kitchen facilities, recording booth and a sports hall.

During 2020/21, Injera Club was closed due to the Covid-19 lockdowns. However, we were able to hold **12 Covid-Safe Injera Club sessions**, outside in the park in South London during the Summer months of 2020.

A social worker told us about how important Injera Club was to the teenager she works with: "*He made a new friend, had fun, really connected with his community, and it gave him the boost he needs at the moment - his carer said he was like a different person the next day*!"

Young people have commented on how important socialising with their friends at injera club is and also mixing with older persons from their community. One said: "*When I get injera, it feels like I am having dinner with my mum*."



COVID-19

2020 has been a really tough year for everyone – but we feel especially that it has been difficult for newly arrived young asylum-seekers. Restrictions and lockdowns meant that throughout 2020 we were often unable to convene injera club, and had to find alternate means to reach young people and keep up support for them.

We gave out **clear information** about lockdown rules and health and safety in Tigrinya, Amharic, Arabic and in English to the young people we work with, via WhatsApp and phone.

We delivered approximately 550 **parcels of home-cooked food**, including injera and sauce, during periods of national lockdown, to help young people who are isolated to stay connected with their community and their culture. We also distributed hand sanitiser and face masks.

Our staff and volunteers made hundreds of **support calls** to the young people who regularly attend our project – we called everyone we had contact with at least once during each lockdown.

We undertook a **group trip** in the Summer 2020 to Guildford for a walk along the canal and bowling in the town centre – allowing everyone some time away from busy London. We're really looking forward to being able to do more trips when the pandemic is over.






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CASEWORK



Having built a community space that is trustworthy, we're thankful that young people who attend injera club feel like they can turn to us in a crisis. During 2020/21, we opened a casework file for **27 young people**, helping them to deal with a major difficulty by way of advocacy, referrals, support and guidance, helping young people to empower themselves as much as possible. In the same period, **13 already open cases were closed**, after resolving a casework issue.

Young people experience numerous difficulties after they arrive in the UK – stress in the asylum system, worries about age assessments and disputes with social services. They deal with these problems while being away from their families, their culture and their home. In the last two years, we have done what we can to support young people through these challenges.

advice →

advocacy →

referrals →

support →



We supported a number of young people undergoing a **mental health crisis**, including one young man who had made himself intentionally homeless and intended to cross back to France (we supported him by raising a safeguarding concern and gently encouraging him to seek help from social services and at A&E). We referred a number of people to counselling and attended psychiatric assessments with them. A large part of our support work involves emotional support to young people on a daily basis – and even more so during the Covid-19 pandemic.

We supported an increasing number of young people who had their given **ages disputed** by the Home Office or by a local authority Children's Service. Where we believed them to be children, we wrote supporting statements for use in their legal appeals. We tried to provide additional emotional support and assistance to those young people who are age disputed and end up in the NASS system for adult asylum-seekers, some of them sharing rooms with other adults or staying in hotels with no social or financial support. We supported one child who became homeless after a local authority age assessment found him to be an adult – we helped him to find somewhere safe to stay by referring him to Refugees at Home and attending a hosting with him, supported him when he was in NASS accommodation, and attended court to advocate on his behalf – the age assessment was later overturned by a judge and he was then brought back into care. He continues to attend our project.

We advocated on behalf of young people when they had a **dispute with social services** or with their accommodation providers about the level of support they were receiving. Where we couldn't find any easy resolution we helped refer young people to appropriate advocacy services and to community care solicitors.

Poor housing and homelessness continues to be an issue that affects the young people we work with. We supported a number of young people who had either become street homeless or destitute, or had fallen through the cracks of the system and were staying with friends. One young person we worked with was moved from a room with bed bugs (after months of pushing) only to then be housed in a room with water leaking from the ceiling. We made referrals to advocacy services and housing solicitors, and pushed social services and local authority housing departments to quickly resolve these housing issues.

There is currently no rule that allows for child refugees to apply for **reunification with their families**. The only option available is for young people to undertake a complex visa application. We supported seven young people with 'outside-of-the-rules' family reunification applications – four of which involved extensive casework, including referrals to solicitors, tens of visits to solicitors appointments, DNA appointments, psychiatric assessments, and writing detailed supporting statements. During these applications, young people are experiencing heightened stress and worry for the wellbeing of family members, including mums, dads, brothers and sisters in exile in France, Saudi Arabia, and in refugee camps in Ethiopia and Sudan. We continue to support most of these clients, including one teenage boy whose younger brother has been trapped by the civil war in Tigray.

