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NEWSLETTER

Quarterly update

July 2023 – Volume 2

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WELCOME TO VOLUME 2 OF THE EMMAUS SLC QUARTERLY REPORT NEWSLETTER!

Following the success of our first volume we have decided to continue releasing new volumes throughout the year. We are very excited to bring you regular updates on Emmaus SLC, our events and more. As always, we welcome all feedback and encourage you to let us know what you think of the newsletter at henry.mullins@emmausslc.co.uk. Below are summaries of recent as well as upcoming events at Emmaus SLC.

SOLIDARITY EVENTS 2023:

We are very excited to announce our upcoming fundraising events for 2023!

The Emmaus SLC Solidarity Committee voted on our 2 chosen beneficiaries. They are:

- Emmaus UK Ukraine Fund
- Street Storage

We have posted more information regarding our upcoming solidarity events on our [website](#).

Solidarity is a key part of the Emmaus ethos. As well as supporting companions to rebuild their lives after homelessness we do what we can to provide support to others who are vulnerable or experiencing difficult situations. Each year we host solidarity events where Emmaus SLC staff, Companions, trustees and friends work together to raise funds for beneficiaries chosen by the Emmaus SLC Solidarity Committee.

**EMMAUS SOLIDARITY
COFFEE & CAKE SALE**

September 1st – 3rd 2023

Solidarity sale will include coffee, tea, cake and more!

All money raised will go towards Street Storage and Emmaus Europe Ukraine Fund.

Taking place at our shops in West Norwood, Wallington, Purley and Caterham.

COFFEE & CAKE SALE:

On September 1st – 3rd we will be hosting a Coffee and Cake sale in all our Emmaus SLC shops (excluding Brixton and Purley).

- Knights Hill – 7-9 Knights Hill, Norwood, London SE27 0HS
- Wallington – 105 Stafford Rd, Wallington SM6 9AP
- Purley – 105 Stafford Rd, Wallington SM6 9AP
- Caterham – 3 Townend, Caterham CR3 5UJ

The sale will take place during shop opening hours.

- September 1st and 2nd - Friday/Saturday - 9:30 - 5pm
- September 3rd - Sunday - 11:30am - 3:30pm

This will be an excellent social event, so we do encourage you to come along. We will be selling tea, coffee, cakes and more!



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Emmaus SLC Spinathon 2023

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9:30am -4:30pm on
Friday/Saturday, 11:30am -
3:30pm on Sunday.

All proceeds will go towards Street Storage and
Emmaus Europe Ukraine Fund.

9 Knights Hill, Norwood, London SE27 0HS

Scan the barcode to see our JustGiving page!



SPINATHON 2023:

Following the success of last year's Spinathon we have decided to repeat the event in a smaller capacity. Emmaus SLC staff, Companions, trustees and friends will take turns riding on a static exercise bike for 1 hour straight.

The Spinathon will take place at our Knights Hill boutique September 1st – 3rd, during our Coffee & Cake sale.

Times:

• 9:30am -4:30pm on Friday/Saturday,
11:30am – 3:30pm on Sunday.

We have set up a [JustGiving](#) page for the Spinathon. Please check our page to learn more and make a donation.

AVIVA FUND:

In May we launched our Aviva fund called 'Training Fund for Companions'.

Our aim was to raise additional funds to support our Companions enrolling on external courses and workshops to expand their skillset and earn qualifications, improving their employability.

We successfully raised a total of £1,610 in 42 days! Read more about it [here](#).

Training Fund for Companions



✓ We did it

On 13th June 2023 we successfully raised £1,610 (+ est. £6.25 *giftaid*) with 40 supporters in 42 days



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CROYDON VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT DAY:

Our Partnership manager Ross and Fundraising and Projects Officer Tom set up a stall in the Centrale shopping centre in Croydon. Their goal was to raise more awareness to Emmaus SLC, the work we do, how to volunteer and more. The day was successful as both were able to introduce Emmaus SLC to new people, make contacts with other services, and even get a few donations.



