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Huddersfield Pakistani
Community Alliance

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Gateway to Care:

Huddersfield Pakistani Community Alliance (HPCA) records its gratitude to the following partner organisations for their support for the work of the HPCA:

Kirklees Youth Integrated Youth Services
Joseph Rowntree Trust
Princes Trust
Children in Need
Heritage Lottery Fund
Workers Education Association
Gateway to Care
West Yorkshire Police Community Trust
QED-UK (Bradford)
University of First Age (UFA)
North Huddersfield Trust School
British Army

Members of the HPCA Board and staff on training @
Bradley Woods, Huddersfield



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Chairperson Foreword:

On being trusted with the role of Huddersfield Pakistani Community Alliance (HPCA), I was very mindful of the difficult financial climate ahead and the need for the HPCA to expand its presence and activities Huddersfield wide. Being a resident of Birkby, which has a large and growing Pakistani community, I was only too aware of the lack of any sort of quality provision for Pakistani community, particularly, the young people in the area. Therefore the difficult task for my new team was to plan and enable expansion in a climate of diminishing resources.

A year down the road, I am pleased to note that we have made a great deal of progress towards consolidation and the expansion of HPCA's role and the organisational delivery. I am pleased to say that we have successfully developed a number of very exciting pieces of work in partnership with a diverse range of agencies. With the support of Kirklees Integrated Youth Services, we have commenced delivery of activities for young people from the Birkby Community Centre. We have also supported the establishment of North Huddersfield Trust School (NHTS) which is of enormous benefit for the children of the local community. HPCA has also taken a decision to relocate more central in keeping with our Huddersfield wide remit. However, the organisation will continue to have a prominent presence in the other areas by ways of delivering essential services for the community.

HPCA has also been able to build on and expand its partnership work. The list of partner organisations has rightly expanded. This shows the goodwill of partner agencies towards HPCA and speaks volumes for the vision and hard work of HPCA staff and volunteers who leave no stone unturned in their efforts to reach out and embrace new ideas and new partners.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to all the members of HPCA Board for their vision, encouragement and support. A number of our Board members due to family and personal commitments had to retire, namely, Nusrat Yasmin and Sophia Ali. I wish to thank them for their contributions and wish them well with whatever they have moved on to. Last but not least, I wish to record my utmost admiration and respect for Mumtaz Ali and the Sofia Buncy and their excellent team of volunteers, for their dedication and no nonsense approach to the work of HPCA.

Shazad Hussain

Staff Report:

This year has been full of challenges. We have been able to instigate and deliver some very successful projects. Some of our projects have rightly received national and regional accolades, for example our study club won the Princes Trust Award for in the category of Best Community Impact Project in Yorkshire and Humber. The "Desi to Pardesi", an intergenerational project, was featured on Calendar News and has gone on to inspire similar projects with other communities. The "Peace Not War" is another of our ground breaking innovative project aimed at nurturing new and fresh leadership. Already, we are being requested by other organisations to share our experiences of this exciting project in order to provide a template for similar projects in parts of the region and the country. We have been approached by two influential NGOs to explore the possibility of similar leadership projects for young people in Pakistan.

As an organisation we have broadened our engagement and partnership work with a diverse range of organisations and agencies. This has certainly helped us to broaden the scope of our work and diversify to include more intergenerational work. It has also raised the profile of our work and allowed us to expand our delivery to other areas of Huddersfield. We have conscientiously supported the case for the North Huddersfield Trust School (NHTS) and continue to be an active partner in the development of the school. Also, with support and encouragement of Kirklees Integrated Youth Services, we have extended our youth activities to include Birkby and Fartown. The organisation continues to move forward in a difficult financial climate. This is to the credit of HPCA Board, the partner organisations and incredible track record of first class delivery. Thank you all.

Mumtaz Ali & Sofia Buncy

PROJECTS

Youth Activities:

HPCA has a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the Kirklees Youth Integrated Support Services (KYISS) to deliver four sessions of activities for young people in Thornton Lodge and the surrounding areas. The 4 sessions are delivered from the Thornton Lodge Community Centre. These sessions are extremely well attended and young people find attending these enjoyable and rewarding.

The regular sessions with a varied and enjoyable programme of activities serve to engage young people who are then encouraged to be more involved in wider activities, for example, community research projects and community action to highlight the lack of services in the area, lack of open playing spaces and the problem of graffiti/rubbish dumping.

In order to reflect the religious and cultural sensitivities of parents and the young people, the four sessions are divided between male and female (2 each) and this works well and helps to allay parental anxiety. As young people gain confidence and rapport with the support staff they go on to get involved in joint project work.

The Sessional activities include sport and leisure, outings, residentials, visits to other similar projects and one to one help with a range of personal issues.

Based on the success of engagement and delivery in the Thornton Lodge area, HPCA has been invited support to deliver an additional session in the Birkby area from the Birkby Community Centre. This is a welcome extension of the provision, although one session does not allow HPCA to offer a culturally flexible provision similar to that in Thornton lodge. This may be the reason that so few young women attend the session.