We visited three young people in **hospital** – two who suffered serious injuries in traffic accidents, and one who had been the victim of a random attack. On each occasion we brought them food, gave them positive encouragement, and helped them to feel less alone and afraid.

We supported four young people with **criminal justice issues,** referring them to good criminal solicitors, writing supporting statements, attending court with them (sometimes on multiple occasions), liaising with support services and their solicitors, and visiting them in prison. Without their families to support them, the criminal justice system can be utterly overwhelming, and so we try to help these young people to navigate this stressful process and to know that everyone gets a second chance.

We made numerous other **referrals** to partner organisations, including charities like Young Roots, South London Refugee Association, Off the Record Counselling, the Baobab Centre, May Gardens Project, Victim Support, Breaking Barriers and more. Thank you to all our partners for your hard work.







FIGURE 3.

Above: An Injera Club trip out for dancing and dinner at Adulis restaurant.

Below: Eritrean Christmas time at Injera Club.

TEAM DA'ARO YOUTH

In 2020/21 our team expanded from mostly volunteers and one paid staff to include three members of staff working part-time. We hired our founder **Dehab Woldu** as Operational Manager, leading on managing injera club, case work and community organising. Dehab joins Da'aro Youth Project with decades of experience working with asylum-seeking young people and with a very strong connection to her community. **Benny Hunter** moved on from leading on youth work and is focusing just on being Project Coordinator, managing finance, fundraising, admin and communication. We brought on board our volunteer **Raheal Amare** as a Sessional Youth Worker, to assist Dehab with casework and running injera club.

We continue to be thankful to our incredible volunteers for their patience and hard work. That includes our youth work volunteers from the last two years: Ruby, Grace, Aden, Sienna, Geordie, Nahel and Mikal - and our kitchen volunteers, helping prepare yummy food: Nebiyat and Gnet. We're so hugely thankful to the community members who have brought food or otherwise helped in whatever way to make Injera Club a success.

We said goodbye to our treasurer **Bella Solomon** and welcomed a number of community members to the trustee board, joining us from 2021 onwards. Thanks also for the ongoing hard work of trustees **Futsum Kahsa** and **Elaine Chase.**

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



Thanks to our supporters and funders, who first put their faith in us as we embarked on this new project in 2018.

In the year ended 28 April 2020 – 31st March 2021, our total income from donations and grants was **£88,798.**

Expenditure during that same period was **£38,774.**

Reserves at the end of the financial year are **£60,575**. This amounts to **£13,595** in unrestricted reserves and **£46,980** in restricted reserves, consisting of 3 restricted funds.

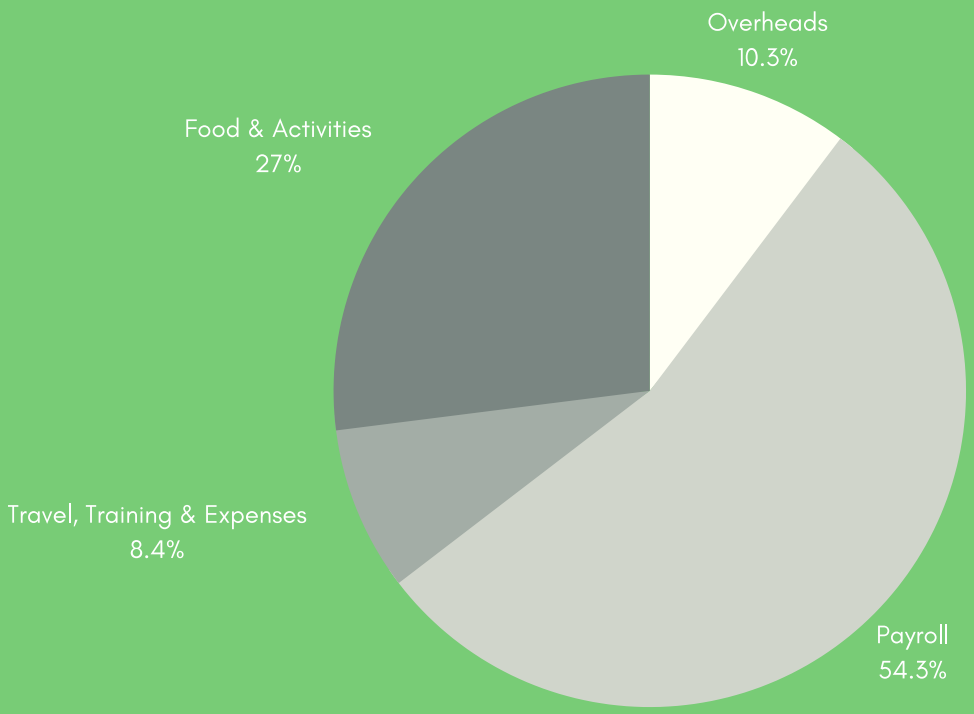


FIGURE 4.

