

*Dear youth and residents of Ritsona,*

*We are delighted to be here launching the 9th edition of the Ritsona Kingdom Journal! There has been plenty of activity and change in the Youth Engagement Space (YES) in the last eight months! We've welcomed new residents and Residential Volunteers to the space and have introduced more activities, in particular more sports! The space has been filled with music, dancing and games, with activities like sewing, construction and art constant sources of activity and joy in the space. The youth have worked on some exciting projects for instance they produced an amazing silent film and are working on another film at this time! There have also been tournaments over the summer including two table tennis tournaments and a football tournament.*

*We would like to say a special thanks to Ahmed Badr and all the Narratio team for their help and patience with Narratio and giving the youth of Ritsona an online platform to share their work. As you will see throughout this edition, we have had some beautiful photos taken in the space in the past few months so thank you to all our photographers including Keelin McDonald, Lexie Harrington, Sally Kandil and Julie Flavin. Thank you Graham Lidell, Sally Kandil, Ali Harb, Aysam Iyrot, and Yasmine Salem for all your assistance with editing and translations. Thank you to all our volunteers and donors in particular the SOL foundation who ensure we can continue to provide a service in Ritsona Camp. Finally but most importantly, THANK YOU to all the youth who put their heart and soul into bringing about this edition of the Ritsona Kingdom Journal. It is for us a privilege to spend our time with you and witness your amazing courage, resilience and happiness every day. [SEP]*

*Happy Reading,*

*Love,*

*The YES Team.*

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