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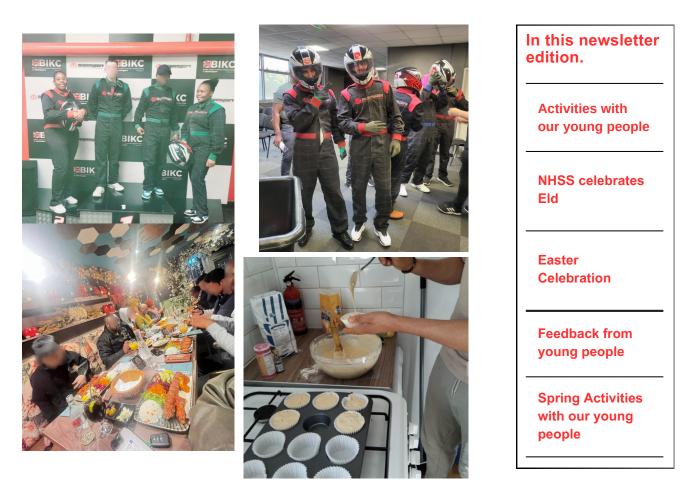
Build independence

April 2025 Newsletter



It's been a busy few months here at Nudawn Housing and Support Services (**NHSS**) filled with a wide range of activities. Our young people not only took part enthusiastically—they also played a key role in planning many of the events, showing leadership, creativity, and initiative. There was much to celebrate, from personal milestones to shared achievements. Along the way, strong and meaningful relationships were built, creating a sense of community and belonging that continues to grow.

These moments have reminded us just how vibrant and capable our young people are when given the space and support to shine.



Our Home Schooling Programme

We've developed a creative and supportive home learning programme for young people who are currently on the waiting list for college. Running during term time only, this programme provides structure, purpose, and a sense of routine—something we believe is vital for our young people's development and wellbeing.

At the heart of this initiative is our ambition for every young person to thrive. We are committed to providing them with a positive, structured environment and the encouragement they need to succeed in their next steps.

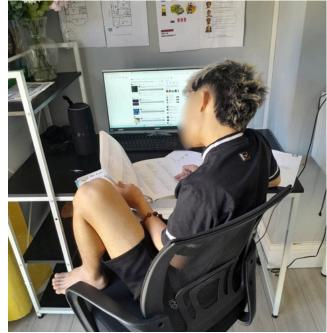
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	English	11.00 am	11.40 am
Tuesday	Maths	10:00 AM	10.40 am
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Wednesda	English	11.30am	12.10 pm
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Thursday	English	11.30am	12.10 pm
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NHSS celebrates Eid!

As part of our commitment to celebrating diversity and fostering inclusion, the organisation took time in March to recognise and support our young people who were observing the holy month of Ramadan.

Our young people of Muslim faith engaged in daily prayers and fasting as part of their spiritual practice. We made a conscious effort to understand their needs, offer support, and create an environment where they could observe this important time with respect and dignity.

It was a meaningful opportunity to deepen our cultural awareness and strengthen our shared sense of community.







As part of our support during Ramadan, Nudawn Housing and Support Services (NHSS) took the time to provide dates to our young people—an important delicacy traditionally eaten to break fast, offering both strength and nourishment. This simple but meaningful gesture was warmly received, with many expressing genuine gratitude. It reflected our ongoing commitment to not only recognising the significance of cultural and religious practices but actively supporting them in ways that matter.

Feedback from our young person- 'I have never celebrated Eid this way in my previous placements. I really appreciate you joining me in this important time for my faith,' expressed one young person at NHSS.'



The end of Ramadan (Eid) is a time for feasting, celebration, and joy, marking the conclusion of a spiritual journey. It is also a time for exchanging gifts and connecting with loved ones. To make this occasion truly special for our young people, NHSS went above and beyond.

We adorned the spaces with festive decorations, prepared special meals, and thoughtfully selected gifts for each young person. Staff members also joined in the celebrations, creating an atmosphere of unity and shared joy.



