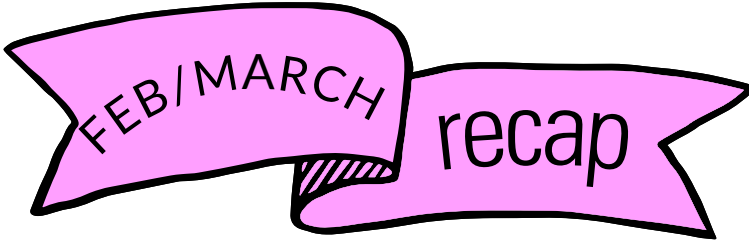


# DCWUK WHAT'S ON



## WELCOME

Over the last couple of months we have been working extremely hard to get our programmes up and running. We are so excited for you to participate and be a part of DCWUK.

## 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:

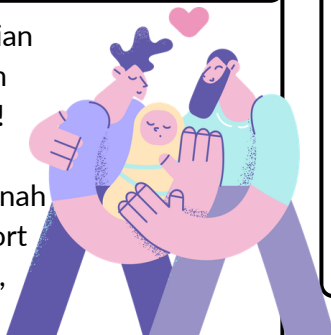
Monday 1 June – Wednesday 22 July 2026

## VOLUNTEERS engaged

A special thank you to Brian Cox for your support with logistics and organisation!

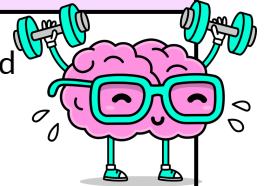
Josephine Chapman, Hannah and Panita for your support with administration, filing, organisation and more!

Thank you to Gillian for your leadership in the SEL Pathways programme and Cheryl for your contribution to this newsletter! Lastly, all the trustees who supported the Work Experience Student Placements for our first week with Harris Academy!



## PEOPLE supported

Over 70 people have benefited from our programmes since their launch in January 2026!



80% of Smart Tech beneficiaries improved their confidence and practical use of technology!



2 referrals were made for devices or data sim cards through our partnership with Catbytes and National Databank.



We were rated 4.5 stars out of 5 for our Work Experience Student Placements from our students from Harris Academy South Norwood!

## SESSIONS delivered

Over 55 sessions were delivered across all of our programmes!



## STANDOUT stories

*We all enjoy your way of teaching definitely you make it so simple and by repeating, it does get in to my head.*

*Thank you very much teacher, I really enjoy your classes, I feel like I am getting some clear understanding now can't wait to learn more. Thank you.*

*It's really a great help to learn more about the technology.*

*Am glad we seniors have this opportunity and so thankful for patience and understanding. Thank so so much.*

## NEW opportunities

### Volunteer Roles:

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

### Partnerships & Sponsorships:

We're excited to welcome **Chin International**, led by South London's own, Richard Chin, as a new sponsor for our in-person ESOL classes. We're always open to new partnerships and programme sponsors. Contact us now!

### 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.**

## PROGRAMME highlight

### Smart Tech for Seniors

We're nearing full capacity at Lewisham Community Space and have launched a new session at Parkside Community Centre, where we're building numbers.

Learners are doing great – keeping notes, practising on their phones, and preparing for practical sessions like data transferring.

**Wins:** Strong community growth and learner progress.

**Challenges:** Adapting to different venues – but we stay flexible.

We provide friendly digital support for seniors to build confidence and independence. Plus, we're loving the food at Pristine Eats Cafe!

## TEAM corner



Lubna Hoque

Hello everyone, it's been a really fun and energetic time since our board meeting. I've been cracking on with all things well-being and even had the opportunity to meet our first cohort of students joining DCWUK for their work experience.

I am also currently in the process of putting together the first report from the well-being check-in survey that was shared at Q1 board meeting.

Looking forward to connecting more with you all.

Enjoy the sun whilst you can!



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### COMMUNITY highlights

This month we've been busy connecting and growing across Lewisham and Southwark!

We attended two Lewisham Local Directory events, which were so inspiring, and presented at the Advisors Council and to the Young Mayor of Lewisham at Civic House.

We established partnerships with **Catford Print Centre, CatBytes, Lewisham Community Space, Parkside Community Centre, and Prendergast Ladywell School**, and became partners with the **National Databank**.

Our founder, Jazmine Cox, also spoke at UCL about the impact of our work.

Services continue to expand with home connect visits offering 1-2-1 digital literacy support, growing attendance across programmes, and our first sponsor, **Chin International**, supporting in-person ESOL classes.

We also hosted our work experience student placements and loved hearing firsthand from the community how much they've benefited from our programmes.



### PHOTO gallery



# Q1 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

This was the first of our quarterly board meetings of 2026, where we focused on DCWUK's programme delivery. Our session also included programme updates, operational discussions and a fundraising working session with our trustees discussing funding opportunities.

## Operations

Our key focus areas are strategic and financial planning, fundraising and volunteer management.

## Trustee Engagement & Contribution

Our trustees are looking to play a more active role and as a result are supporting fundraising initiatives, whilst we look for the right person to fill our Treasurer's shoes. The trustees have committed to raise £100 per quarter where possible.



## People & Well-Being

We have begun strengthening our relationships with schools across South London and expanding our partnerships.

As part of our well-being initiative we have introduced team member surveys, monthly check-ins and trustee support to ensure all are aiding in the success of our work feel supported.

## Staff & Volunteers

We are currently recruiting a Fundraising Lead and Treasurer. These are our main priority roles to fill. Additional volunteers and facilitators are also needed. If you are interested, please get in contact.

## Marketing & Communications

We have an exciting collaboration with Garry David Frost to showcase our work in a documentary style short film to bring more awareness to the community and shareholders!



Garry made this!



# 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.**



Open to Lewisham/Southwark residents (donation requested if outside the borough).

## 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!



## SEL Pathways - Career Support

Free employment and career support for all ages at:

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



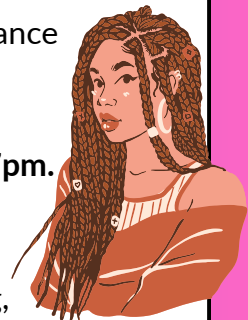
Get support with job searching, CVs, and building confidence to secure employment.

## inside:out The Expression Lab

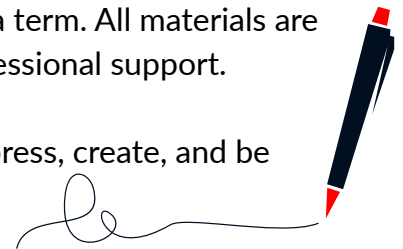
A free creative writing and performance workshop at:

**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.



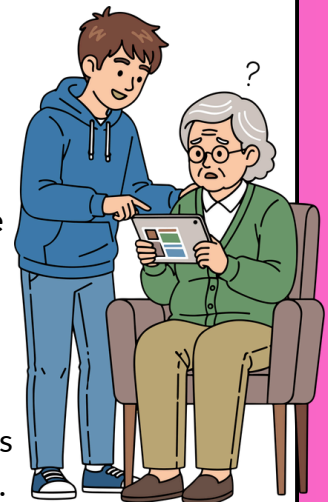
## Smart Tech for Seniors

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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## DONATE NOW

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

Every contribution makes a difference!

Scan this QR code to give today.



## WHATSAPP groups

DCWUK Volunteers  
WhatsApp group



Smart Tech DCWUK  
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