

NSPCCchildline

Walk for Children this Christmas

That is exactly what we did, even if a few days earlier than the NSPCC walk. On the 15th of December 2023, 10 Sisters from various London communities joined the Wanstead community, including a sister from the north. This means 31 sisters in total, and of those, 18 completed the walk. We gathered in the library to discuss the route, had a safety briefing, answered any questions before a group photo, and then set off. We were waved off by those unable to walk; however, this gave them the opportunity to catch up with friends, as some sisters had joined their walking friends to visit the Wanstead Community. There was a lot of buzz in the air while on the walk.



Everyone seemed happy to have completed the walk and also for the opportunity to chat with different sisters on the journey. I was surprised that 13 of us managed to complete the 5km in the hour, while four managed half the distance. The eldest was 93 years young. I have heard a couple of funny stories about incidents that happened on the walk, but as they say, what happens on the walk stays on the walk.

We gathered in the dining room for a beautiful meal. Santa visited between courses and left a Santa sack so everyone could have an early Christmas present. It was a wonderful day; the weather was kind to us, and the community and staff at Wanstead were so welcoming; thank you for hosting us.

It was an opportunity to catch up just before Christmas, and the best part of it all was we raised £1,575 for NSPCC. It's not too late to donate if you still want to. The link is below. You can forward money or a cheque to me, and I will upload it onto the system. You can donate online: <https://nspcc.enthuse.com/pf/nicole-keenan>


Thank you to Mary for completing the walk in the north and any other sister who may have done it, but I am unaware. Oh, what a wonderful thing to be a Sister of Mercy.

Blessings,
Nicole

Various pictures from the day.



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Finisher medal!

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