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Newsletter

Latest news and updates from Success4All



Latest News

'A Guide To University for Refugees & Asylum Seekers' Proves To Be A Great Success

STAND4 Recognised As
Extraordinary Group
Award Winners

Why Does It Take A

A Warm Hello!

As the 2021/22 academic year comes to an end, we're excited to share with you a round-up of everything we've been up to.

Despite the fact our Learning Hubs remained shut, we still managed to have an extraordinary year.

This academic year we have engaged, equipped & empowered over **2718** children and young people. That's a record number of children & young people we've supported in one year.

Our STEM team has been busy delivering STEM

Village To Raise A Child?

Challenges, Workshops and Clubs to schools and community centres across the North East, and they're now busy scheduling events for the new academic year.

Success4All Hosts Belgium Students from Arteveldehogeschool

As demand for our services increases, so does the support.

Spring Holiday Club Roundup

Every year we are blown away by your generosity, kindness and trust. Truly, without you, none of the work we do would be possible. So, thank you!

In this Summer newsletter, you will find:

- Letter from our Operations Manager
- Our impact
- Volunteer spotlight
- Upcoming events
- Opportunities

Over the summer holidays, our team will be delivering our Summer School, STEM outreach and preparing for the next academic year.

If you do get in touch with us over the summer, please be aware we may be a little slower in getting back to you, but we will answer your enquiry as soon as we get a chance.

In the meantime, we wish you all a summer packed full of sunshine and good times!

Letter From Operations Manager, Busola Afolabi

Just like that, another school year is over and what a whirlwind of a year it has been.

Writing this foreword has made me reflect on everything we have achieved this year and everything that has happened. For one, can you believe we've had no school closures this academic year as a result of Covid-19?



It's the small things that have the biggest impact and as always our team has managed to achieve so much with so little.

It hasn't been all smooth sailing though. This year, like all of you, we've also faced a few

challenges which have forced us to stop, think & plan. Luckily, we are surrounded by a community that has shown us nothing but support, kindness & loyalty. It's thanks to the continued support we have raised the funds needed to run our 3-week Summer School.

The summer holidays, whilst busy, also offers our team an opportunity to stop, breathe and reflect. However, for parents and guardians that's easier said than done, especially during the summer holidays and during a cost of living crisis like no other. Trying to find budget-friendly activities for children to do whilst also juggling work and managing household tasks is no easy feat. It's a struggle, a struggle we know all too well and it's why we work extremely hard to find funding to put on our Summer Schools; so that we can give parents, for at least one week, some peace of mind and recovery time.

'It takes a village to raise a child,' isn't just a quote we throw around. It has value and so we truly do hope that you see us as your village who is willing and ready to do everything to support you and your child/ren.

We, the team, are so excited to welcome close to 145 children and young people to our action-packed Summer School. For our older groups, they too will be embarking on an epic new project adventure, titled; 'Reflections on the Tyne: Then, Now and Tomorrow'.

Looking past the summer holidays towards September, the team has started the groundwork in planning for next year's services. Our biggest question is; how can we take everything we've learned from our online tutoring into an inperson setting?

It's a big question we can't answer alone. So, over the next few weeks, we will be looking to get as many parents, guardians, children, young people and volunteers in to help us build next year's in-person Learning Hubs and Clubs.

If you would like to be part of the consultation, please email me at busola@s4a.org.uk

In the meantime, I wish you and all of your friends and family a glorious

summer.

Busola Afolabi

Operations Manager

Our Impact



Volunteer Spotlight



"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?" ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

We've said it before and we'll say it again- volunteers are the pillar of our success. They are our backbone, strength and pride. It's only thanks to our volunteers that we are able to make an impact in our community, and it's only thanks to their sacrifice and commitment that we can confidently deliver a wide range of services day in and day out.

To mark the end of this academic year, we would like to say a special thank you to 6 of our most outstanding volunteers of the year:

- Andrew Coleman: Success4All volunteer since May 2017, making him one of our longest-serving volunteers
- Adam Perrin: Provided learning support continuously for over 2 years
- Eloise Longstaff & Jemima Thomas: Volunteered for 5 consecutive tuition blocks in a row, covering the period of April 2021 to June 2022
- Samir Mazumder: Volunteered for 4 consecutive tuition blocks in a row, covering the period of November 2021 to June 2022
- Joey Law: Volunteered for 4 consecutive blocks Nov 2021 till June 2022



Free English Classes

A 5-day free English class for refugees and asylum seekers focused on improving English reading, speaking, writing and listening. Lessons run from Monday 22nd August until Friday 26th August. For more details & to register email info@s4a.org.uk



School Visits



Aiming High Workshop

A 5-day workshop focused on improving personal skills, and digital and financial literacy skills. The young people who attend will gain a level 1 OCN qualification in Journalism. For more details and to register, email Busola at

busola@s4a.org.uk



Clubs

In the next academic year, our STEM team will be delivering our STEM Challenge for free to 30 schools in the North East. We still have a few more free STEM Challenges available. So, if you're a teacher or know of a teacher, please share this link with

them: https://www.s4a.org.uk/f
ree-s4a-stem-challenge-platten-family-fund/

Our Code Club & Creativity Club will remain shut for the entire summer holidays. We will update you once registration reopens. Our STAND4 youth group will continue to meet up every Thursday. STAND4 is great for children aged 13+ who aren't taking part in our Summer School. If you would like to find out more details about any of our clubs, please get in touch with us at info@s4a.org.uk

Opportunities



Youth Worker

We're hiring a Youth Worker to join our fabulous team.

Post: Youth Worker (Fixed Term

Contract – 20 months) **Hours:** 35 hours a week

Salary: £19,500

For full details and to apply, visit:

https://www.s4a.org.uk/get-involved/staff/



Volunteering

As one academic year comes to an end, another one is just around the corner.

We're actively recruiting tutorbefriender volunteers as well as volunteers to help us deliver our clubs for the next academic

year.

If you would like to volunteer your time with us, please email volunteers@s4a.org.uk

Support Us



It is only with the support of people like you that we can continue to offer our services. Every donation we receive goes directly towards serving the children and young people in the North East. If you would like to donate to us, please <u>click here</u>.

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