



Welcome to the first KTCC Newsletter of 2021!

I think we can all agree that 2020 was a difficult year for us all. Before we write it off entirely, I wanted to share with you all some of the great things my team and you, our members and users had achieved this year.

My highlights of 2020 included:

The launch of the Kentish Town Arts Club way back in January 2020. Run entirely by volunteers, we hope to see these in-house music nights return soon.



The Youth Service receiving the London Youth Gold in July. A phenomenal achievement, especially in a lockdown!

2020 has been a tough year for our community. As a small team we have achieved a lot:

330 people now KTCC members
 107 regular food bank clients
 132 older people connected to our Older Peoples Project
 42 young people actively participating in our Youth Service.

Not bad for a team of just 13 and that includes 3 amazing volunteers. #Legends

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The launch of the Food Hub, a collective term for all the wonderful food projects we have launched this year. These projects include KTCooks, The Recipe Club and of course an extension of The Pantry (our foodbank). A huge thanks to all our foodbank users who have been so patient with us as we try new ideas. We are committed to the principles of dignity and respect in all our Food Hub projects.



The Older Peoples Project continued from September as an in-person service. We took the bold move to run small 'support groups' for our older people, who were phenomenal and a joy to be around.

Finally, in 2020 we made some great friends. New people used our services, and we were very lucky to work with our local school, The Caversham GP practice Wellcome Trust, Murphys and Sons (Builders) and ASOS.

A huge thanks to everyone for their support in 2020. See over the page for more details about our plans for 2021.

Stay Happy and Safe
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In 2021 we are planning on:

A) Giving local people a stronger voice.

This ranges from ESOL lessons for people who do not speak any English through to supporting our local parents to get their voices heard on issues relating to feeding a family on a low income alongside creating a platform for local creatives and entrepreneurs



B) Developing our Food Hub

The Food Hub is our innovative approach to food, by trialling and testing new ways for people to access food and develop their food knowledge. In 2021 we will start growing our own food (mainly herbs) and will be working with our friends from Kentish Town City Farm and the Caversham GP Practice

C) Supporting better Mental Health

We are looking at ways to help local people 'heal' after a very tough 2020. Ideas include art and music projects alongside working in collaboration with The Recovery College as we did in 2019. More details will be available on our website : ktcc.org.uk and on our social media platforms

D) Collaborating with our local partners.

In 2020 we made some great friends and in 2021 we intend on developing these partnerships further. We are committed to creating space for people to explore and test new ideas that benefit our community.



This work will run alongside the delivery of existing work, our Youth Service and Older Peoples Project and The Kentish Town Arts Club. We also hope to welcome back our classes as soon as the lockdown eases. Last year people hired our space to run Martial Arts, Yoga and Pilates classes and the very popular under 5s sessions. If you would like to book space to run a class in the Spring of 2021 please contact Tom on

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