

6th February 2024

Sutton Community Dance

To Whom It May Concern

The purpose of this letter is to raise awareness of the impact and role of Sutton Community Dance (SCD) within the local community.

Jigsaw4u are saddened to hear the news that SCD may be forced to close due to not being able to afford their premises. We are concerned about the impact this could have on local children, young people and families. Our team have long been aware of the positive work SCD offer, however in recent years they have proven to be a socially-conscious, supportive and valuable local resource. Please note that, since January 2022, SCD have supported Jigsaw4u by:

- Giving us a free safe space to provide weekly 2.5-hour drop-in sessions for local people who have experienced domestic abuse (including free refreshments)
- Providing us with private meeting spaces after drop-in sessions to conduct initial assessments with individual service users
- Offering a weekly safe space during Ramadan for women and children unable to attend Mosque to come together for Iftar (prayers and breaking fast)
- Allowing free entry to Jigsaw4u service users (children, young people and adults) who would otherwise be unable to afford dance lessons
- Organising clothes swap events for local residents experiencing poverty
- Organising networking opportunities with other charities and organisations

Jigsaw4u believe the closure of SCD would have a marked negative impact on the local community and be detrimental to the mental health and wellbeing of a huge number of vulnerable people.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any further information.

Yours sincerely



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