



Dalgarno Supplementary School

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H.H. the ambassador Chrifa Lalla Joumala Alaoui presented the cheque for the MRE project to the chairman of DSS Mr M. Benrahma. DSS would like to thank H.H. for her generous support.

“This partnership is for vulnerable groups of the Moroccan expatriate community, particularly youth, women and persons with special needs. It aims to achieve territorial approach proximity, through the implementation of mobilisation strategies in support of the Moroccan community abroad, in order to involve them more as actors in the host country.”

- Mr Mohammed Ameer, minister of Moroccans Living Abroad

The staff, management, volunteers, parents and the children of DSS would like to thank the Ministry of Moroccans Living Abroad for their support in the past year and hope to continue the partnership in the years to come.

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Partnership with the Ministry of Moroccans Living Abroad

Dalgarno Supplementary School was among the selected projects for the partnership launched by the Ministry for the Moroccans Living Abroad in February 2010.

The objectives were set by the government to assist the community and Moroccans living abroad, in order to promote its integration into the host country in the demographic, social and cultural light. The overall costs of these projects, which benefit Moroccans living abroad (MRE), were established in Europe, Americas and Africa. These amounted to 36 million dirhams, including 8

million paid by the MRE department and the rest financed by the associations involved in these projects. The 60 projects selected from a total of 178 relate to cultural sectors (18), vulnerable groups (18), promotion of women (12) and youth (12).

On this occasion, the minister responsible for the Moroccan living abroad, Mr Mohammed Ameer, said the experiment was based on a new approach of "Call for Projects". This is to define priority areas and the target population for these projects will be the result of a tripartite partnership between Morocco, the actors of civil

society abroad and local authorities in the host countries.

Mr Ameer hoped that the selected projects will help to strengthen their professional capacity to carry out new projects that meet the aspirations of the Moroccan community, emphasizing that the focus has been on the first stage priority issues.



Partnership signed on 12 October 2010 in Rabat, Morocco



The Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Cllr James Husband presents the awards for DSS students and volunteers end of the year 2010



A student practicing writing in Arabic and English



An outing of the DSS students to a fun day at the park in Easter 2011

Education

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The school operates 2.30pm -7.30pm on Saturdays throughout the academic year at the Dalgarno Community Centre. The

school also runs football and gym on Fridays.

DSS also runs a Math and ITC class Mondays 4pm-7pm for secondary school students at the Supplementary Schools Resource Centre at 7 Thorpe Close.

The funding raised for this year also helped the charity in organising a get-together day for parents and children from different

ethnic backgrounds, majority being from Morocco.

Students from DSS participated in some extra curriculum activities, such as Moroccan history, arts and a theatre session.

Events



The tasty result of the cooking class with a visit from the Coordinator of the Partnership for Supplementary Schools, Val Patterson

This year was the first that DSS organised a beginners cooking course for women and young girls who are looking into working in the field of catering professionally. The participants were taught by a professional chef on

how to cook cultural food from Morocco. All people involved enjoyed the course and benefited a great deal of the experience. The course was sponsored by The Big Lottery Fund who visited the cooking class and presented the certificates for the participants at the end of the course.

Since then, DSS and the

participants of the cooking course have catered for few events in the local area, with all profits going back to the organisation and its work.

An end of year party was organised with gifts and certificates for the students and volunteers. The day went very well and all involved enjoyed it immensely.

Sports

The main purpose of the sport programme is to raise awareness about healthy living and keeping fit from an early age by practicing sports, especially football.

The long and continuous training and coaching offered by DSS during the year has brought very positive results to about 27 children and young people. The players' behaviour has changed on and off the pitch, thanks to the hard work by the organisation and the participants. There is an increase of demand for the sports and football, but

due to lack of funding the number is limited to 27 only.

DSS won the under 14's Big W15 5-A-Side Football Tournament at the Westway Sports Centre.

Children from DSS also participated in rock-climbing classes at the Westway Sports Centre.

The charity extend its service to adults from the Dalgarno area to take part in the gym at the Westway Sports Centre.

Young people from DSS,

parents and members of different community groups participated in a family fun day, where everyone enjoyed food and activities such as a football tournament in St Quintin Park.

DSS also took part in the African Nations Cup with the Moroccan team. The cup was for ages 16 + at West Ham. Moroccan team placed fourth.



The Moroccan Team, African Nation Cup

Training

Members of the management committee, teachers, parents and volunteers received training in the following areas in the past year:

Effective Management of Supplementary Schools – A six week course that lead to an OCN accreditation organised by the National Resource Centre for Supplementary Schools with Westway

Development Trust, which was attended by a teacher and a member of the management committee.

Power of Parents – training on how to empower parents was attended by two members of the management committee.

First Aid – a whole day training on First Aid was attended by two members.

Child Protection was

attended by a teacher and a member of the management committee.

Excel Training was attended by a volunteer.

Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities – parenting course run by Westway Development Trust was attended by two fathers of DSS students.



Class at DSS



The victorious Dalgarno Supplementary School team with the Under 14's cup, won from the Westway Development Trust's 40th Anniversary Celebrations Community Festival. The Big W15 5-A-Side Football Tournament took part at the Westway Sports Centre

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Dalgarno Supplementary School was established by constitution on the 16 December 2002 and officially registered in England and Wales as a charity on February 2003. DSS is a registered charity number 1096275.

The charity's objectives are to advance the education of children and young people aged 6 – 16 years, living in the London Borough of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, particularly in the Dalgarno area, by promoting educational and recreational activities.

DSS is working towards achieving its mission to build up the capacity of the local people, with a greater focus to the most socially excluded members of the black and ethnic minority communities. The goal is to get them fully engaged and to get access to the mainstream provision.

The charity is managed by six members from the local community working as volunteers. Three qualified teachers and five volunteers are responsible of running the day to day activities in the organisation. The management committee are committed to quarterly meetings and take responsibility in management, finance, fund raising and the AGM.

Dalgarno Supplementary School would like to thank all those who have helped the charity to in achieving it's missions for another year and a special thanks belongs to the charity's volunteers.

Fundraising

Apart from the difficult times we live in, DSS has worked hard at fundraising to make sure the participants of the organisation have receive the best services possible.

During the academic year 2010-11 we raised funds to pay three teachers and a coach, cover the expenses for volunteers and to cover maintenance cost to our football and other sport activities.

The rent and other centre services were also covered for the academic year.

DSS made a joint fundraising bid with other supplementary schools of the

partnership and with the support of Westway Development Trust and its Resource Centre. This bid covered approximately half of the education expenses.

The rest of the funds needed for education we raised from other sources such as the Kensington Housing Trust, Notting Hill Housing Trust and Grassroot Grants.

Finally, we can say that with the help of all our funders and financial support we managed to support 90 children and over 45 families who have benefited from

Dalgarno's activities. Dalgarno Supplementary School management, parents, children and young people would like to thank all the funders and supporters for their help and contributions. A big thanks to

- Big Lottery Fund
- Grassroots Grants
- Kensington Housing Trust
- Ministry of Moroccans Living Abroad
- Notting Hill Housing Trust
- Westway Development Trust