Promoting Rugby amongst South Asian community



National Citizen Service – Sofia's group with Olympic Torch carrier



British Citizenship class in action



PYF youth forum members at Army Recruiting Centre

If you want to apply for

British Citizenship

You will have to pass the UKBA/Home Office approved ESOL with citizenship course.

We have everything you need to pass the test!



We are an approved training & test centre
For more information please contact us:

Internet Learning Centre
12 Thorntonlodge Road
Thorntonlodge
Huddersfield HD1 3JQ

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Citizenship Classes.

This provision was introduced in partnership with the Bradford based QED-UK following the changes in the immigration rules. The change in rules required that those applying for British residential status and/or for British nationality to demonstrate a high level of competency in English language and citizenship knowledge. We offer four courses in a year. The demand for these is high from the new arrivals and those seeking British citizenship. Initially, the Citizenship classes were offered free of charge but following the withdrawal of subsidy there is now a fee for the course. The course continues to be popular with the new arrivals, particularly women.

Peace Not War:

A two year programme aimed at motivating and nurturing young people to the positions of leadership in their immediate and the wider society. The rationale behind the project is young people of Pakistani background being increasingly concerned that they don't have a voice or choice on issues that affect them. 25 male and females are being supported to critically examine and understand the role of key institutions; how decisions are made and influenced at the highest level. The aim is to equip young people with knowledge, skills and confidence to advocate on issues relevant to them and their community - think and act outside the 'box'.

Desi to Pardesi

Funded by the Heritage Lottery Funded and delivered by the Pakistani Youth Forum (PYF). PYF embarked on a unique and a fascinating project, Desi to Pardesi (Home and Away). The project enabled the youth to connect with the first generation of Pakistanis who arrived to Huddersfield as far back as 1950's.

The project was carried out by 15 members of the Youth Forum over a one year period and entailed face to face interviews with prominent and very old members of the community. A DVD capturing the interviews was showcased at the Tolson Museum in Huddersfield.

The Youth have learnt first hand what the original immigrants' aspirations were and how they adjusted to alien social circumstances here in Britain. Most of those people interviewed spoke of fresh found opportunities in this country and the changes they had to undergo to adapt to life here.

The project was part of young people's quest to understanding their historical legacy and the impact of this on their identity and aspirations. "Desi to Pardesi" was featured on the 'Calendar news.

Young People Understanding Their History



'DESI TO PARDESI'

round of the legacy
our ancestors
have left behind

The Desi to Pardesi Exhibition is currently at the Tolson Museum, Wakefield Road, Huddersfield, HD1 3JQ. Information please contact: Sofia Buncy at pyf@hnpca.org.uk



GSCE Revision Club

With financial support from the Princes Trust, HPCA set up Home Work Club to support children with their GSCE exams. The Homework Club was particularly aimed young people having difficulties with their school studies. The young people as though they were falling behind because they could not keep up in class and struggled with their homework. In addition, most came from families where English was not the core language spoken in the household so parental support was also limited. Those who benefited from the provision had very low self esteem and were worried that they would not do well in their exams. This would mean not being able to go college or find a decent job.

The study club helped 30 young people from the area and the results were incredible. The sessions were free and all students learnt to work together as a team. On the back of this success, the HPCA was able to obtain further funding form the Kirklees Council for two more GCSE clubs benefiting about 125 students.

The HPCA Homework Club went on to win the best impact award for the Yorkshire & Humberside region from The Princes Trust. Well done all.

Health for All

Funded by the Kirklees Gateway to care, HPCA ran a Health for All programme aimed at getting people to adopt more healthy life styles and be more aware of health risks associated with illnesses such as diabetes, coronary related illnesses and ageing. Also, to get people to understand and appreciate the benefits of healthy eating, regular exercise and regular health checks. The initiative was highly successful and greatly welcomed by the beneficiaries most of who were women and elderly people.

We are offering health check up surgeries for all of the community... especially for the elderly and women with young children.

Our services include:
Blood Pressure Checks
Promoting healthy living/cooking
Diabetes Checks
Cholesterol Checks
Healthy eating/Advice

Day Times for surgeries:
Monday & Wednesday: 12 Noon - 1:00pm

One to one consultation available upon request.
All health check ups and advice will be provided by a qualified nurse

For further information please contact
Suniya or Amina on:
01484 544877 / 07816 553652 / 07579 351117

Surgeries held at
The Internet Learning Cafe, Thornton Lodge, Huddersfield HD1 3J4