WELCOME PACKS:

A huge thank you to Charles Russells Speechlys and Evri for their generous donations of toiletries, clothing, and funding for loaded Oyster Cards. These items will go into our Welcome packs which will be given to new companions joining Emmaus SLC. Considering many people who have been struggling with homelessness lack most essentials these welcome packs will go a long way to fixing their standard of living. Being able to move in from homelessness and get showered then dressed in clean underwear and clothing helps new Companions settle in and feel better.

CLAIRE MALCOMSON:

Claire Malcomson, a local councilor for Liberal Democrats, recently visited our Emmaus Caterham shop to show support. We interviewed her and discussed the issues young people face, climate change and being active within your community. You can read the full interview [here](#).





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OUR CROYDON COMMUNITY HOMES LEARNS TO COOK:

We have been running our 'cooking with confidence' course taking place in our two Croydon Community homes. The course is funded by Croydon Relief in Need and entails a staff member working 18 hours a week to teach 2 Companions on budgeting, cooking, and food safety & hygiene in a course which lasts 6 weeks. We are running this course for a year and hope most of our Companions will take part.

Having the skills and confidence needed to be able to prepare nutritious and cheap meals is an essential skill for our Companions to help move on successfully. By developing these skills in a safe place of learning to do this, our Companions have found a new enjoyment from being able to cook what they always wanted to.

MARK'S STORY:

One of our Companions, Mark, recently gained new employment as a forklift driver and will be moving on from Emmaus SLC. Mark enrolled on a 4-day course to gain the required qualifications to be employed as a forklift driver which was his job prior to joining Emmaus. He was able to join this course thanks to our previously mentioned Aviva fund and the Companion Training Fund provided by Emmaus UK.

Mark will be staying at Emmaus for the next 3 months whilst he settles into his new job before moving on from us. We are always happy to see our Companions improve their confidence and skillset to move on from us. We wish Mark the best in moving on with his life.

[Read the full story here.](#)





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STAND WITH TRANS:

Emmaus SLC is now proudly supporting #StandWithTrans, a campaign ran by So Straight Charity. We want to provide solidarity to those in the Trans community who are underrepresented in the charity sector, especially those who are struggling with homelessness. We have posted some statistics as well as other information to our social media channels. Please see So Straight Charity's [page](#) for more details.



SUITCASE SALE:

On Sunday 23rd Emmaus SLC participated in a suitcase sale for the 'In a Field By The Park' community festival in potters Field Park by Tower bridge. Ross and our window dresser Barbara set up their pitch and sold various vintage wares to passers-by whilst also informing them about the issue of homelessness in London and what we do to help. A huge thank you to Barbara for arranging the suitcase as well as the wares we were selling. Read more about it [here](#).

SOLIDARITY SALE:

This annual sale, held by all Emmaus groups, is our movement's main method of raising funds to carry out solidarity programmes and campaigns across the world. The Emmaus SLC sale took place on Wednesday 21st June at our Knights Hill boutique.

The sale was a success and we raised £3213 all together!





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LARGE RISE SEEN IN ROUGH SLEEPING THROUGH THE LAST YEAR IN LONDON:

The rise in rough sleeping can be seen through the data produced by the Greater London Authority via CHAIN . This is a secure database where all people found rough sleeping are recorded, as not all rough sleepers are found the amount is most likely higher. There is concerning news in the last year that there has been a huge jump in people found bedded down on the streets. These are the figures for the two Boroughs Emmaus SLC operate Community homes:

- In the last year, 623 people were found rough sleeping in Lambeth, a rise of 42% since 2021-22.
- In the last year, 373 people were found rough sleeping in Croydon, a rise of 36% since 2021-22.

No one should be in a situation where they are forced to rough sleep and we are proud that Emmaus is here to help people who are facing and experiencing homelessness to find a home, develop their skills, and move on.



This was the sleeping site for one of our former Companions before joining Emmaus SLC.