

## Draft

### **BAME voluntary organisation operating in 2009 and BAME organisations operating in 2019**

There used to be a very strong and vibrant black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) community networks of organisations and groups in Hertfordshire established in 80's and 90's. These organisations underwent capacity building training by securing in partnership with Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) and Hertfordshire Training and Enterprise Council European Social funding and worked together to support communities and the public sector. Following decision by HCC not to become a "Co-Financing organisation" for European funding, within the space of 3 years many of the BAME funding stopped and the HCC and district authorities stopped funding BAME community groups and organisation and as a result many closed.

In 2005, Hertfordshire Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Partnership, as part of the Hertfordshire Infrastructure County Consortium (HIC), commissioned research to look into the available levels of support to ethnic minority voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations in the county. The project also aimed to find out what studies, if any, had been carried out across the county looking at the needs of ethnic minority residents and service users and how any recommendations from such studies had been implemented to address identified issues.

Amongst the issues identified in the county's Infrastructure Investment Plan as impacting on the effectiveness of local VCS organisations, a key priority was to find what the needs and support available to local ethnic minority VCS organisations were. This was to address some of the problems facing these organisations, including;

*"...dissatisfaction with the way generic infrastructure bodies have responded to expressed needs....experiences of tokenism in representation and consultation, and discrimination in grants and other development plans. National Consultation on Sector Cross-Cutting Review revealed a need for specialist BME support, particularly for advocacy, lobbying, campaigning, policy guidance and language assistance."*

Up to 2009 there used to be an "umbrella" BAME organisation in each district and sadly as at 2019 there are only three;

1. Hertfordshire Equality Council
2. Stevenage world forum and
3. North Herts Ethnic Minority Forum

List below gives a picture of organisations that existed in 2009 and those still operating today that we are aware off

Name of the group in - 2009	Local Authority Area	Name of the group - 2019	Comments
	<b>Broxbourne Borough Council</b>		
Asian Group			No trace
Four Swannes Resident Association			No trace
Italia Club 2000			Not active
Polish Community Group			Not active
Society of Caribbean & African Broxbourne (SOCA)		Society of Caribbean & African Broxbourne (SOCA)	No financial support, lost all staff and premises – exist in name only
	<b>Dacorum Borough Council</b>		
Berkhamsted & District Gypsy Support Group		Berkhamsted & District Gypsy Support Group	No contact – not sure if active
Dacorum & Bangladeshi Welfare Society			No contact – not sure if active
Dacorum Chinese Community Association			No contact – not sure if active
Dacorum Club Italia			No contact – not sure if active
Dacorum Indian Society		Dacorum Indian Society	Operating in name only – lost funding
Dacorum Multicultural Association			No Trace
Dacorum Muslim Welfare Association			No contact – not sure if active
Eastern Cultural Society			No Trace
Hemel Hempstead and District Anti-Racism Council			No Trace

Quwwatal Islam		Quwwatal Islam	Mosque
United Arabs			No Trace
Visionaries UK			No Trace
	<b>East Herts District Council</b>		
Herts aid		Herts Aid merged into The Terence Higgins Trust (base in Watford)	Still operating with very limited resources
Saturday Bengali Language School			No Trace
	<b>North Herts District Council</b>		
Anglo Italian Association			No Trace
Asian Azadir Movement			No Trace
Asian Luncheon Club			No financial support, lost all staff and premises – No trace
Black Progress Association			No trace
Family Centre (ethnic communities)			No financial support, lost all staff and premises – No trace
Khalsa Youth Project			No trace
Letchworth Harmony group (run by Grace McDonald)		Letchworth Harmony group (run by Grace McDonald)	African Caribbean elderly lunch club
North Hertfordshire Ethnic Minority Forum		North Hertfordshire Ethnic Minority Forum	Have funding till June 2019, has reduced services and staffing is now down to one full time and one part-time
Polish Over 60 Club			No contact – not sure if active
Ravidassia Community Centre		Ravidassia Community Centre	Still operating on a voluntary basis, catering for the Sikh community now. Lost funding and staffing for wider community engagement and activities

