

APRIL recap

DCWUK WHAT'S ON

WELCOME

This month marks an exciting step forward for DCWUK as our programmes continue to grow and reach more of our community. We've been building momentum, welcoming new faces, and strengthening the support we offer across our sessions.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us!

TERM dates

Summer Term 1:

Monday 13 April – Friday 22 May 2026.

May Bank Holidays:

Monday 4 May and Monday 25 May 2026.

Half-Term Holiday:

Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May 2026.

Summer Term 2:

Monday 1 June – Wednesday 22 July 2026

VOLUNTEERS engaged

A huge thank you to all of our incredible volunteers who continue to drive DCWUK forward.

Special thanks to **Lubna** for leading our **Inside:Out Creative Writing Lab**, **Murielle**, our in-person ESOL teacher and **Jazmine** in Hip Hop and Smart Tech.

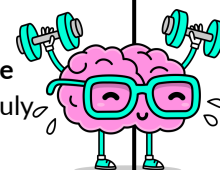
We would also like to thank our dedicated Marketing volunteers and to **Brian Edward Cox** for his continued support with logistics.

We also appreciate **Josephine Chapman**, **Hannah**, and **Panita** for their ongoing work in administration, filing, and organisation.

And of course, a sincere thank you to our **Board of Trustees** for their guidance and leadership.

PEOPLE supported

- **120+ people supported** across DCWUK programmes since January 2026.
- **4 individuals supported with device/data access** through our partnerships with Catbytes and the National Databank.
- Our **ESOL In-person classes** have seen around 6/7 people starting across the first few classes.
- Our new **Creative Writing programme** has already welcomed **7 young people in its first two weeks**.
- **Hip Hop Dance sessions** are off to a strong start with **10+ attendees**.
- Supporting a wide age range, from **late primary through to seniors**— we've truly started off with a bang!



SESSIONS delivered

We will deliver over **140+ hours of community sessions** across the next 3 months, supporting learning, creativity, and wellbeing.





PROGRAMME highlight

STANDOUT stories

Reflecting, DCWUK mentorship was crucial to me putting my best self out there and showing recruiters that I can do the job I know I can. Not only have I secured an UN internship through this experience, but I have gained valuable job application skills that I can carry with me throughout my career.

Cristina Catania-Flores, Mentee

Our **online ESOL classes** are continuing to grow, welcoming an increasing number of learners each week from across South London. We're proud to support a **diverse and vibrant community**, with students from a wide range of cultural backgrounds including **Russia, Vietnam, India, Turkey, China and beyond**.

Our sessions are structured and progressive, covering **Pre-A1, A1 and A2 level English**, and are delivered by **TEFL and CELTA qualified teachers**, ensuring high-quality, professional teaching that meets learners where they are. These classes are designed to make **accessible, high-quality language learning** available to local residents—particularly those from **migrant and refugee backgrounds**. By building confidence in English, we support learners in navigating everyday life, accessing opportunities, and integrating more smoothly into British culture and society. Certificates are also available!

Wins: Growing attendance, strong engagement, and a diverse learning community.

Focus: Continuing to expand access and support more learners across South London.

NEW opportunities

Volunteer Roles:

We're currently recruiting for a Secretary, as well as Grant Writers, Fundraising Officers, Videographers, and volunteers to support ESOL, Digital Literacy, and Dance sessions.



Partnerships & Sponsorships:

A special shout out to **Chin International**, led by South London's own, Richard Chin, our sponsor for our **in-person ESOL classes**.

Support Us:

Help us keep our programmes free and accessible – donate, volunteer, collaborate, or connect us with your organisation.



DREAM IT. DO IT. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



TEAM corner

Tina Ahmed

Marketing Volunteer



Greetings from Vietnam!

Lately, I've been supporting DCWUK develop their brand guidelines - helping bring more clarity and consistency to how we show up. It's been really encouraging to see the team and volunteers already using this across campaigns and social content, with stronger alignment to our key messaging and content pillars.

I also had the chance to connect with the Harris students, during their placements at DCWUK, and run a virtual session on digital marketing. It was a pleasure to share practical insights and hopefully inspire the next wave of talent. Looking ahead, I'll be focusing on strengthening our content and storytelling.

