

Who we work with

LOVE TO LEARN works with children and young people from refugee backgrounds and their families and carers. The majority of our clients are from Somalia, Afghanistan and Eritrea, but we work with clients from other backgrounds too. If you wish to make a referral and you are not sure if the family is from a refugee-producing country, please contact us. Our staff speak a number of languages, including Somali, Farsi, Tigrinya and Amharic.

Most families with whom we work live in Wandsworth or have children in Wandsworth schools (but we can work with families and schools in neighbouring boroughs).

Making a referral

We welcome self-referrals and referrals from schools and partner agencies. To make a referral, please contact us or use our referral form (downloadable from our website).



Who we are

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LOVE TO LEARN

working with new communities supporting education and learning

LOVE TO LEARN works with children and young people from refugee backgrounds and their families and carers. We provide educational advocacy and advice, learning support, clubs and workshops, and supported referrals in order to raise educational aspiration and achievement.

How we will use your personal information:

We will use your personal information to provide you with services or information, for administration purposes and to further our charitable aims. We may need to share your information with our funders and associated organisations for these purposes.

For more information please see our **privacy policy** on our website: www.love-to-learn.org.uk/privacy

LOVE TO LEARN OFFERS THE FOLLOWING

Wednesday and Thursday Club

We run homework and activities clubs at Katherine Low Settlement for children from refugee backgrounds. Senior club (yrs 6-9) is on Wednesday from 4.30 to 6.30 and junior club (yrs 1-5) is on Thursday from 4.30 to 6.30. Children gain 1:1 support with homework, followed by a range of fun activities including cooking, gardening, arts, games and challenges. Activities are designed to increase confidence, broaden experience and develop social skills. Trips and activities are organised in the holidays.

Learning mentor programme

We can place a trained volunteer learning mentor with a child or young person who might need extra support with schoolwork due to a range of factors, or who is newly arrived in the UK. The mentor will visit the child once a week for about an hour to support him/her with schoolwork and study skills. Specialist mentors can be placed with GCSE students. Mentors work inclusively with parents and carers, and may also organise trips and activities.

Educational advocacy and casework

Our caseworkers make home visits to families to support and empower parents and carers dealing with issues such as choosing a school or nursery, making an application, special educational needs, English as an additional language, exclusions and appeals. They will also make supported referrals to other services where necessary. Caseworkers provide advocacy and support with communicating with schools and can accompany parents to school meetings or parents evenings if requested.



ESOL and parent workshops

ESOL workshops are offered at KLS from Monday-Friday, with crèche for young children. Please call us if you need a place. We also provide bespoke parent workshops at schools on supporting children through the UK education system.

Working in partnership

We work in close partnership with schools, statutory services, refugee agencies and community organisations.

Learning Spaces

Love to Learn is working in partnership with Southfields Academy and Harris Academy Battersea, providing mentoring support and confidence-building activities for refugee students.

Volunteer with us!

Would you like to support a child from a refugee background with their learning? We offer full training and supervision. Please see our website for more information. www.love-to-learn.org.uk