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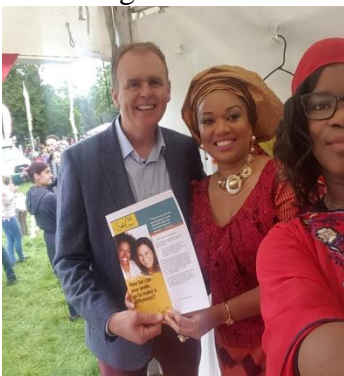
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- Maya Angelou

i-Smile at Africa Day in Farmleigh, May 21

Africa Day has become an event to look forward to in the Dublin calendar, with families from all over the world putting their best foot forward to celebrate African culture and achievements. i-Smile was proud to participate again this year in the African Bazaar.

We endeavoured to make our stand interesting and fun, displaying traditional dresses made by talented dressmakers who are interested in developing businesses for themselves. Engaging with children and their families through fun quizzes, testing them on their knowledge about Africa and giving out prizes to those who answered correctly. Teaching them how to play traditional games, hair braiding, head dresses with traditional African fabric and even having fun with showing women how to secure their babies on their backs, making it easier for them to go about their daily tasks. Everyone had a good laugh and in many cases, went away having learnt something new.





i-Smile at the VHI women's mini-marathon, June 5th

For the fourth year running, Team i-Smile participated in the [VHI women's mini-marathon](#), the biggest women's event of its kind in the world. We ran ten kilometers to create awareness about our advocacy and information service for women from migrant and refugee backgrounds in Dublin 15. We also raised funds for our projects, networked with other charities, increased our fitness and had lots of fun!



Drama Performance: October 21st

We're looking forward to a very special event on October 21st at Mulhuddart Community Centre. The performance demonstrates how we can all be agents of change by fostering a culture of welcome, inclusion and understanding. In this unique event, the audience is invited to interact with the performers, and we hope that everybody will connect with the show in their own way. We will celebrate diversity by living it.

The Drama Project is kindly supported by the Communities Integration Fund.

i-Smile acquires its own office space

i-Smile is moving into a great new office space. We will now be based out of the Base Enterprise Centre, Damastown Road, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15. After many years of using our own homes and resources, we're excited to finally have a place to hang our hats!

