



## **Education for Good Report January – March 2019**

Every three months, Bayswater Foundation produces a report on the *Education for Good* activities we have been doing both inside and outside the college. This quarter we share our first project in Rio de Janeiro, how we are supporting refugees and our fundraising efforts in the college. We are also happy to announce that Bayswater Foundation is officially recognised by the Charities Commission.

### **First project funded by social enterprise model**

Bayswater was established as a social enterprise in International Education with the promise that for every course we deliver to international students in the UK, we offer a free course to underprivileged children overseas, on a one-for-one basis. The first project has been established with Mais Caminhos in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



Quality education, resources and teachers are often lacking in Brazil's poorest communities. The ability to speak English gives increased job opportunities and higher income jobs. In a recent study by the British Council found that you can earn up to 40% more in Brazil for the same job when you speak English. Mais Caminhos is delivering an English course for teenagers aged 12-16 years old financed by a grant from Bayswater Foundation.



James Herbertson, Director of Bayswater, said 'We are delighted to reveal our first project abroad fully funded from revenue from the courses and students in the UK. We chose Mais Caminhos for their shared values and knowledge of teaching and caring for people from a less privileged background. This is the first project of many, and we will be announcing more projects in the coming months.'

Students are taught by an experienced native-English speaking ESL teacher. The small groups will benefit not only from individual attention but also pastoral care that they could only dream of receiving at school. To keep classes motivated, the teachers at Mais Caminhos will evaluate performance and attendance throughout the programme and students will receive a diploma after completing each level.



Maria Dupuy, the General Manager of Mais Caminhos, said 'We are happy to report that the program got off to a great start! During the first two classes, the students got to know their classmates, teacher, and teaching assistants. The response from the students and parents was overwhelmingly positive. The mother of one of our students wrote to us "my son arrived home very happy with the first day and I know that class will just get better each day. Thank you very much for everything." Receiving this, among other positive messages, was extremely encouraging, and we are excited about this opportunity with Bayswater.'

## Registered Charity

Bayswater Foundation has been recognised by the Charity Commission and officially became a registered charity. The charity number is 1181148 and allows us to fundraise independently from our one to one model.

## Supporting Refugees

This quarter, we have had one student refugee from Iran join us at the college to improve her English level so she can progress to a full-time university course. She studied General English and IELTS and managed to progress from intermediate to advanced level. The lady who will remain nameless, so as not to be identified, came through our refugee partner organisation RefuAid.



This summer in Nottingham we are running a programme to give refugees a taste of university life. The refugees, primarily from Syria and those fleeing war-torn countries, will be given the opportunity to study English and take part in a variety of activities. The goal of this project is to empower the students to continue on to further education or full-time work, and gain the confidence to communicate in English. We have recruited Jessica Dunks as Project Manager to oversee the programme.



## Looking forward

Within the next 3 months we will:

- Finalise the plans for the refugee programme in Nottingham.
- Set up language café sessions for refugees in the evening in the college.
- Organise a fundraising event each month in the college.
- Unveil the second project that the foundation will be supporting.

If you are interested in getting involved with, please feel free to contact James on [foundation@bayswater.ac](mailto:foundation@bayswater.ac) or call him on 020 7221 7259.

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