



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

WELCOME FROM CHAIR

Thank you for reading this Annual Report, which we hope reflects the value of the incredible work done by Marian and her team at Dost during 2020 and 2021. We also hope you will feel the enormous contribution that the young people bring to being part of Dost, and the resilience, friendship and shared successes that they enjoy through taking part in the wide range of activities and opportunities each week



Without experiencing the huge challenges that young refugees and migrants face, it is hard to imagine just how important the offer of support and safe spaces for learning, personal development and fun can be.

But the team at Dost work tirelessly to ensure that those young people do have opportunities to connect and to fulfil their potential and make new opportunities for themselves.

2021 has been, of course, another very challenging year. The lockdowns meant that Marian and the team had to continue to offer remote services; help with homework; pastoral support; online exercise/art/creative classes and ensure there was somewhere for the young people to turn to even when physical connection wasn't possible.

And gradually as restrictions ended we could return to helping those young people safely readjust to activities, outdoors at first and then gradually in indoor spaces to do sport, arts, learning, outdoor adventure and skills building together.

The pandemic may have changed many things - but the pressures that force people to leave their country and seek refuge in the UK and other places are just as strong as ever.



Marian and the team have ensured that Dost has always been able to offer a welcome place for young refugees: and as global conflict and disruption continue - most recently in Afghanistan, Dost has continued to play a vital role in supporting those who find themselves in a new country, uncertain and often alone.

As Trustees we feel very privileged to work with Marian and her team of staff and volunteers and to be part of the special place that Dost has for young refugees.

We are, as always, very grateful to all our funders/ partners for trusting in Dost and supporting our work and enabling us to fulfil our aims and our visions and in being able to continue to support so many young people. Thank you!

DOST CENTRE FOR YOUNG REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

Newham Leisure Centre

281 Prince Regent Lane

London

E13 8SD



ANNUAL REPORT 2021



2021 has been a busy one at Dost! We have continued to provide a service to many young people, both long term attenders and newly referred/ arrived young people.

Like everyone else, we started the year online, running English and Homework sessions and weekly Quiz nights with another group. We covered topics such as personal safety, drugs and alcohol, stop and search, relationships, immigration and general knowledge.

These were lively sessions, with lots of discussions and prizes!

ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES

In March, we started our face to face sessions again, which consisted of a diverse range of trips and leisure activities that included:

- Football and volleyball sessions delivered at various sites in East London, including a football tournament at Newham Powerleague where we invited two other Refugee Organisations to join in and a tournament at St George's Park, where we won the Cup!
- Canoeing trips to the Laburnum Boat Club with another Youth Project
- History tour of Central London and boat ride to Greenwich
- Day trips to Cambridge where we punted down the river and met with University students and to Brighton to play beach volleyball, lasertag, football and table tennis at the Brighton Table Tennis Club
- Swimming and fun on giant slides and inflatables at Parliament Hill Lido, Aquabounce and Coral Reef Waterworld
- Entertainment events - Radio 1 'Out Out Gig' at Wembley and a theatre trip to see Phosphoros performing a show about being a displaced person as well as a Pantomime to see Jack and the Beanstalk
- Adrenaline fueled activities including BMX'ing at the Olympic Velodrome, go-karting around a race track and trampolining.

Newham Leisure Centre reopened in July and we returned to our twice weekly sports sessions, with football, volleyball, table tennis, pool, badminton, basketball and cricket as well as satellite services from SHINE (Sexual Health Service).

We have continued to play weekly football at Newham Powerleague and continue to access football sessions by Tottenham FC and have restarted our weekly sessions at Decathlon.

In October, we opened our English/ Homework sessions at Custom House Library and these have been proving very popular and a hugely vital resource for our young people.

We also have provided 4 residentials including 3 to Wey Island Trust for a total of 10 days. There we did activities such as canoeing, raft-building, tie-dying, BBQ's, camp fires, cooking, baking, photography / film making, bingo nights, a stop and search workshop with the Police and lots of general fun and group bonding!

We also brought a large group of young people to the OSH 5 day residential where we took part in African drumming, workshops on community, identity and leadership, talent nights, dancing and lots of games and arts! A group of past Dost attendees also led as Leaders on this years camp and did a great job!

Seven young people completed the Street Soccer, 10 week training course focused around football and personal development and another eight are currently attending the next programme.

Thanks to London Sport, we managed to buy 14 bikes for some of the young people struggling during lockdown and also managed to get bikes for some others through the Bike Project and then did cycle trips.