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WINDRUSH VOICES: Then, Now & Next

Join DCWUK on Wednesday, 17 June from 5:00–8:30pm at Riverside Youth Club for **Windrush Voices** – a free intergenerational community event celebrating the stories, culture, and lasting legacy of the Windrush generation. This special evening will feature community connection, heritage, and opportunities to honour Caribbean contributions across generations. We are also inviting performers, volunteers, partners, and community members who would like to get involved and support this meaningful celebration.

Help us spread the word and be part of an inspiring event that uplifts voices, history, and unity.

Then, Now and Next
WINDRUSH VOICES:
Wednesday 17th of June 2026

Riverside Youth Club
185 Grove St, London SE8 3QQ 5pm-8:30pm



◆ FEATURING: ◆

- LIVE PERFORMANCES • DJS & MUSIC • FOOD & COMMUNITY
- CARIBBEAN COOKING CLASS (12 SPACES AVAILABLE)
- STORY SHARING • POETRY • CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

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COMMUNITY highlights

This month, we've continued to strengthen our presence across the community, with **new partnerships at Riverside Youth Club and Pepys Community Hub** getting off to a strong and promising start.

By working closely with local venues in such close proximity, we're creating opportunities to **deepen community engagement**, expand our reach, and provide **more volunteer and work experience opportunities**, alongside delivering high-quality services for families and young people in the area.

We're also excited to share some photos and the recording from the **UCL Fast Forward 2030: Transforming the Care Sector** event, where DCWUK's work in supporting **community health, wellbeing, and compassionate care** was discussed.

As we continue to grow, we are actively looking to **expand our partnerships**, including seeking an additional **printing partner** to support our work with neighbouring schools.

Our core programmes remain strong, with new programmes like **Home Connect visits, Hip Hop Dance, Creative Writing, and ESOL (in-person) classes** continuing to engage and support the community. We are also looking for **community sponsors and partners** to help sustain and scale this work.

Looking ahead, we're excited to welcome our **next cohort of work experience students in June and July** – watch this space!

PHOTO gallery





SUMMER TERM CLASSES



ESOL Online + In-Person Classes

Join our free ESOL classes for Lewisham residents on:

**Mondays 5–6pm (online) or
Fridays 4–5pm (in person)
at Pepys Community Hub.**

Certificates are available!



Hip Hop Dance Classes

Join our free open Hip Hop classes led by industry professionals at:

Riverside Youth Club – Fridays 7–8pm.



Learn foundations, freestyle, popping, locking, breaking, choreography and more in a fun, supportive space.

All levels welcome – come move, learn, and express yourself! (19 years old and under or 25 years old with SEN).



SEL Pathways - Career Support

Free employment and career support for all ages at:

**Mondays 2:30–4:30pm
Parkside Community Centre.**



Get support with job searching, CVs, and building confidence to secure employment.

inside:out The Expression Lab

A free creative writing and performance workshop at:

Riverside Youth Club – Fridays 6–7pm.

Explore how to turn ideas into performance through brainstorming, research, development, collaboration, and sharing work over a term. All materials are provided with professional support.



A safe space to express, create, and be heard. (19 years old and under or 25 years old with SEN).

Smart Tech for Seniors

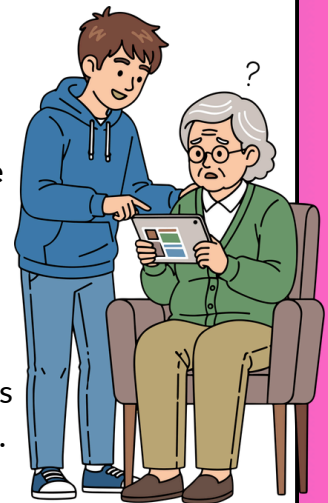
Join our free, friendly digital support classes at:

**Parkside Community Centre
Mondays 12:30–2:30pm**

**Lewisham Community Space
Tuesdays 12:30–2:30pm**

We offer patient, non-judgemental support to build confidence and practical skills using phones and computers.

Learn at your own pace and feel empowered with technology.



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Help us keep our programmes free and accessible by donating via **GoFundMe**

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