

Free Movement Skateboarding

Annual Progress Report 2019
(Jan - Dec 2019)



Free Movement
SKATEBOARDING

Overview

Our Year in Highlights

This year we taught a whopping **316** sessions, in **7** different locations, to **904** young people. Our participants were **42%** girls and from **23** different ethnicities.

- **We have a new van!** - Maintenance work on the van is ongoing to be able to safely install all of our ramps and equipment inside and get it “session ready”. We hope this vital asset will allow us to deliver even more sessions in 2020, and fewer cancellations due to breaking down. This was all thanks to the support we received in our winter online crowdfunding campaign.
- **Our team has been expanding!** Our core team, international and local volunteers have grown, only enriching FMS activities and work..
- This year we finalised and launched our **Women’s Programme**. The curriculum covers topics including Identifying Gender Stereotypes, Identifying Racism, Basic Human Rights, Personal Self Esteem, and the Environment. The programme also includes skate sessions and creative art workshops. These sessions and workshops took place in Souzy Tros and later were kindly hosted at Latraac Skate Cafe.
- **Latraac Skate Cafe** - kindly hosted the Womens Programme, the collaboration grew to include two weekly sessions. These sessions were brilliant in inspiring our participants, getting them in a different environment and has been a benefit in terms of local integration. Being in this popular space has meant that more local skaters are aware of our project and more locals are volunteering regularly. Unfortunately the Latraac ramp closed for maintenance in November.

Highlights continued...

- In May, we received **Skateistan's Good Push Partnership!** The partnership lasted 6 months in which we receive personalized consulting for the organization, taking part in trainings (specifically Child Protection and building a Youth Leadership educational program), and FMSB attended the Good Push summit in South Africa with other skate organizations.
- **Project strengthening** - We continued to improve the delivery of sessions and our teams expertise, this year. Central to this were our extended team meetings, where all session instructors, core and volunteer, discussed sessions, emergency procedures, feedback etc. all aimed at improving the quality of our project and service. Moreover, we received trainings from Humanity Crew's, child psychologist, on trauma informed teaching and long term behaviour issues. As well as the 6 months of consulting and training received from being Skateistan's Good Push Partners.
- **Equipment Maintenance** - After two years of our ramps being used on a weekly basis, after some heavy TLC, much needed refurbishing and rebuilding, our mobile skatepark is back in top shape.
- In September we participated in the **Vans Shop Riot Athens**, having a booth at the skate competition was a great opportunity to recruit local volunteers and expand awareness and support for our project.

PUSHING BOARDERS *Malmö*



Pushing Borders, Malmö

In August, FMSB traveled to Pushing Borders in Malmö. Ruby, Will and Amber were each invited to participate on panel discussions.

Pushing Borders is an annual conference bringing together, skaters, industry professionals, academics and NGOs to talk about skateboarding. This was a fantastic opportunity to learn, network and raise awareness both of FMS and of the wider refugee crisis.

Will and Ruby chaired the “Globally Stoked: Grassroots Skateboarding” panel alongside social skateboarding projects SkatePal, Skateistan, Girls Skate India, and Concrete Jungle Foundation.

Our Amber Edmondson spoke on the panel “The Revolution Will Not Be Patronised”, covering topics of womxn in skateboarding, teaching youth impacted by the refugee crisis, and mental health.

Good Push Summit, South Africa



Insights

In October, as partners in the Good Push Alliance, FMS travelled to participated in a conference in South Africa, funded by Skateistan. The workshops we attended gave us:

- Guidance on volunteer programming, educational programming, mental health and wellbeing, inclusion of women and people with disabilities.
- Fundraising and establishing sustainable development goals.
- Information and resource sharing between like-minded social skateboarding organisations.

Our input:

- We presented our growth and achievements as a charity, sharing guidance on our own experiences becoming a registered charity.



Free Movement
SKATEBOARDING

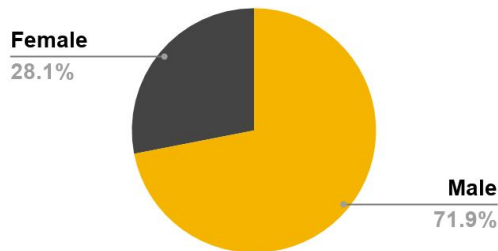


2019 Yearly Impact - Session Breakdown

Inner City Athens Sessions 2019 -

In collaboration with youth groups and delivering in public spaces around the city

Inner City - Gender Split



Attendees Feb '19- Dec '19

Male	918
Female	358

Total sessions in 2019: 97

Country	Attendees
Afghanistan	510
Greece	102
Syria	87
Iran	85
Pakistan	75
China	30
Iraq	29
Kurdistan	29
Egypt	22