Our challenges are around staffing, volunteers and the ever increasing demand on our services as more young people arrive or attend and the ever increasing problem of young people being age-assessed and placed in inappropriate adult accommodation often with no access to education or financial support, who need our service more than ever but present with numerous needs and in need of extra support.

DOST CENTRE FOR YOUNG REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

Newham Leisure Centre
281 Prince Regent Lane
London
E13 8SD



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

YOUNG PEOPLE

YOUNG PEOPLE FROM 44 COUNTRIES

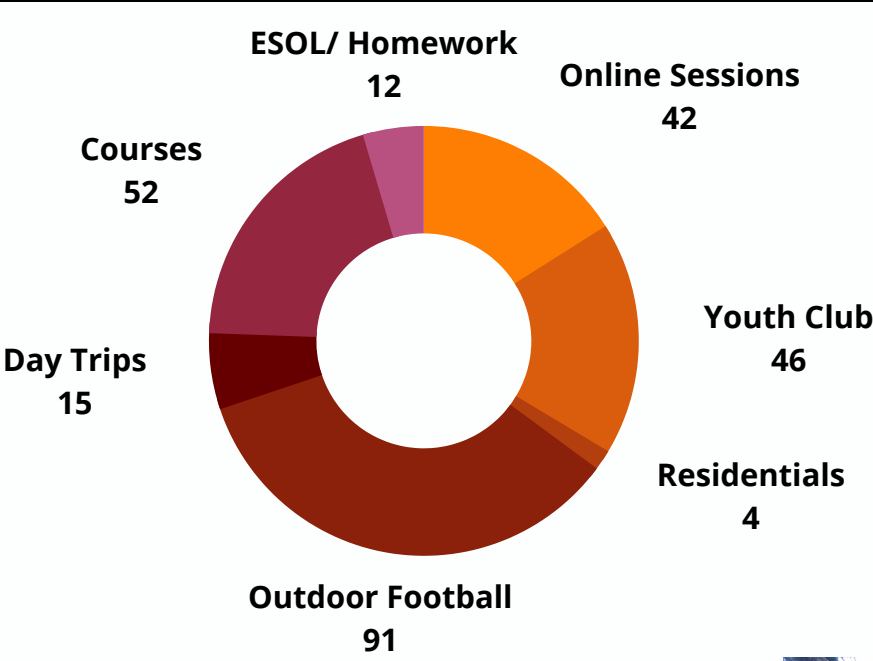


- SUDAN 71
- ERITREA 53
- AFGHANISTAN 36
- SYRIA 24
- IRAN 18
- VIETNAM 17
- ETHIOPIA 16
- SOMALIA 14
- AND MANY MORE!

341 YOUNG PEOPLE

317 BOYS

24 GIRLS



296 SESSIONS

SESSIONS AND ACTIVITIES



DOST CENTRE FOR YOUNG REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

Newham Leisure Centre
281 Prince Regent Lane
London
E13 8SD



Centre for Young Refugees and Migrants

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

PARTNERSHIPS AND SUPPORTERS

Big Impact Labs
Brighton Table Tennis Club
Tottenham Hotspur Foundation
Capital Kids Cricket
Football United
Counterculture
OSH
Custom House Library
Capital Karts
Lee Valley Regional Park Authority
Purezza Pizza
Evelyn Oldfield Unit
Goods for Good
Knights Youth Centre
Hackney Empire
Newham Libraries
Sal's Shoes
Rerun
Antz Digital Lifeline
Charity Boots
Wempower

Phosphoros Theatre
Wey Island Trust
Parliament Hill Lido
Newham Powerleague
Decathlon
Street Soccer Foundation
Laburnum Boat Club
Aquabounce
SHINE
The Bike Project
Juvenis
Surrey Hills and Rivers

THANK
YOU

DONORS AND FUNDERS

STORM LONSDALE
SHAMSER SINHA
ELLEN O'NEILL
FRENCHWOOD FAMILY TRUST
TAMITZA TOROYAN
KATIE SHAKERIFAR
PAUL MORAN
ELHUM SHAKERIFAR
NAVJOT SINGH
SOPHIE MAYOR

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED
TUDOR TRUST
ESMEE FAIRBAIRN
STREETGAMES
JACK PETCHEY
PARENT ZONE
UK YOUTH
LONDON YOUTH
STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND
LONDON SPORT
BT SPORT
ARTS COUNCIL- LIBRARIES CONNECTED
MONOCOT PRODUCTIONS



**Watch our Dost promotional Video by
Monocot Productions here!**

DOST CENTRE FOR YOUNG REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

Newham Leisure Centre
281 Prince Regent Lane
London
E13 8SD



Centre for Young Refugees and Migrants

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

AIMS OF DOST CENTRE

Dost (which means friends in a number of languages), was established as an independent Charity in 2017 and has gone from strength to strength.

