



Znaniye Foundation

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RE: Znaniye Foundation Ealing Borough Free Online Summer School

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you from Znaniye Foundation - an Ealing based Charity, launched in 2003, that works to provide a wide range of projects and educational programmes to children, youth and families in the various boroughs of London. We recognise the importance of supporting these children and young people to enable them to reach their full potential, to encourage self-expression, and to build social interaction and community integration in safe, friendly and stimulating environments. During this troubling time of Covid-19 and the resulting school closures, we have decided to launch the Ealing Borough Free Online Summer School.

Why?

Over 2.3 million children in the UK have done almost no schoolwork since the beginning of lockdown in March or managed less than one hour a day, and we know from speaking to our community a vast amount of families are struggling to access affordable and readily available tuition that schools are not yet able to offer. With Governmental catch-up plans and summer tuition from schools yet to be confirmed, local and community-led projects will need to play a massive role in helping to limit the effects on young people.

Our project is designed to support people and communities now, particularly those who have experienced, and will continue to disproportionately experience, challenges and difficulties as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. We will do so with a wide range of subjects for students of Nursery, Reception, Primary and Secondary School Age (3-18) over a 6-week time frame from the 20th July, until the start of the new academic year.

Our Aims

Our goal is to provide widely accessible learning that can begin to supplement some of the education lost due to the Covid-19 Lockdown, with Core Subjects, Creative Topics and

Well-being programmes to support the students who are facing the hardest impact - in particular, those that have been immoderately affected by school closures, such as low-income and low-access families, as well as BAME communities that in the UK traditionally have fewer opportunities for educational services and out of school help.

Working with our Community, for our Community

Our project puts our community at its forefront. It was developed after discussions with local parents, teachers, and community members who were directly affected by the detrimental effects of school closures. Whilst we have over 17 years of experience running supplementary education and well-being projects in our local community and across all London Boroughs, we know we will have the most positive effect by working with as many people as we can. So, Znaniye Foundation is now working with Ealing based volunteers and registered teachers and tutors who are passionate about their subjects, with support from local charities, Ealing Council and Ealing Learning Partnership.

The next steps

In order to ensure that we are able to distribute the project and information to the most vulnerable families and students, we will need to work closely with schools and local authorities.

So we are looking to speak directly to headteachers and local school teachers across the borough, to be able to safely and effectively approach families, and ensure we are reaching our goal of supporting those most in need.

Additionally, to enable students to reap as many benefits from the project as possible, we need to provide 'educational packs' - including workbooks and textbooks, stationery, and other materials to aid studying and complement the lessons and tuition. We know that the youngest students in particular, mostly those under age 10, benefit greatly from tangible materials to aid their learning and are more likely to achieve their goals if teachers draw on a wide variety of resources.

Also, as the Digital Gap has been widely exacerbated in light of Covid-19, with 1 in 5 children on Free School Meals having no access to the internet or technology, we are looking to provide an option for the hardest hit that will allow them to access tablets, laptops or other devices that will enable them to join us and ensure that we can reach as many people as possible. Our aim is to create a library of devices and materials that can be used to access the lessons that we provide.

That's why we are hoping to speak with you, as a school, or education provider, as soon as possible. We are actively looking for more teachers to come on board, and looking to speak to people who are in a position to help us correctly identify those who need additional support, as

well as those who would simply thoroughly enjoy the lessons. As well as materials and donations, we need the most enthusiastic teachers and partners to help us move forward.

We would be delighted to speak to you more in depth about our project, answer any questions you may have, and see how we can begin to support your students.

Because we know that together, we can begin to limit the effects that the Covid-19 School Lockdown is having on our future generations.

Sincerely,

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