Unique Beneficiaries	Returning Participants		
	More than 1 session	More than 5 sessions	More than 10 sessions
395	244	77	19
	62%	19%	5%

Insights

Data collected from February '19 - December '19

Velos Youth & Halcyon Days (Youth Group Collaborations):

Mondays, mixed boys and girls, ages 14+

Average participation: 14 per session

35 total sessions in 2019

Public neighbourhood Sessions:

Thursdays, mixed boys and girls, ages 6+

Average Participation: 13.5 per session

37 total sessions in 2019

51st School - Open Schools Program

Tuesdays, mixed boys and girls, ages 6+

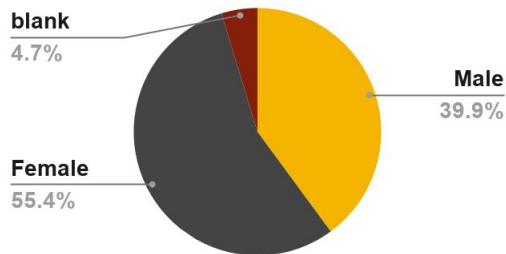
Average Participation: 20.5 per session

25 total sessions in 2019

This session was discontinued in September 2019 when the Open Schools - ELIX program lost its funding.

Eleonas Camp - 2019

Eleonas Camp - Gender Split



Attendees Feb '19 - Dec '19

Male	451
Female	626
blank	53

Country	Attendees
Afghanistan	290
Syria	205
Pakistan	66
Congo	32
Iraq	29
Iran	10
Kurdistan	7

Total camp sessions in 2019: **72**

Total Souzy Tros sessions: **16**

Total LaTraac sessions: **33**

Unique Beneficiaries	Returning Participants		
	More than 1 session	More than 5 sessions	More than 10 sessions
194	153	74	46
	79%	38%	24%

Insights

Data collected from February '19 - December '19

Partner Project: Project Elea

Mondays, mixed boys and girls, ages 10+

Thursdays, mixed boys and girls, ages 7-9

Average Participation: 17.5 per session

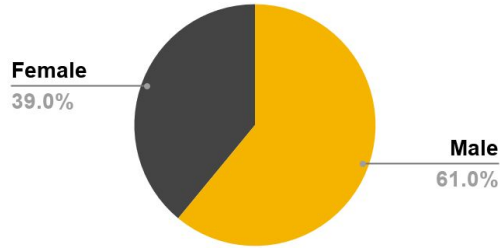
72 total sessions in 2019

Highlights:

- 5 field trips to OAKA Skatepark and 1 field trip to Sea Turtle Rescue Center in Glyfada, Greece.
- Weekly outings to Souzy Tros and LaTraac Skate Cafe keeping the consistent engagement of kids aged 11 - 14, an especially crucial age for our female participants as attendance typically drops after age 11. The key benefit of Souzy Tros and LaTraac was in their enclosed space, allowing for a safer, and more focussed learning environment to run our Women's Programme from.

Schistou Camp

Schistou Camp - Gender Split



Attendees Feb '19 - Dec '19	
Male	701
Female	490

Total sessions in 2019: **98**

Country	Attendees
Afghanistan	880
Syria	187
Iraq	33
Kuwait	22
Somalia	13
Kurdistan	8
Iran	3

Unique Beneficiaries	Returning Participants		
	More than 1 session	More than 5 sessions	More than 10 sessions
	157	119	73
	76%	46%	27%

Insights

Data collected from February '19 - December '19

Partner project: Danish Refugee Council

Delivering 4 sessions per week on Wednesdays and Fridays

Average Participation per session: 20

Total sessions in 2019: **98**

Highlights:

- Doubled the number of sessions taught at this camp this year to accommodate a wider age group, split into kids and teens.
- DRC finished off the year by purchasing 20 skateboards and sets of protective pads so kids can continue to skate outside of our sessions. This was in support of our sessions, as they were the most successful recreational activity in the camp in terms of consistent attendance and participation.
- DRC staff have commented that they have witnessed significant rise in collaboration and bonding between Farsi and Arabic speaking kids, since skateboarding began

Quotes from Sessions

Skateboarding has made me daring, not afraid to fail and be resistant.

Sometimes I am a good role model, because when I learn new things, also other kids try to do it and I try to teach them. Firstly, I didn't think I was a good teacher for skateboarding because I didn't think I could be patient but now I am a teacher. I show girls they are powerful, they can do anything.

- Female, 18 years old from Afghanistan, started skating 1 year ago, now volunteers with FMS

At the beginning I thought it was dangerous, but not now. It makes me feel strong. It's not easy, it is difficult, but ok. I think I will skate forever.

