

Wednesday, 12 July 2017

It is UiD's third year and I think we should all be very proud of what we've achieved. From our humble beginning we've grown and developed into a very well-respected service in Swansea in the support of asylum seekers and refugees. Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers we have received an award and are now recognised as '**An Organisation of Sanctuary**'. Building on previous successes much has happened.

Our partnership with **Hay, Brecon and Talgarth Sanctuary for Refugees** has developed into something wonderful, particularly for the people we support. HBTSR have helped us in so many ways. There have been numerous donations of food, stationary equipment and specific help with our community members to meet urgent needs and also much needed support. There have been a number of 'homestays' for people like Nigussie and Cyrille who have a passion for farming. Nigussie is now our official contact for getting people involved. We had a number of people volunteer at Hay festival as stewards; this was greatly enjoyed and provided those that went a meaningful and fun respite from their usual anxiety and inactivity. The respite trips have been a huge success. There have been 20 trips in the last year to many beautiful places in the Brecon beacons area and our community members have enjoyed incredibly warm welcomes from all the people and places that support HBTSR. Many wonderful activities have been enjoyed as well as a huge amount of donations being made available to those attending. 50 families have enjoyed the respite trips which have helped us greatly in our aim to improve access to services for women and children. 156 individuals have also enjoyed the trips making a total of 359 people overall. Many thanks also to UiD and SBASSG volunteers that have helped on the trips – if you haven't had the opportunity to come along you should as it's an enormously rewarding thing to do. Additionally we are very lucky to be able IELTS classes now thanks to Mac from HBTSR.

We welcome Julian who now kindly oversees UiD FC activities. Thanks again to HBTSR for providing support in donations of football boots and arranging the much enjoyed Hereford United game where our team participated in a half-time penalty shoot-out at one of their league matches.

Collaboration with **SBASSG** has developed greatly. This was particularly helpful regarding the memorial for Mohammed Abdurezek, a greatly dignified send-off for which we have received heartfelt thanks from our community members and community groups/friends further afield. We are extremely grateful to all that helped this happen. Working with Marilyn we have further developed our directory of services and the signpost training has been up and running for the last 3 months. 15 people, including 4 UiD volunteers have successfully completed the training and certificates have been sent out. Our collaborative work through the Community Foundations funding is coming along nicely, we had a very well attended 'Right to Remain Toolkit' workshop that was very useful and feedback has been excellent. Crisis Intervention training will follow our signpost training.

British Red Cross, 50 individuals have completed basic First Aid training – this now continues as a monthly provision.

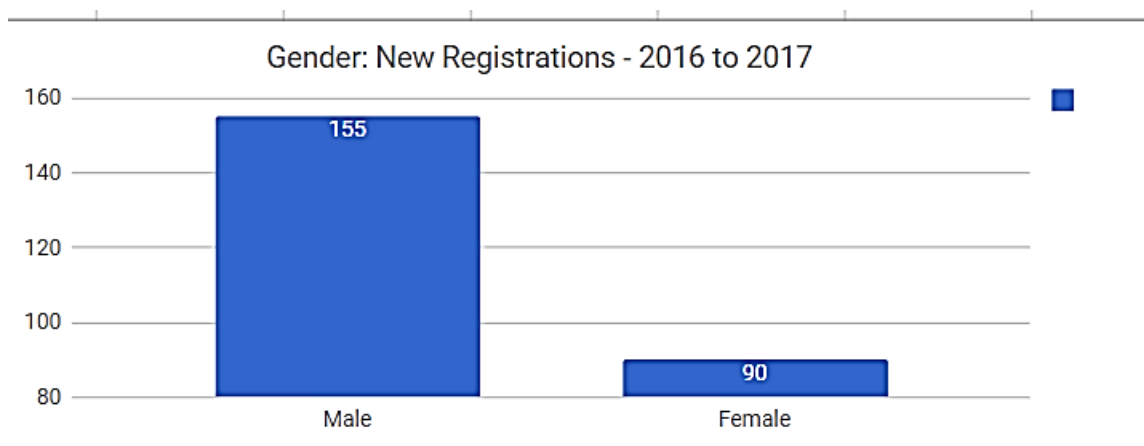
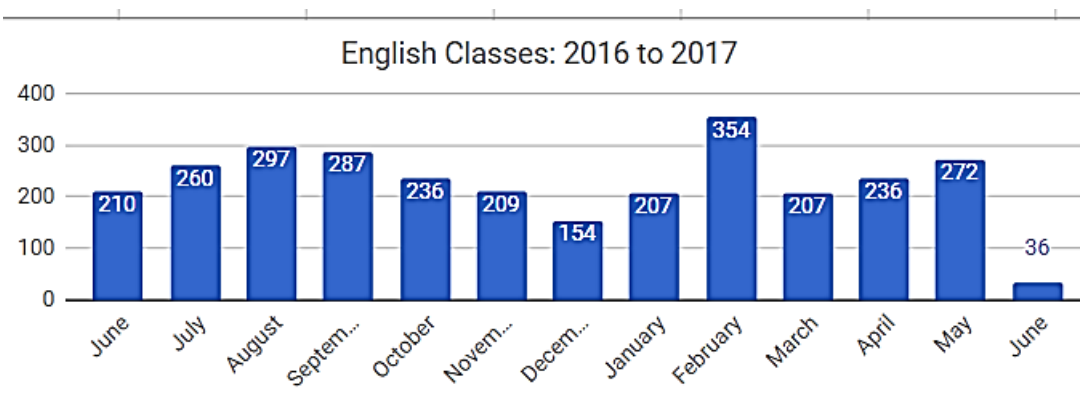
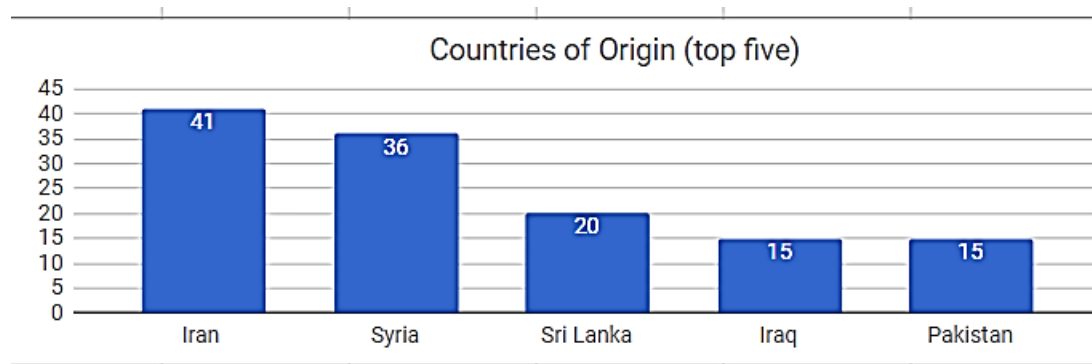
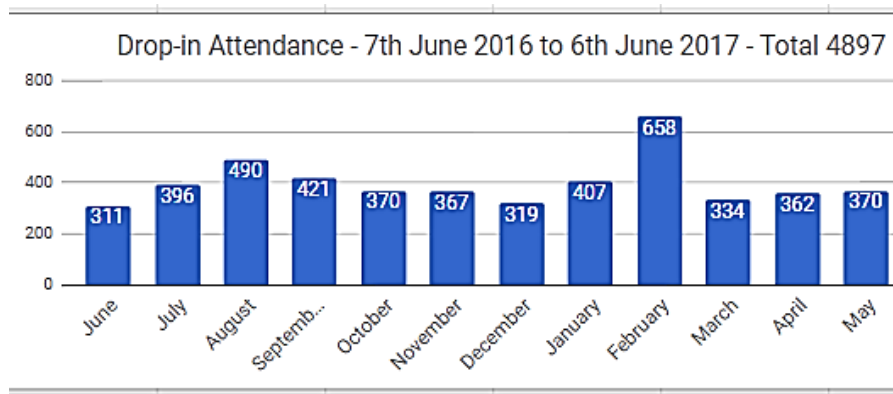
The '**Musical Routes**' project has come to an end and our members really enjoyed showcasing dance, poetry and music. The event at Swansea Waterfront Museum was a great success and we now have a wonderfully made video of UiD's input which will be especially useful for presenting the friendly and productive atmosphere at UiD in future. Video can be viewed here -> www.bit.ly/2u6nYNJ