We provide young refugees and migrants, aged 13–19 years of age, from all across London, with a varied and diverse programme of physical and educational activities in order to reduce their isolation and increase their skills and capabilities and to support them to reach their full potential.



CHARITY STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Guidance contained in the Charity Commissions' general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning all future activities.

Dost is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and our governing document is based on the Charity Commission's model Constitution for a CIO whose only voting members are its' Trustees.

We received our independent charity registration and approval for this governing document in August 2017.

In line with the model constitution we can have a maximum of 12 trustees, all of whom must be over 16 years of age. For the period covered by the 2020–2021 Report, we had 7 Trustees.

All are currently still serving and all are over 16.

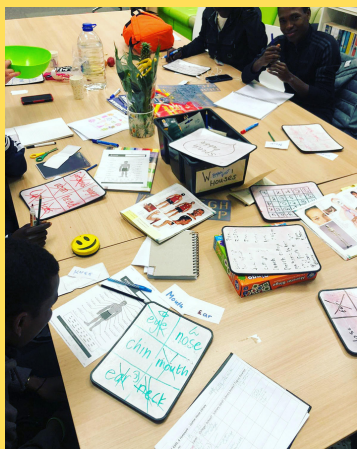
As we are a small and relatively new charity, (as an independent entity), we have used a variety of mechanisms to recruit trustees, all permitted by our governing document.

Two new Trustees have joined the Board this year; one is a past member of Dost who has gone on to achieve amazing things and the other is newly joined and also has lived experience of being involved in Dost as a member. Trustees join the Board because they are known to staff members or other trustees or are directly involved in volunteering or attending Dost and all bring an expertise, skill or interest which is helpful to the charity.



As the charity grows and develops, the Trustees will look at other methods for recruitment to match skills and experience needs of the charity. All Trustees are appointed by the Board, with a resolution noted in the minutes, to ensure they have been formally approved.

All Trustees can nominate and elect to post. Their details are then uploaded onto the Charity Commission database.



If anyone would like to get involved with Dost and become a Trustee we'd be delighted to hear from you!

DOST CENTRE FOR YOUNG REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

www.dostcentre.co.uk



dost_centre

charity no: 1173622



Centre for Young Refugees and Migrants

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

Jim Minton

Chair – June 2017 – present

Michael Havard

Trustee – June 2017 – present

Maymuna Osman

Trustee – August 2018 – present

Gabriele Gestautaitė

Trustee – October 2018 – present

Tommy Edwards

Trustee – December 2018 – present

Stella Ogunlade

Trustee – January 2021 – present

Zeinab Maalow

Trustee – September 2021 – present



STAFF

Marian Spiers – Youth Work Programme Manager 2009 – present

Richard Shittu – Volleyball Coach/Youth Worker 2010 – present

Kelly Williams – ESOL Tutor/ Art Tutor/ Youth Worker 2019 – present

Coltrane Morley-Williams – Football Coach 2019 – present

Leila Seguin – Youth Worker 2020 – present

Ali Abbas Alshimari – November 2021 – present

Wendy Lee – Accountant 2018 – present

Constantine Hadjipateras – Youth Worker 2020 – 2021



VOLUNTEERS

In loving memory of Lara Casalotti
who very sadly passed away in 2021 and
who was an amazing Dost volunteer and volunteer
to many charities...sadly missed

Ali Abbas Alshimari

Alon Harshak

Lex Karlin

Noah Leul for making our Dost film!

DOST CENTRE FOR YOUNG REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

www.dostcentre.co.uk



dost_centre

charity no: 1173622



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

WHAT DO THE YOUNG PEOPLE THINK?!

Dost has been apart of me from a young age, Dost was a place where I met new people, learnt valuable socialising skills as well as becoming more confident as a person. With great members of staff from all different backgrounds Dost was like a second home to me. It was such a welcoming place with a great atmosphere.

**Pardeep,
Member of Dost since 2010**

I've been a Dost member for over 12 years now. Being a member of Dost, is one of the best experience ever. During the years at Dost, I have met loads of individuals from different background and cultures. This has enhanced my skills on how to talk to different groups of people. I've learned life expertise, on how to communicate and how to be a socially active person with everybody.

Dost provides a range of activities, which are very unique and skill building. Due to this experience, I have managed to set up my own business, from the skills and knowledge at the centre. Last but not least, Dost is my second home, where you're welcome all the time and it's all worth it.

