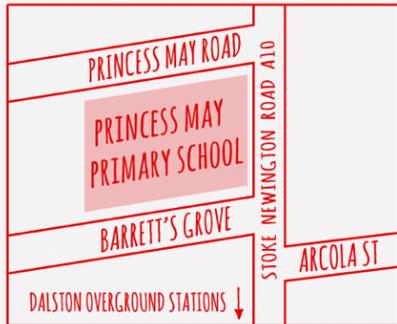


Where to find us

Akwaaba takes place at:

**Princess May Primary School
Barrett's Grove Entrance
(off Stoke Newington Road)
N16 8AJ**



For directions call 07516 675995
(Sunday afternoons only)

Buses: 67, 76, 149, 243
stop outside the school.

Trains: We are near three Overground
stations with connections across London.
Dalston Kingsland (7 minutes)
Dalston Junction (10 minutes)
Rectory Road (14 minutes)

Opening hours

Sundays 14:00-18:00

Contact us

Email: akwaabalondon@gmail.com
Call: 07516 675995
Facebook: Akwaabahackney
Twitter: @AkwaabaHackney



Volunteer with us

Akwaaba is run entirely by volunteers.
We are always looking for new people to
get involved.

Please get in touch if you would like to
volunteer or offer your skills, or speak
to us during a Sunday session.

E: akwaabalondon@gmail.com

We can refund volunteer travel
(up to £4.50)



*"We love Akwaaba. Nothing can
split the friendship between us
and Akwaaba. We are a team and
we stick together." - Sam, age 7*



AKWAABA



Sunday social centre for migrants,
refugees and asylum seekers
www.akwaaba.org.uk

What is Akwaaba?

Akwaaba means 'welcome' in the Twi language of Ghana. Every Sunday between 2pm and 6pm, we welcome refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants to our social centre in Hackney.

Akwaaba is a community where people of all ages and backgrounds can relax, make friends and learn new skills in a safe environment. We make decisions collectively and value everyone's voices equally.

Who comes to Akwaaba?

We welcome all migrants regardless of age, gender, sexuality, religion, nationality or immigration status. We believe that no-one is illegal. Our visitors come from more than 40 countries, including Uganda, Nigeria, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Ukraine, Poland, Bulgaria, Ghana, Lithuania, Sudan, Zambia, Pakistan...

Welcoming and supporting our members

Akwaaba's team of welcome volunteers help make our social centre as warm and inclusive as possible. Over tea and coffee, they engage other members of the community in conversation, games and other activities. We support members by signposting and referring to appropriate services. We do a limited amount of follow-up work to help people get the support they need.

In partnership with North East London Migrant Action, we have a support group for destitute families in need of social services support.



"Akwaaba is a comfort place to be, no matter your gender, race or the circumstances in which you come. I am proud to be an Akwaaba member." Olu from Nigeria



What happens at Akwaaba?

We offer a free hot meal and a range of different activities, including English classes, a music group, computers and storytelling. We also campaign on the issues that affect our members and offer solidarity and support.

Activities for Adults

We run regular arts and crafts activities for adults, including painting, sewing, and screen-printing. Our music group meets regularly and performs at community events. We also run yoga sessions. Members are welcome to use our laptops, scanner/printer and Wi-Fi. Our computer volunteers can help you improve your IT skills.

Children's Activities

We welcome children of all ages. We provide fun, safe activities, while parents and carers take part in workshops and classes—or just enjoy a few hours' peace.

English & literacy

The Akwaaba English project offers English and literacy classes in a supportive and friendly environment. We help students improve their English and build their confidence. Class sizes are small and we work together with students to plan classes that are useful for them. We are always open to new students. You don't need to register or be referred.

Storytelling

Akwaaba's storytelling group is a supportive space where members can meet to explore their experiences through writing and sharing stories. Sessions are led by published writers. We welcome all adults, whether you enjoy writing or have no experience at all.



Choir

Akwaaba members run weekly singing sessions for singers of any ability. We sing all types of music, including pop, reggae and gospel from around the world. We are a friendly group and we welcome everyone. No singing experience necessary.