



## HUDDERSFIELD PAKISTANI COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

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## ***Management committee 2005—2006***

- **Dr. Nasim Hasnie O.B.E (President)**
- **Shahida Awan LLB (Hons) LLM  
(Chairperson)**
- **Farooq Latif (Gen. secretary)**
- **Raheela Khalid (Treasurer)**
- **Mohammed Riaz**
- **Asif Mahmood**
- **Nargas Nafees**
- **Mohammed Hanif Asad**
- **Yasmin Pervez**
- **Farah Zaman**
- **Victor Gill**

## Partnerships and Acknowledgments

The HPCA is committed to partnership work with other agencies and organisations in order to improve facilities and services for the community. As a voluntary organisation, HPCA has limited resources and hence needs to work in partnership with other providers of facilities and services in order to mobilise their resources and expertise for the benefit of the community. Over the year, some of our key partners have been:



Kirklees Young Peoples service



Children's Fund Kirklees

West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police



Huddersfield Pride

Voluntary Action Kirklees  
Voluntary Action Network



South Asian Healthy Living Partnership



Neighbourhood Learning Centre



Kirklees Social Services

Kirklees Community Support Services

Kirklees Strategic Housing (Thornton lodge Renaissance project)

Kirklees Community Education Regeneration



Lifeline Kirklees

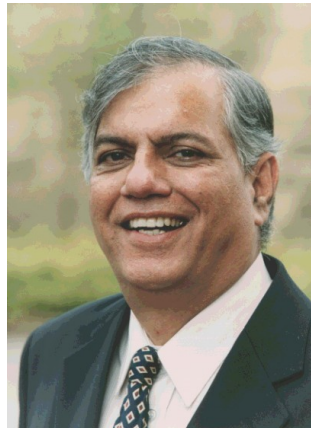
**President's forward**  
**By Dr. Nasim Hasnie O.B.E.**

Over the past five years the Huddersfield Pakistani Community Alliance has gone from strength to strength. This is as a result of tremendous collaboration between the management committee, staff and volunteers and excellent work ethics of the organisation.

The work of the Pakistani Youth Forum in terms of engaging, supporting and developing young people continues to be innovative, and a good model for enabling young people to take ownership, control and responsibility for themselves and their communities. The Youth Forum has given young people leadership and a voice in community affairs. Let us engage more with our youth and support their positive aspirations. Our future is with young people -help them to achieve their full potential.

The establishment of the elderly centre is a welcomed addition to the facilities for the local community. I am pleased to see this social space being shared by the elderly and young people as an example of community cohesion strategy.

The Pakistani community in Huddersfield relatively continues to be the most deprived in almost all walks of life, particularly in terms of poor community facilities, information about key services, advice and advocacy.



In addition, the Pakistani community is also conspicuous in strategic decision making arenas. This is partly due to the failure of main agencies to engage and support the involvement of the Pakistani community and partly due to the lack of confident and fresh leadership within the community. Let us reach-out and work more effectively to engage better for the benefit of all.

I am pleased to see new and confident faces in the management of the HPCA. It is also great to see the Youth Forum having 'development of leadership' as one its key priorities. Already, we are seeing the benefits of this approach in the increased involvement of Pakistani young people across many agencies and projects in the area supporting young people. We are seeing some real signs of emerging leadership through the work of the Youth Forum.

Finally, I would like to record my gratitude to members of the Huddersfield Pakistani Community Alliance, its staff and many volunteers for their valiant efforts and keenness to succeed against all odds.

Let us all continue to support our youth gain in knowledge and skills for the present and the future. We need to do our utmost in improving intercultural relations within Huddersfield and beyond for all our citizens and humanity through democratic means.



## **Chairperson's Report** **By Shahida Awan LLB (Hons), LLM**

I am pleased to present to you the fifth annual report of the Huddersfield Pakistani Community Alliance.

This year, like the past four years, we have achieved far beyond our resources, successfully completing some and initiating some new and exciting projects for the community. We have also moved into the new offices in Thornton Lodge, with new facilities and services for the local community. Our decision to move into Thornton Lodge has been welcomed by the local community.



On 31st March 2006, we successfully completed a three year Home Study Learning Project in Partnership with the Kirklees Children Fund. Over the three years we were able to support 160 families with more than three children of school age. The Alliance has been working closely with the Children's Fund Kirklees to provide a programme for school children and their parents who for a variety of reasons are not achieving their full potential in education. The Home Study Learning project has succeeded in providing a favourable learning environment at home by making learning an enjoyable and rewarding experience. It has successfully engaged both children and their families in learning activities to enhance family learning.

I would like to thank children, parents and schools for their cooperation and involvement without which this project would not have been the success that it was. Also, I would like to record my appreciation for the vision of Children's Fund in seeing the benefits of this innovative project. My thanks also go to Robina Waheed, the Project Manager, Nazia Kauser, the Project Admin Officer, for their efficient and quality leadership, our tutors for taking the challenge. Also a special

thank you to Zafar Ali, who replaced for a short but constructive period.