Danish, Member of Dost since 2009

I am very happy to coming to Youth Club Dost Centre because we enjoy and you can have a lot of friends. You can learn many things. You can play games. We go to new places and its very important for young people and Dost Centre helps young people to speak English and helps people to know London.

I liked to go to Wey Island and go-karting and swimming.

I am feeling very happy when I come to Dost.

Hassane, Member of Dost since 2021

We play sports for free and we went on a lot of trips. We play a lot of games, meet other people, make new friends. We learn English and get to speak English with other people. I'm happy here because I don't have family here.

Mujahid, Member of Dost since 2021

What I like about Dost is everyone is friendly and every session we have we really enjoy. Also, I appreciate Marian's effort and hard-working because she always there to make sure everyone is happy and having fun

During my 3 years at Dost I've learnt a lot of things, improved a lot of skills, gained a lot of knowledge and met new friends and I just felt Dost is my 2nd home and family.

Love you Marian for everything you doing for us... we really appreciate you ♥

Khaled, Member of Dost since 2018

Dost Centre is everything to me (us). The place we forget our problems, have fun, make new friends, learn and get help.....

Bonsa, Member of Dost since 2018

Dost is very nice because gave us good time to make our friends... And we met new friends, also it gave us greater activities. Also we learnt more about football and other activities.....how I say thanks I don't know because I say thanks it's not enough it needs many thanks.

Ibrahim, Member of Dost since 2021



DOST CENTRE FOR YOUNG REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

www.dostcentre.co.uk

 **dost_centre**

charity no: 1173622



Centre for Young Refugees and Migrants

ANNUAL REPORT 2021



ACCOUNTS

No Trustees were remunerated or received any expenses or payments during the year.

Our Charity insurance provides Trustee Indemnity cover against executive risks to the sum of £250,000.

Our reserves at year end were £69,965 of which £35,882 were restricted and £34,083 were unrestricted.

Dost's reserves policy balances the need to build up long term reserves against the need for short term spending on core activities .

The Charity's reserves exist to provide short term protection against downward fluctuations in annual revenues.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES		Dost Centre for Young Refugees and Migrants		1173622		CC16a	
Receipts and payments accounts		For the period from 01-Apr-20 To 31-Mar-21					
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							
Donations and legacies	6,906	68,473	-	75,379	87,002		
	-	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-		
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,906	68,473	-	75,379	87,002		
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).							
	-	-	-	-	-		
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-		
Total receipts	6,906	68,473	-	75,379	87,002		
A3 Payments							
Wages / Salaries		35,205	-	35,205	40,024		
Rent / Room Hire		720	-	720	12,958		
Insurance	545	-	-	545	498		
Bank Fees	108	-	-	108	197		
Coaching & Youth Fees	25	7,452	-	7,477	18,367		
Subscriptions / Other	3,516	1,991	-	5,507	6,503		
Travel/Trips	944	2,305	-	3,249	5,172		
Equipment	190	2,808	-	2,998	2,464		
	-	-	-	-	-		
Sub total	5,239	50,480	-	55,719	86,183		
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)							
	-	-	-	-	-		
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-		
Total payments	5,239	50,480	-	55,719	86,183		
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,667	17,993	-	19,660	819		
A5 Transfers between funds	-	7,399	-	7,399	-		
A6 Cash funds last year end	39,815	10,490	-	50,305	49,456		
Cash funds this year end	34,083	35,882	-	69,965	50,305		

CCXX R1 accounts (SS) 1 01/12/2021

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period				
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank / in Hand	34,083	35,882	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	34,083	35,882	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Jim Minton	Jim Minton	01/12/2021	

CCXX R2 accounts (SS) 2 01/12/2021

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report above on 01/12/2021

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	Dost Centre for Young Refugees and Migrants		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2021	Charity no (if any)	1173622
Set out on pages	All previous		
Responsibilities and basis of report	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2021.		
Independent examiner's statement	As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.		
	I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act orthe accounts do not accord with the accounting records		
	I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.		
Signed:		Date:	
Name:	Amanda Hall		
Address:	Counterculture Partnership LLP		
	Unit NH.204, E1 Business Studios,		
	7 Whitechapel Road		
	London E1 1DU		



Signed on behalf of the Charity's Board of Trustees.

Full name: JIM MINTON

Signature:

Position: Chair of Board of Trustees

Dated: 10th December 2021



DOST CENTRE FOR YOUNG REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

www.dostcentre.co.uk



dost_centre

charity no: 1173622