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# NEWSLETTER

Quarterly update

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## WELCOME TO VOLUME 3 OF THE EMMAUS SLC QUARTERLY REPORT NEWSLETTER!

This volume will cover all notable Emmaus SLC related events and activities from August to October 2023. As always, we welcome any feedback. Please send your thoughts to:

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We hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter!



## MESSAGE:

On the 4th of August, Emmaus SLC Partnerships Manager Ross and Projects and Fundraising Officer Tom joined with local Rail Enforcements Officers (REOs) in their MESSAGE campaign at East Croydon Station. The mission of MESSAGE is to raise awareness towards how people affected by various social issues, such as homelessness, and more can be found at train stations and how they can be helped. Read more [here](#).

## SUMMER BBQ:

Emmaus SLC held its annual summer BBQ on the 17th of August 2023. Numerous members of staff, Companions and Trustees attended and had a very pleasant evening. The food was kindly purchased and prepared by our trustees. Read more [here](#).



## ROGER'S COOKING WITH CONFIDENCE AWARD:

Roger, one of our Companions, successfully completed his 'Cooking with Confidence' course! Our CEO James presented Roger with his well-earned certificate at our Summer BBQ. At Emmaus SLC we always encourage our Companions to earn new qualifications and expand their skillset. Read more [here](#).



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## SPINATHON:

Members of Emmaus SLC staff, Companions and trustees and friends all took turns cycling for an hour straight. Our Head of Finance & Community Danny kicked off our Spinathon on the 1st of September. Through our JustGiving page we raised £2164 in donations plus £359 in gift aid! This means we successfully passed our goal of £2,500.

## COFFEE & CAKE SALE:

Along with our Spinathon we also hosted a Coffee & Cake sale at our shops in Lambeth, Wallington and Caterham. Many of the tasty treats we had for sale were baked and donated by trustees and friends of Emmaus SLC! We successfully raised £485.



## SOLIDARITY EVENT FINAL RECAP:

Our solidarity events mentioned above successfully raised a total of £3,008 to be split between our beneficiaries Street Storage and the Emmaus Europe Ukraine Fund! We are very pleased to have another year of successful solidarity events and we are already looking forward to next years! Read our full recap of the event [here](#).

## BUDDYUP

BuddyUp is a new App created by Cranstoun. The purpose of BuddyUp is to hopefully decrease the chances of people dying via an overdose whilst taking drugs. People who take drugs can use the app to call a Cranstoun team member who would stay on the line and contact emergency services if they were to overdose, hopefully reducing the chances of death. Read more [here](#).

'BUDDYUP' IS A MOBILE PHONE APP CREATED BY CRANSTOUN, A UK SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HARM REDUCTION SERVICE.

THE PURPOSE OF BUDDYUP IS FOR ACTIVE DRUG USERS TO DESIGN A RESCUE PLAN AND CALL A CRANSTOUN WORKER FOR HELP IF THEY ARE AT RISK OF OVERDOSING.





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## THE STREETLINK

StreetLink have rebranded themselves as 'TheStreetLink' and launched a brand-new website. For those unaware, TheStreetLink is a service which allows concerned members of the public to report the time and location of someone rough sleeping who might need help. They will then contact local support services to assist the person rough sleeping. Read more [here](#).

## BARBICAN:

Emmaus SLC donated 10 bags worth of preloved clothing to the 'RE/SISTERS: A Lens on Gender and Ecology' art exhibition held at the Barbican centre in London. Pictured here is our retail supervisor, Barbra, and Companion, Andy B. The exhibition will be open until 14TH January 2024. Read more [here](#).



## EMMAUS UK ASSEMBLY:

Emmaus SLC delegates travelled up to Hinckley, Leicestershire for the annual Emmaus UK Assembly which took place from Sunday 8th – Monday 9th October. Delegates participated in interesting workshops, sat down for inspirational talks and enjoyed social events in the evening. Read more [here](#).

## SOLAR PANELS:

After a few delays we are happy to announce that we have finally installed solar panels at our 363 Holmesdale Road community! We are planning on eventually installing solar panels for all our communities. We are aiming for an eco-friendlier approach. Read more [here](#).





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## WORLD HOMELESSNESS DAY:

The 10th of October was World Homeless Day. Important homelessness statistics for London include:

- A 12% rise in new people found rough sleeping in London in the last year.
- A 9% rise in the total of people rough sleeping .

There has been a concerning lack of progress being made. We need to work together to fight homelessness in London in more effective ways if we want to see a difference. Read more [here](#).

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