Kirklees Council
Community Support

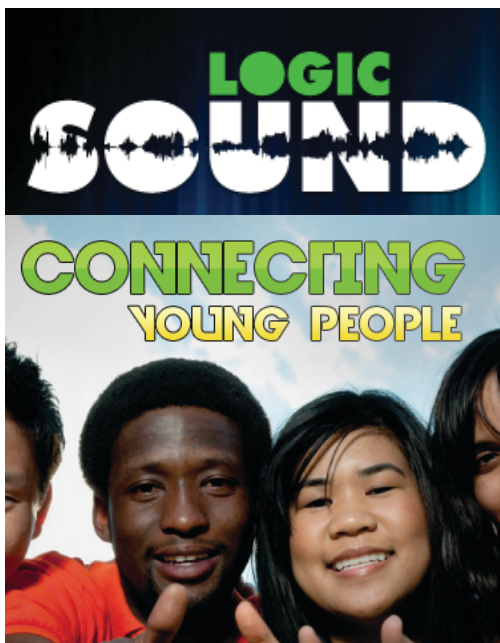
North Huddersfield Trust School (NHTS)

HPCA was invited by the parents and the community to help to formulate and support the case for establishing the North Huddersfield Trust School. The parents won their campaign when the Kirklees Council decided in favour of community bid to establish a new school. Following the unanimous decision by the Kirklees Council 's Cabinet in favour of the community bid, Azhar Latif, one of the directors of HPCA and a member of Fartown parents Action Group said, "I think this was an excellent decision... This is just the start of a long journey but the passion is there.."

The parents case since has been validated by the success of the new school which has gone from strength to strength. HPCA proudly represents the schools board and playing its role for the benefit of the local community.

Logic Sound Internet based radio station

In partnership with the North Huddersfield trust School (NHTS), HPCA has been instrumental in establishing 'Logic Sound', an internet based school radio for school students. The radio is an excellent medium for school students to share positive stories about their school, learning useful media and communication skills.



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Summer school activities programme

Summer school holidays for many parents and children bring inactivity and boredom. HPCA managed to deliver a week long summer school in both the Thornton Lodge and the Birkby areas of Huddersfield. The focus of the schools was bullying and this was tackled through a few mediums such as speakers, role play and enhanced by games and day trips. It kept the 50 strong group of young people engaged in positive activity and learning and was also a challenge for our staff who had to deliver during Ramadan 'fasting' month. This stream of young people will hopefully be feeding into our senior youth provision in time.

Volunteering

HPCA relies heavily for many of its activities on support from volunteers. Many of these are young people from the local community who help with the reception and administration. They also help to run many of our youth and community activities. HPCA is very privileged to have provided these volunteering opportunities. We would like to record thank all those who have helped and contributed to work of the organisation in many different ways. Our special thanks go to Aadil Yousaf, Aasma Akhtar, Kahairnisa Bi, Shakeela Akhtar, and Shazad Hussain.

Student Placements

HPCA has always provided opportunities for students' placements. This year we have supported two students with their study placement. There is a growing need for organisations like HPCA to support students but our capacity is limited by lack of resources.

HPCA Future Vision

This year HPCA achieved much to celebrate in the way of development and expansion of services, especially youth related services across Huddersfield. Our vision for the forthcoming year is to continue this expansion across other communities in Huddersfield and increase our engagement and partnership work. We have a special commitment to working with young people as always and will endeavour to enhance much needed adult services and skills in our current difficult climate. Ultimately, we would like to continue to act as a voice for the Pakistani Community in Huddersfield, leading on wider engagement and partnership work across all communities in the town.

New Project:

This year we were worthy recipient of funding from Children in Need to work with the often 'overlooked' 8-12 year old age range in the Crosland Moor Ward. The project called the " Sunday Nite" is a delivery programme based on leisure and learning and offers a range of activities aimed at building the skill base, aspirations and confidence of young people through challenge, accomplishment and certification. This will be achieved through a programme of Arts and Crafts, Sports and Project Work.

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CALLING ALL GIRLS AGED 12 TO 19 YEARS OLD

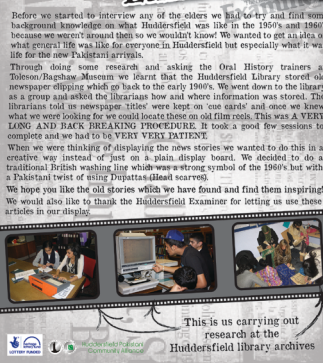
PAKISTANI YOUTH FORUM (PYF)

'YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS, HAVE FUN AND LEARN NEW THINGS'

The PYF girls group has been running since 2003 from "Thornhill Leisure Hub" in Huddersfield. We offer a safe and culturally sensitive leisure and learning environment for girls to develop. Our overall aims are to provide a service which offers information and advice, to enhance personal confidence and self-esteem, to help girls develop their own talents and interests, to encourage skills which contribute to the girls' making informed life choices about education, employment or alternative routes.

Sewing classes, Crocheting lessons
Revision sessions, Trips, Residential
International work Projects week
Sport / exercise, CV / Job search
Voluntary work / Placements, Accredited Learning & much more.

Group runs Friday, Satpm and Sundays - Spm open
For more information contact Sofia at The Internet Learning Cafe, 13 Thornton Lodge Road,
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