What we spent money on in 2020/21.

Reserves Policy

DYP is currently dependent on mainly grant funding to sustain its activities. This means that if there were to be a shortfall in grant funding level it is likely that DYP would have to close services.

To avoid closure if funding difficulties were to happen the Trustee Board has agreed to keep a certain level of financial reserves to ensure that main operations can continue for a period of 3 months minimum.

The main concerns of the Trustee Board are to ensure:

- that staff can continue working, primarily to secure new funding
- that clients are supported to move on to other services

Reserves will be built up from unrestricted income.

THANKS

Thank you to everyone who donated and fundraised for us in 2020/21. Every one off contribution, donation to a fundraiser, and monthly contributor, has allowed us to grow month on month and continue to support the young people that we support.

We are very grateful to our funders, without which we couldn't do the work that we do: Choose Love, City Bridge Trust, Barrow Cadbury Trust, Manpin Foundation, London Community Response, Invesco Cares Foundation.

Governance and Management

Da'aro Youth Project is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Our governing document is a 'constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees'.

There must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees, or appoint a new charity trustee. The maximum number of charity trustees is 12. The charity trustees may not appointv any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum. The majority of trustees must be people who claim Eritrean heritage.

At every annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, he or she shall retire. The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot; The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting.

The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed, or as an additional charity trustee, provided that the limit on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded; A person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting after the date of his or her appointment, and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting.

TRUSTEES

During the period 2020/21, the following persons were trustees:

Dehab **Woldu**		Appointed as trustee on 28th March 2020 Resigned on 19th October 2020
Bella **Solomon**	(Treasurer)	Appointed as trustee on 28th March 2020 Resigned on 5th November 2020
Elaine **Chase**	(Secretary)	Appointed as trustee on 28th March 2020
Futsum **Kahsa**	(Chair)	Appointed as trustee on 28th March 2020

All of our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the benefit of the public. The Trustees have had regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Petros B Tesfai (Treasurer)

28/02/2022

Dr Y Bahru 01.03.22

Dr. Yohannes Bahru (Trustee)

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Charity No. 1189245

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Da'aro Youth Project	1189245

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	28th April 2020		31st March 2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	2,625	58,185	-	60,810	13,399
Donations	6,041	-	-	6,041	9,303
Fundraiser for Victim of Acid Attack	-	21,892	-	21,892	-
Refunds	55	-	-	55	38
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	8,721	80,077	-	88,798	22,740
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,721	80,077	-	88,798	22,740
A3 Payments					
Freelance Workers	-	9,885	-	9,885	3,150
Salaries incl. HMRC	-	10,891	-	10,891	-
Payroll Expenditure	-	140	-	140	-
Staff Recruitment	-	169	-	169	-
Staff Travel and Expenses	879	-	-	879	256
Training and Supervision	-	1,763	-	1,763	795
Volunteer Costs	597	-	-	597	1,086
Insurance	-	254	-	254	-
Materials and Equipment	647	-	-	647	100
Youth Activities	-	184	-	184	776

Youth Club Food and Delivery Costs	-	8,036	-	8,036	5,470
Young Person Direct Support	751	-	-	751	
Youth Club Rent	-	853	-	853	-
Office Rent	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	96	-	-	96	-
IT Equipment	2,195	-	-	2,195	110
Stationery, Postage and Printing	101	-	-	101	215
Telephone	325	-	-	325	187
Attack Victim Expenses	-	920	-	920	-
Miscellaneous Costs	87	-	-	87	130
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,677	33,096	-	38,774	12,275

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,677	33,096	-	38,774	12,275
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,044	46,980	-	50,024	10,465
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,551	-	-	10,551	86
Cash funds this year end	13,595	46,980	-	60,575	10,551

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Advice Project Funds	-	-	-
	Injera Club Funds	-	7,832	-
	Fundraiser for attack victim		20,971	

Core Costs	13,595	18,177	-
Total cash funds	**13,595**	**46,980**	**-**
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Printer	IT Equipment	175	-
Laptops	IT Equipment	1,126	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
E. Chase	Elaine Chase	16/02/2022
	Petros Tesfai	20/2/22