Young people's sentiments

Below is the feedback that our team got from one young person who moved on recently!

Dear Ishy and all the amazing support workers at Nudawn,

I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude and share my feelings before I leave. When I came to the UK at just 16 and a half, I had no one to rely on. But from the moment I was assigned a social worker and support worker, my life changed for the better. Ishy, you looked after me like your own child for those two and a half years, and your care and support will always remain in my heart.

To all of you—Itai, Gerald, Elsie, Muta, Tatenda, Petronella, Noku, Melanie, Benny—and every single person who has worked at Nudawn, even for a day, thank you. Each of you has made an incredible impact on my life, and I will never forget the kindness and support you've given me.

It hurts to say that I'll be leaving soon, but please know that I'll always hold you close in my thoughts. I hope we can stay in touch, and if any of you ever need me, don't hesitate to reach out. I'll always be here to help you in any way I can.

Finally, if I've ever upset or offended anyone, I sincerely apologize.

This message means a lot to me, and I would like to keep it as a reminder of the incredible bond we've shared. Thank you for everything you've done for me. You are my family, and I will cherish you all forever. With warmest regards,

Name withheld

Easter activities- Sip and Paint

For some of our young people, painting has been a lifelong passion nurtured since childhood; for others, it was their first time picking up a brush. Regardless of experience, each artwork became a powerful expression—of gratitude for how far they've come, of love for their countries of origin, and of the people and values that matter most to them.

The session was more than just a creative activity; it became a moment of reflection, identity, and emotional connection—captured beautifully through colour and canvas.

Our Easter celebrations

During the Easter weekend, our young people and staff came together to mark the occasion in a meaningful and joyful way.

Festive decorations brightened up the houses, setting the tone for a warm and inclusive atmosphere. One of the highlights was a sip and paint activity, where both staff and young people participated with enthusiasm. The young people were especially eager to showcase their artistic talents — their paintings were powerful expressions of identity, values, and personal stories.

It was a beautiful reminder of the creativity and depth within our community, and a celebration that brought everyone closer together.





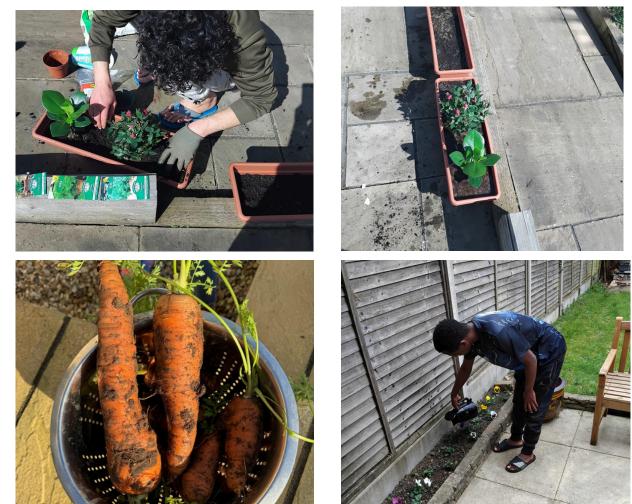


Spring - gardening time as a family, encouraging our young people to join in so they can have fun and learn along the way.

Spring is a season of renewal, and our young people embraced it with energy and enthusiasm. True to the spirit of growth and new beginnings, they took an active role in reviving our back gardens—clearing out old spaces and planting fresh vegetables, herbs, and flowers.

There's something deeply fulfilling about nurturing life from the soil, and our young people truly connected with that process. Their commitment and pride in creating something meaningful from the ground up was inspiring to see.

This hands-on activity not only brightened our outdoor spaces but also encouraged teamwork, responsibility, and a deeper appreciation for nature.



Over the past month, our **staff briefings** have focused on several important areas to keep our team informed, aligned, and supported. Topics covered included:

- Emojis that young people use
- ACES
- SCCIF and Ofsted notifications
- Supporting young people effectively

These sessions continue to play a key role in enhancing communication, building awareness, and equipping staff with relevant knowledge to better support our young people.

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