

A-Sisterhood visit to the National FGM Centre

Representatives from A-Sisterhood – an organisation set up to support, empower and protect women – visited The National FGM Centre to learn more about their work.

One of those who spent time with the team was Dee-Ann Kentish Rogers, a barrister, former Commonwealth Games athlete and now recently crowned Miss Universe Great Britain. In her official capacity as an ambassador for A-Sisterhood, Dee-Ann learned about the Centre's work on FGM Protection Orders and the direct work undertaken with girls and boys.



The visit followed a £3,000 donation from A-Sisterhood to the Centre this summer to support its work in ending the practice of FGM in the UK.



Dee-Ann said: "I found the meeting with the National FGM Centre hugely informative and inspiring. The work they do is truly admirable. I am pleased that we have been able to donate and contribute in some small way as part of the A-Sisterhood vision."

Paula Abbandonato, director of A-Sisterhood, who joined Dee-Ann on the visit, said: "A-Sisterhood was born out of the words 'assist' and 'sisterhood'. We put them together to create a foundation to support women and girls both in the UK and overseas. The National FGM Centre is one of several causes we are supporting, and we couldn't be more inspired by what we have learned from the team."

Dee-Ann will now go on to represent Great Britain at Miss Universe in Thailand in December. She will take the message of protecting girls from FGM with her as part of her pledge to support female causes.



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