



Harrow Giving

A trading name of Harrow Community Action (registered charity no. 1167770)

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NIDA Community Services helps people who are homeless, vulnerable and disadvantaged within the UK and developing countries. NIDA's mission is "working towards the betterment of humanity", co-ordinating volunteers from across the UK to do this.

At the start of the Covid-19 crisis, NIDA joined forces with 8 other partnering organisations including SLMCC - Sri Lanka Mosque Cultural Centre to form the Harrow Covid-19 Support Group, whose main objective is to provide support for the elderly, vulnerable and key worker.

The Harrow Covid-19 group has a helpline for those who people self-isolating who are over 60, where care packs (include everyday essential items such as pasta, tinned soup and vegetables and soap) can be requested. It had become a lifeline where in a typical week, 68 care packages are delivered.

In April, Harrow Giving awarded a grant to NIDA Community services for their emergency fund, used for goody bags, containing harder to find items such as dried fruit, flour and eggs. Irshad, a volunteer from NIDA conveyed:

"It has helped us to reach out and support even more deserving people within the community during these unprecedented times; one family who have been in self isolation told me that our support meant that they had enough food for the week, which made them smile."

Additionally, NIDA has benefited by receiving Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from Ummah Welfare Trust. This has been donated to the Harrow Foodbank, and other local community hub. NIDA has also kindly offered this PPE to Northwick Park Hospital.

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Harrow Giving is a local charity that funds small local projects to make a positive difference to the lives of Harrow residents.

By collecting donations from residents, local employees, businesses and philanthropists, as well as providing volunteering opportunities, Harrow Giving supports truly worthwhile charitable activities!

As COVID-19 became a reality, Harrow Giving with the support of Harrow Council, were able to respond to the need of voluntary organisations supporting those most in need during this crisis.



Of course, none of this vital community work would be possible without the army of volunteers and Harrow Covid-19 Support Group relies on the help of 80 volunteers, these amazing volunteers sort, pack, deliver and answer calls, fall up with enquiries and admin work, as well as volunteering at the food-bank regularly. Community support has never been needed more, as one volunteer acknowledged:

"I'm very happy to be part of the volunteering team to help much needed groups for the good of the community."

Harrow Giving is delighted that it has been able to help aid this much needed fantastic community initiative.