- Female, 14 years old, from Afghanistan, been skating for 2 years

I love skateboarding, when I do new tricks skateboarding, I love more than before skateboarding. For example, if I learn new thing today, I love skateboarding more than yesterday. That's my view.

- Male, 13 years old, been skating for less than 1 year



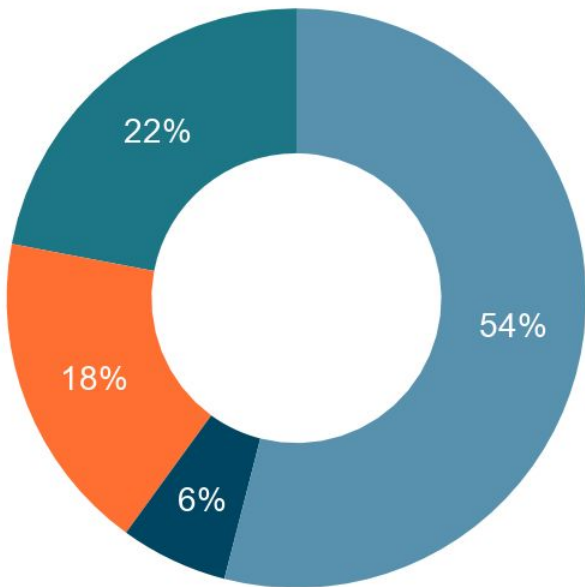
Donations & Funding

Financial breakdown

Our fiscal year begins in September and ends in August

Expenses

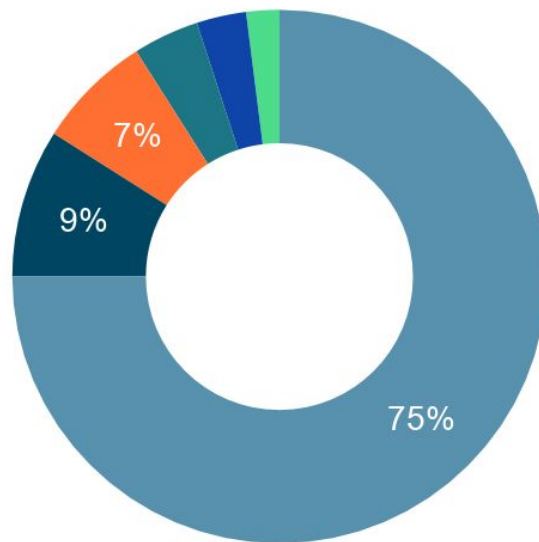
September 2018 - August 2019



● Sessions ● Fundraising ● Admin
● Volunteer Program

Income

September 2018 - August 2019



● Grants ● Individual Giving
● Volunteer Fundraising ● Partnerships
● Merchandise ● Crowdfunding

Donations 2019



100% of donations and grants received by Free Movement Skateboarding go towards the project and the necessities required for us to deliver skateboarding sessions

Highlights

Help Refugees - Continue to offer invaluable support to the project.

Online Crowdfunding Campaign- Raising £3,564 has allowed us to reach our target to buy a new van.

Lush Charity Pot grant - We were granted £2,000 towards our creative empowerment programs.

The Skateroom Collaboration- collaborating with artists like Gabriel Orozco and Judy Chicago, they support our project by donating a percentage of the sales.

International Volunteer scheme - We set a target to raise £2,500 through our volunteer fundraising on behalf of FMS. We actually raised £2,743, thanks to the hard work of our brilliant volunteers

A massive thank you for all the support we have received this year, whether a monetary or in kind donation..

A special thank you to IrieDaily, Ariadni, Oskana, GoodPush, Skatistan, Doyenne and SkatePal, for the support they have shown and the donation of equipment.

Volunteers 2019



For past [volunteer testimonials](https://freemovementskateboarding.com/volunteer-with-us/volunteer-testimonials) on our website:
<https://freemovementskateboarding.com/volunteer-with-us/volunteer-testimonials>

Insights

International Volunteer Scheme:

- 13 international volunteers in 2019, each asked to organize a fundraising event with a minimum target of £200.
- Annual fundraising target through individual volunteer fundraisers: £2,500
- Actually raised: £2,743
- Due to the success of the Int. Volunteer scheme, we will be raising the minimum fundraising target to £250 for 2020 volunteers. In 2020 we are aiming for 18 international volunteer placements with a total fundraising goal of £4,500.

Local Instructors:

- Local long term volunteers are actively encouraged to join the FMS family and project.
- We had 10 local volunteers in 2020, with 6 individuals regularly instructing in sessions

Get in touch

E-mail: info@freemovementskateboarding.com

Website: www.freemovementskateboarding.com

Insta: [@freemovement__sb](https://www.instagram.com/freemovement__sb)