



SYRIA SUMMER CAMP 2018

Based at Newman Catholic College, Harlesden Rd,
London NW10 3RN.

23 July to 17 August

Mondays - Fridays except Wednesdays, with trips on Saturdays.

Hours are 10am to 2pm with longer hours on trip days.

Who are we?



Syria Summer Camp is now in its 3rd year. It was born out of a passion to make a difference to the wellbeing of refugee children and their families, helping them to be in a better position to learn.



Priority is given to refugee and asylum seeking children who have fled their homeland due to war or persecution.



We seek to make a difference to the wellbeing of these children, helping them to be in a better position to learn and to adjust to living in the UK.



Syria Summer Camp provides a home of learning for children, hungry to catch up with their education & desperately keen to better themselves.



We seek to demonstrate love in action so youngsters experience warmth, acceptance, respect and belief.



This year we will welcome up to 70 children, between the ages of 4 and 14 years.



Syria Summer Camp embraces and promotes family learning.

What do we provide?



Positive, stretching & stimulating learning experiences in core subjects such as Science so children shine beyond belief.



A language school - English/ESOL, responsive to the needs of youngsters with varying English fluency, including none.



Enrichment activities (for mind, body & spirit) such as Theatre skills, Music making, Team of Life Art Therapy, Yoga & Trips to help youngsters process their experience of fleeing war or persecution & build an identity that works for them in the UK, their new land.



Access to counselling and other therapeutic support for children traumatised by their experience and suffering stress.



Support to our children to help them understand and adopt kinship and good values.

Can you help?



Syria Summer Camp is dependent upon a strong volunteer base, drawn from diverse walks of life - teachers, parents, university students, retired professionals, church members, the local Muslim community, volunteers with refugee Camp experience, psychologists, etc.



Syria Summer Camp requires over 20 volunteers every day of its operation.



Essential requirements are **courage, resilience, curiosity & a love of learning**. All our volunteers are characterised by their faith in, and passion for, our children.



Syria Summer Camp operates from 10am to 2pm. Camp Volunteers are expected to start at 9.30am. A minimum of one week's volunteering is requested (4 days - Monday to Friday, not Wednesday).



There is also a need for Lunchtime Volunteers (12.30 - 2pm daily). Again we would ask for a minimum of one week's volunteering.



Additionally, Trip Volunteers are required on Saturdays (full day).



Volunteers must be 18 years or over. A DBS will be required.

What may you do?



support children at play, organise outdoor games



provide one to one support in class, assist a teacher preparing lesson materials, deliver a classroom activity



work alongside theatre companies, art therapists, musicians, etc to deliver workshops & productions



set out & clear away lunch, distribute break-time snacks



be on the pastoral support team, assisting counsellors



monitor site security

Here's what some of our volunteers said last year:

"Miss Amanda, I have a summer ahead and I want to spend it in a place with love at its core".

"I realise we're all connected in some way. I'd like to work to foster healthy societies and families".

"Thank you for giving me and my mum the opportunity to be part of Summer Camp. It was a privilege to assist, albeit for only a few days, the dedicated and passionate team from whom I have gained much inspiration. The love, compassion and commitment was both humbling and uplifting and I am grateful that we were allowed to be part of something so special and beautiful. I

hope your good work continues to change lives for the better 😊".

"Summer Camp showed me that whatever background or religion you are, people can love each other and achieve something, in this case a very successful summer camp that everyone truly enjoyed and the students wellbeing has clearly benefitted. It was so clear that a sense of community was fostered - the volunteers made friends and the students made a lunch for all on the final day. That was magic. I think the students and volunteers really embraced the spiritual side of the camp and that was lovely to see - it did not matter about the differing religions, but they clearly adopted kinship and good values".

YOUR NEXT STEP - email an expression of interest to MISS AMANDA, Refugee Project Leader @ Newman Catholic College on awooster@ncc.brent.sch.uk Include your full name and phone number.