On a sad note, I would like to place my deepest felt condolences on the sudden death of Muhammad Arshad, our previous manager.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Mumtaz, Sofia and Ishtiaq for keeping the HPCA flag flying and pay a special tribute to members of the management committee for their unreserved support, voluntary input and commitment to the organisation. Without their active participation we would not have achieved as much as we have.



***'Group work with young people'***

## **General Secretary's Report By Farooq Latif**

I am very pleased with the progress of the Pakistani Community Alliance. On my part, I have taken a lead role in supporting and servicing the work of the Management Committee. I have been impressed by the involvement and dedication of committee members and their willingness to pull together through thick and thin. This was demonstrated recently with the HPCA's work in setting up an appeal fund to aid the victims of the Pakistani/Kashmir earth quake. As a result, we were able to collect and dispatch 400 tents, 600 blankets and £2000 in cash. All this was generously contributed by all the local communities.

A group of young people are now planning to tour the effected areas and to undertake voluntary work through a registered charity helping to rebuild local communities.

I am impressed by the number of young Pakistanis that have come forward to join the Alliance and/or take part in our work and activities. The idea for a Pakistani Youth Forum originally came from the young people themselves and is now going from strength to strength. In partnership with Kirklees Young Peoples Services the Alliance has gone onto successfully develop forums and leisure activities for young people.

On a personal note I was one of the first members of the PYF when it was setup in 2002. I have since, very successfully moved on to secure permanent employment and a position



within the HPCA as a general secretary.

The Alliance has successfully arranged many events. Events have been held at Huddersfield Town Hall and the Hudawi Cultural Centre and were well attended by all sections of the community particularly young people and women.

Finally I would like to thank all the members of the PCA management committee and staff for their support and encouragement, and their continued hard work and dedication.



***'Young people volunteered to pack the blankets and tents for the earth quake appeal'***

## **Treasurer's note**

**By Raheela Khalid BSc (HONS)  
AIBMS**

I am very pleased with this year's success of Pakistani Community Alliance. As a newcomer to the management committee and the role acting treasurer it's been a challenging and rewarding year. We have managed to secure some funding to run some key projects. These projects are about making a lasting impact to children and young people and changing the lives of the communities.

Community cohesion plays a big part within the organisation as a result we have held major events to bring people together in order to reduce segregation

This role has allowed me to develop personally and professionally and has given me an insight into how the voluntary and community sector operates and how important accountability is when it comes to auditing accounts.



Like many other community based organisations, HPCA is struggling to find money towards its core costs. Many funders are output led and are keen to fund activities which they can count and number crunch without recognising that to deliver any level of activity entails staffing, volunteering and associated running costs. This point needs to be impressed on funding organisations.

HPCA this year as in the past years has delivered high levels of quality services with minimum core costs. Much of our funding is activity based, and although, we are managing and delivering some excellent projects these are likely to be lost without long-term core funding.

I would like to wish Pakistani Community Alliance another prosperous year and thank all the members and staff for their contribution towards making the organisation a success.

**Manager's report**  
**By Ishtiaq Ahmed.**

**“ Innovation is the hallmark of the Alliance's approach to community work”.**

The Alliance's work falls into four main categories:

1. Addressing the issue of under representation of the Pakistani community in decision making.
2. Nurturing of new community leadership particularly enabling young people to be involved and take lead on designing facilities and services which meet their needs
3. Developing the communities facilities and services aimed at addressing disadvantage, and deprivation.

Some success stories:

**Neighbourhood Learning Centre:** The Centre was established by the Alliance in 2002. The Centre is now independently managed by a Management Committee of local residents, offering an excellent range of high quality adult learning opportunities to the local community.

**INSPIRE:** A successfully completed leadership programme aimed at nurturing potential community leadership in Pakistani and African Caribbean communities. This was a year long, accredited training programme, for 20 people, 10 Pakistani origin and 10 of African origin. Almost all 20 people that have benefited from the programme are either actively involved with community based projects or have gone on to take influential positions in the public sector.



**Home Study Learning Project:** Started in April 2003 and completed in March 2006. With the financial input of £209,00 over three years from the children Fund Kirklees, the programme offered 20 weeks of home based learning support to 20 families with two intakes per year. The principal aim of the project was to demonstrate to children and their parents the value of home study, particularly to families with no background/ experience of formal education and not knowing they can be of practical help to their children and their parents. We are hoping that the learning points from the projects will be taken forward by the main providers of education.



***'Teacher teaching a child during one to one home tuition'***





## Pakistani Youth Forum

*“Young people in action”*

### • Youth Club

Pakistani Youth Forum offers weekly youth club drop-in provision, catering for 15 to 25 young people per session regularly.

Activities include:

**Sports:** Boxercise training, Badminton, football, rock-climbing.

**Facilities:** Outings, internet access, telephone, games consoles,

**Advice & Guidance:** CV writing, help with applications, mock interviews, job search.

### • Training

Leadership programmes, organisational skills, team work, personal and inter personal skills, communication skills, civic responsibilities, representations and volunteering.

This year a number of young people have successfully taken part in the Youthtrain accredited training scheme.

