



In this last period of a traumatic year for all we would like to focus on gratitude. We are glad to still be here.

In-house Counselling

We were truly grateful this year that we had established our in-house counselling service in 2017. This happened after two of our young people became suicidal and whilst supporting them we experienced the time it took to get real help for a mental health crisis. We spent some time interviewing counsellors, we needed them to be experienced in working with black young people, as our young people when asked explained that working with a person who did not 'get' their context was mortifying.

The referral system also had to be simple and the service had to be affordable.

Counselling with our service costs £20 per hour. We fundraise to avoid anyone being turned down from getting help. So far 11 young people have been receiving counselling this year referred from across our partnerships. One young person in speaking about the sessions said "The sessions have changed over time – now they are focused at giving me the skills to manage my emotions!"

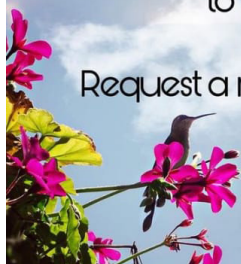


In-house counselling at Kori
We accept referrals from 14- 30 year olds.

Affordable, confidential and effective sessions
to set you on your way

Request a referral form through email via

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A Big Thank You!

We would also like to thank some of our key partners this year. As usual The Ubele Initiative continues to provide opportunities for our team and our young people to learn and grow. This year they have grown vastly as a national organisation, championing the needs and causes of the black community. Their fundraising support has been valuable and the project work we have delivered for them this year has provided learning and income. Collage Arts our partner in our home borough Haringey have shared funding enabling us to deliver the 'Crafted Conversations' project that has kept over 30 women aged 18-30 years inspired and engaged during lockdowns. This project has really enriched our KYAN network and helped to develop our skills at delivering fun and creative projects online. MEaP schools, a Manchester based partner organisation that works nationally has worked with KORI and the The Federal University of Amazonas to develop the 'Youth Bridges' Project as part of our KYAN Programme. This work has opened valuable local and global conversations for young people. We also have Global Generations to thank for working closely with our team to forge new ways of working. Thank you's also to 'You Vs You', 'Youth Enterprise Solutions', 'Manifesto London', 'Coderoots', 'Manhood Academy Global' and 'Mentoring Lab' very active partners all involved in the work of empowering youth. We reserve special gratitude for 'Kando by Design' and 'Moracle Chartered Accountants' for believing in our work and driving our organisational improvements that continue to raise our standards.

Last but not least we would have to thank our amazing team! All of our trustees, advisors, mentors and other volunteers that have stood steadfast as COVID-19 wreaked havoc. We are now heading for our 19th year of existence in January and some of our team have worked with us in different capacities for years! To mention some key contributors: we would not have survived this year without the consistent leadership of our fundraising trustee, Lydia Rose Scott, who started working with us as a volunteer in 2015. Also the support of Demitrius Nurse, mentor and advisor extraordinaire, also an essential part of looking at KORI through a business lens. But most of all Poppy Tomlinson, our programme manager, another long termer who has led so much this year. Despite the challenges she has nuzzled young people onto on-line mentoring, attending all sessions alongside mentors for under 18's. We applaud everyone for keeping the needs of vulnerable young people a priority and we wish you a happy new year!



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