



Oxford Armenia Foundation

October 2026 Newsletter

Dear Donors and Supporters,

Thanks to your continued support, OAF brought another summer season of learning, creativity and empowerment for children in three rural communities of Armenia. We are delighted to share the outcomes and pictures of the OAF 2026 Summer Camp programme.

Summer of learning and creating in Shirak

Over the months of July and August 2026, children from Bayandur, Yerazgavors and Getk took part in a community-based summer programme of activities incorporating English language, creative arts, movement and play. The programme was locally managed by Armenian Caritas, who organised a team of specialist teachers supported by volunteers from Armenian Caritas and Birthright Armenia.

130

children directly reached

3

rural communities

Jul and Aug

summer programme

5

activity areas

English Language Club

Building confidence in thinking and communicating in English



56 children • 18 hours of English activities

Children aged 12 to 15 practised introducing themselves, asking and answering questions, describing people and objects, and expressing preferences and opinions. Teacher-led games, role plays, pair work and group discussions helped children use and experiment with the English language.

Creativity through Drawing, Painting & Pottery

Exploring people, objects and places through creative activities



117 children • 24 hours of drawing and painting

Thematic drawing and painting sessions encouraged children to develop their own artistic expression, imagination and ingenuity. They explored colours, shapes, composition and different techniques while using art to express thoughts and emotions.



Dance, Movement & Teamwork



30 children • 36 hours of dance

Dance sessions in Getk and Bayandur helped children develop coordination, rhythm, balance and body awareness. As the programme progressed, participants became more comfortable learning sequences, working as a group and performing in front of their peers.

A New Addition: Physical Education Through Games



90 children • 36 sessions

This year, a PE games programme was introduced, featuring gymnastics, athletics and fitness development. Children enjoyed practising teamwork, communication, turn-taking, decision-making and problem-solving in supportive, instructor-led activities.

Why this programme matters

In rural communities, children have limited access to organised educational, creative and recreational opportunities, particularly during the long summer break. The Summer Camp offers a safe and engaging environment where children can learn, create, move, make friends and spend their free time productively.



Learning

- English language and creative techniques
- Physical control, mental focus, coordination and discipline
- Personal and team-based physical development



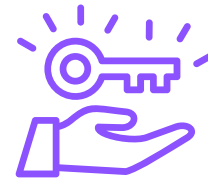
Confidence

- More opportunities to express ideas, perform and participate
- Resilience built by learning from mistakes



Connection

- English language and creative techniques
- Physical control, mental focus, coordination and discipline
- Personal and team-based physical development



Access

- Structured activities with specialist teachers brought to the heart of rural communities

Looking ahead

As OAF reflects on the Summer Camp, the Steppingstones to Reading Pre-school programme and online English Conversation Classes, we remain committed to bringing educational opportunities to disadvantaged and vulnerable communities and closing the attainment gap. We will learn from our practices, beneficiaries' feedback and partners to build stronger future programmes.

- Learning from our various practices
- Integrating our beneficiaries' feedback and wishes
- Collaborating with local partners
- Engaging with specialist teachers and community leaders

Thank you for making this possible

As we conclude another successful Summer Camp, the team at Oxford Armenia Foundation would like to thank all our donors and supporters for helping us bring learning, confidence and new possibilities closer to rural and disadvantaged children and teenagers in the Shirak region.

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