### • Consultations

Input to local area regeneration programmes such as: Renaissance project, video diary of local issues and needs, logo designing for the renaissance project, proposed plans for the local community centre, involvement with the local news letter, and input into crime and anti drugs preventative programmes.



### • Football tournaments

This is an annual event where young people plan and deliver a football tournament for young people from different communities and backgrounds.

This year the tournament was a tremendous success. 12 teams of seven players across Kirklees took part. The tournament was won by The Taleem Centre, with the PYF as the runners up. Beside the winning team and the runners-up, trophies were also given to the organisers.



### • Exchanges

The Pakistan Youth Forum was selected to represent England at a contact making seminar in Italy on the theme of 'Racism in Sport'. 7 countries from across Europe took part in the event over a ten day period.



### • Residentials

This has become a popular annual event, where young people take lead in its planning and delivery. This provides a vital opportunity for young people to step out of their immediate environment and explore issues around identity, and life opportunities 'out of a box'.



## Pakistani Youth Forum— girls only group “Young people in action”

### • Youth Club

This is a weekly drop-in girls only provision, where young women are given a chance to socialise, develop activities and explore new and challenging arenas.

Activities include:

**Sports:** Badminton, hockey, netball, rock-climbing, swimming and, excursions

**Facilities:** outings, internet access, telephone, games consoles, cooking, and sewing.

**Advice & Guidance:** CV writing, help with applications, mock interviews and personal development issues

### • Training

Leadership programmes, organisational skills, team work, personal and interpersonal skills, communication skills, civic responsibilities, representations and volunteering.

This year a number of young women will take part in youthtrain accreditation.

### • Consultations

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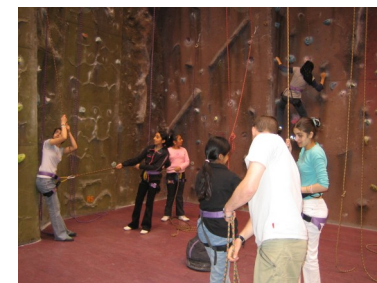
### • Local area film project

Being the only girls provision in the neighbourhood, young women have been making their input into what needs to be done to revive and improve facilities and services which take into account their needs. The film project is part of this process of involvement and especially addresses the use of open spaces in a sensitive way. Throughout women have attained key skills such as filming, presenting, camera and lighting production and editing.



### • Activities

Maximising potential and taking on new challenges is central to our work with young women. This not only helps to build much needed self esteem, confidence and skills but also gives them the chance to have fun in a safe environment!! Examples of these are sailing, rowing, trekking and rock climbing.



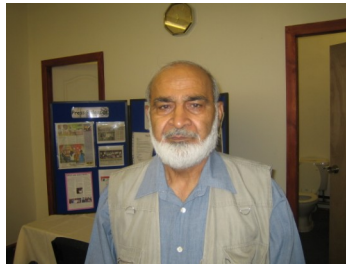
### • Residentials

Girls only residentials have been a challenging yet popular feature of our youth work. This is now an annual event planned and organised by the girls forum. The residential trips are centred around capacity building, supporting the development of a voice for young women, and building the youth forum and its activities.



## Elderly Project

By Mohammed Hanif Asad  
(committee member)



This is a new project in partnership with Kirklees Social Services. The project provides a social meeting place for elderly people in the community. A welcomed opportunity for the elderly to social in a safe and culturally appropriate local setting. It is also an opportunity for the elderly to get involved in planning and delivery of events and activities to meet their needs. Already, they are organising a luncheon club, and interesting day excursions. They are also discussing with other agencies how to organise information and advice, health check facilities and staying healthy.



***'Opening ceremony of the Elderly drop in centre by the leader of the council Cllr. Kath Pinnock'***

We would like the centre to be managed and developed by the elderly community. Also we would like the elderly to be in the forefront of organising activities and programmes.

In the long run we would like to see the elderly centre offering a range of social, recreational and educational programmes for the elderly. We would like to work in partnership with health services, social services and other agencies to offer advice around healthy living, healthy eating and benefits rites etc.

We would like to thank in particular Kirklees Metropolitan councils Social Services, community liaison for getting the project going.

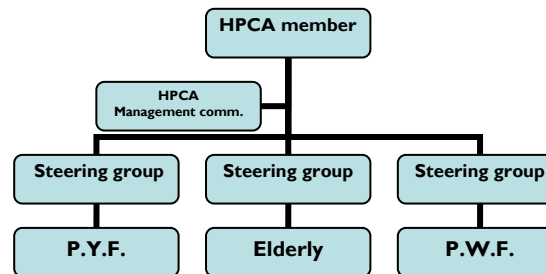




## HPCA Mission statement

*To proactively advocate for and enable British Pakistanis to take up their rightful place in democratic processes in order to pursue and fulfil their life goals and aspirations as cherished citizens of the wider British society.*

## Management Structure



**Sofia (Youth Project Coordinator)**



**Ishtiaq (Manager)**



**Mumtaz (Youth Project Coordinator)**