Sri Lankan Soc & Cultural Organisation			No contact – not sure if active
The Herts Afro-Caribbean Network			No trace
	<b>Stevenage Borough Council</b>		
Awaaz Parent and Toddler Group			No Trace
Chinese Association (Stevenage)			No Trace
Ethnic Minorities Forum (Stevenage)			
Family Learning and Development Club			No Trace
Gujarati Hindu Association			No Trace
Muslim Community Centre			No contact – not sure if active
Refugee project			Working with Stevenage World forum and local CVS
Stevenage Sikh Cultural Association			No contact – not sure if active
Stevenage World Forum for Ethnic Communities		Stevenage World Forum for Ethnic Communities	Lost staffing and number of volunteers, operating with volunteer support, lost all funding and staff
	<b>St Albans City and District Council</b>		
Active Lifestyles			No Trace
African Caribbean Association			No contact – not sure if active
Asian Association			No contact – not sure if active
Bangladeshi Progati Samity			No contact – not sure if active
Bangladeshi Welfare Association		Bangladeshi Welfare Association	Not active – lost staffing and volunteers
HAWA (Hertfordshire Asian Women's Association)		HAWA (Hertfordshire Asian Women's Association)	Active – volunteers are trying to work with Muslim women
Islamic Centre			No contact – not sure if active
Parkistani Cultural & Welfare Assoc			No contact – not sure if active
Parkistani Womens Welfare Assoc			No contact – not sure if active

Salaam Parent and Toddler Group			No contact – not sure if active
St Albans Council for Racial Equality			No contact – not sure if active
St Albans Mauritius Muslim Welfare Association			No contact – not sure if active
The Crescent			No contact – not sure if active
	<b>Three Rivers District Council</b>		
Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Project			No contact – not sure if active
	<b>Watford Borough Council</b>		
Asian Community Care Group (Watford)			Council withdraw all funding from the organisation and lost 8 staff and the charity is about to close
Ahmadyya Muslim Association (Watford)		Ahmadyya Muslim Association (Watford)	Mosque
Indian Welfare Association (Watford)		Indian Welfare Association (Watford)	In name only very few volunteers and the volunteers in there 75+
Mauritian Association (Watford)			No contact – not sure if active
Refugee project		Refugee project	Working in partnership with CVS
Sikh Youth Association (Watford)			Operate as part of the Watford Gurudwara
Sickle Cell Anaemia Group			No contact – not sure if active
Shree Prajapati Association		Shree Prajapati Association	Operating with volunteers, but has no funding
Tamil Union of Herts (South West)			No contact – not sure if active
Watford African Caribbean Association		Watford African Caribbean Association	Operating with volunteers, but has no funding
Watford Chinese Community School		Watford Chinese Community	Operating with volunteers,

		School	and contribution from community members
Watford Hindu Group		Watford Hindu Group	Operating with volunteers, but has no funding
Watford Multi Racial Community Centre		Watford Multi Racial Community Centre	Operated by volunteers and receive funding from the Watford council
Watford Muslim Community Project			Funding stopped - closed
Watford Racial Equality Council			Funding stopped - closed
African Nurses Support Service			closed
Guideposts - Watford Ethnic Minorities Service			Funding stopped - closed
	<b>Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council</b>		
Hatfield Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centre		Hatfield Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centre	Religious group and has no activities outside of its religious beliefs
Hertfordshire African and Caribbean Network			No contact – not sure if active
Hertfordshire Philippine Association			No contact – not sure if active
Kaleidoslope			Funding stopped - closed
Welwyn Hatfield Bengali Education and Cultural Society			No contact – not sure if active
Welwyn Hatfield Ethnic Minority Group			closed
Welwyn Hatfield Indian Cultural Association			No contact – not sure if active
Welwyn Hatfield Interfaith Group		Welwyn Hatfield Interfaith Group	Meets bi-monthly
Welwyn Hatfield Islamic Society		Welwyn Hatfield Islamic Society	This is a mosque

76 BAME active organisations in 2009 as of 2019 there are now 19 organisations left which represents around 14% of the BAME organisations who are operating in Hertfordshire but their position is very weak and some could close if (a) more younger volunteers don't come forward and (b) secure funding to rejuvenate their respective organisation.