We have adjusted our meetings structure and I hope that our community members have enjoyed contributing to this. We've been able to act on suggestions with our established IELTS classes being a good example. We also plan to include periodic training for volunteers during these meetings.

Looking at our figures we can see how many people we have supported - fantastic!

This has only been possible due to the wonderful commitment of our committed volunteers and trustees. We also offer our heartfelt thanks to all supporting organisations and donors.

Thank You Very Much



Collaboration, Partnership and Extra Activities

28 June 2016	UiD - Info session - Post referendum racism and available support - upcoming events in Swansea	22
10 July 2016	HBTSR/UiD/SBASSG - Respite trip to Llangorse	53
30 July 2016	HBTSR/UiD/SBASSG - Respite trip - Talgarth Sports Day	42
12 August 2016	HBTSR/UiD/SBASSG - Respite trip - Talgarth Family Trip	11
21 August 2016	HBTSR/UiD/SBASSG - Respite trip to Brilley	40
01 September 2016	HBTSR/UiD/SBASSG - Respite trip - Craig y Nos Picnic	70
25 September 2016	HBTSR/UiD/SBASSG - Respite trip to Christ College	35
03 October 2016	UiD/SBASSG – Volunteer visit to Trinity house, Cardiff	10
09 October 2016	HBTSR/UiD/SBASSG - Respite trip to Bronllys	54
29 October 2016	HBTSR/UiD/SBASSG - Respite trip to Llanthony	45
17 November 2016	UiD/SBASSG - Right-2-Remain Toolkit Training	68
26 November 2016	HBTSR/UiD/SBASSG volunteer outing - Hay Winter Festival	8
27 November 2016	HBTSR/UiD/SBASSG - Respite trip to Caerphilly Castle	60+
26 January 2017	Memorial for Mohammed Abdurezek	49
29 January 2017	HBTSR/UiD/SBAASSG - Respite trip to Cradoc	55
06 February 2017	UiD/SBASSG - Open University Arts & Apps Event	86
05 March 2017	HBTSR/UiD/SBASSG - Respite trip to Penpont House	70
18 March 2017	HBTSR/UiD/SBASSG - Hereford United Trip	57
02 April 2017	HBTSR/UiD/SBASSG - Respite trip to Llangorse	53
14 May 2017	HBTSR/UiD/SBASSG - Respite trip - Craig y Nos Picnic	45
26 May 2017	HBTSR/UiD/SBASSG – Hay Festival Volunteers	11

Unity in Diversity Accounts 6th June 2016 to 31st May 2017.

Opening Balance.	7486.17
Income	14048.20
Expenditure	12725.07
Closing Balance	8809.30

TSB account	8854.45
Petty Cash	-45.15
Closing Balance	8809.30

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements :
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

have not been met or

2. to which in my opinion , attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature  Date 26.6.17.