



# Speak Street Impact Report 2018



Speak Street celebrates its 3rd birthday.

## Who Are We?

Speak Street is a pop up language cafe based in London. We offer free English classes to refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants, as well as foreign language classes and events.

Our sessions help people improve their everyday language skills with native speakers. It's fun, flexible, and community based. We are proud to say that London is open and everyone is welcome!

## Our Mission

We hold a variety of classes, activities, and events within the local community, with the help of volunteers.

So far this academic year:

- We have held **130 sessions**
- Our sessions have been attended by **250 beneficiaries**
- And **100 volunteers**
- Volunteers have contributed over **1300 hours** of their time to helping us achieve our mission of Communication, Community, and Permaculture.



## A Word from the Founder

*It's been another amazing year and we've scaled to more venues and reached a wide variety of beneficiaries and partners. I find it very inspirational to work with our beneficiaries who demonstrate such strength of character and courage to keep trying day after day, in spite of the many challenges they face.*

**Joanna Bevan Speak Street Founder**

## What We Do

We hold regular **free EFL classes** that are open to all levels, as well as **library sessions, Art Talks, Skip Garden** cooking and gardening sessions, and other talks and events. This year we have been holding weekly reading sessions at Islington South Library, and have visited museums and galleries including the Florence Nightingale Museum, the Museum of London, Kenwood House, and the V&A Museum of Childhood. Our regular skip gardening sessions are held at Global Generation Skip Garden & Kitchen in King's Cross. These are a fun way to pick up new skills and practice English with friends.



## Case Studies

### Student case study 1: Aykan

"In my spare time I enjoy listening to music, reading the newspaper, and watching TV. The Speak Street sessions are very good. Step by step, I learn more English and communicate with friends. My goal is to make GP and hospital appointments with no interpreter. When I first came here, my English was very limited, now it is better. I like the atmosphere at Speak Street and the teachers are special. People from all backgrounds are treated the same, no matter where you are from. It is very friendly and respectful. I am lucky!"

### **Student case study 2: Sara**

“I never miss Speak Street, I really enjoy it. In the sessions we do things like learning English, gardening, and picnics. All my memories from Speak Street are good. The classes have helped me to meet new people.”

### **Student case study 3: Azra**

“In my spare time I like to go to the park. I like learning more speaking English in the Speak Street sessions. I like the Skip Garden, we do reading and gardening. Before, my speaking was not so good. The sessions have helped me become more confident.”

### **Volunteer case study 1: Gary**

“In my spare time I enjoy reading, listening to music, and gardening. I watch football most weeks and I have two pet chinchillas. I really enjoy the Speak Street sessions and it means a lot to the students, they are very popular and they are free. They are really important to refugees and migrants. In the sessions, we do different activities. Normally we do warm up exercises with pictures and vocab in the first part of the class, and grammar in the second part. The Friday library class where we do reading and speaking is my favourite class. We also do outings from time to time.

“I remember when we first started the conversation class and it was supposed to run for 10 weeks but it is now continuing for another year. In the first couple of classes, we didn’t know how it would go, but being with the students it went better than expected. I have enjoyed it, and the students are really keen to learn.

“I previously did a 6 month course to teach English to adults but was not very experienced. This has helped my confidence and taught me better ways to go about it. I used to work in a post office and this is something very different. I tell my friends and they are impressed. It is really useful as it helps people to integrate into society.”

### **Finances for 2017/18**

Income: £45,359

Expenses: £43,275

Reserves: £3,785

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