



ANNUAL REPORT

2006-2007



Preston Muslim Forum

MAKING THE CHANGE



CORE SERVICES

Information, Advice and Guidance on education employment and training remained our core services benefiting hundreds of clients throughout the year.

PRESTON EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP (PEP):

One of the most successful partnership and meaningful relationship established to provide immense benefits to the clients in the areas of training and employment. The clients are now able to access job vacancies with support mechanism and expertise provided by PEP staff based at Preston Muslim Forum (PMF). From July 2006 to March 2007, Out of 45 clients registered with PEP, 41 secured the employment and 23 were also enrolled for various skills based training courses.

EMPLOYED AND EMPOWERED

The project funded by NRF and supported through PEP where PMF developed and delivered a bespoke bilingual workshops to enhance employability skills of the clients seeking employment. This will now be on going services due to the popularity of the project.

The ERDF funded capacity building project came to an end in March 2007. The project was a steep learning curve for PMF as it not only supported 10 groups to build their capacity but also helped us in terms of our development and training needs.

The groups couldn't have come from more varied range and included elderly men, women, young people, mother and toddlers, sports and upcoming community groups.

Town Centre & St. George's Neighborhood Management

The project 'Healthy & Safe Locals' was launched and involved refurbishing of our Youth Club and investing in gym and other equipments. The Youth Club is now more spacious, safe and secured. The additional fitness equipments will provide immense health benefits to men and women of all ages alike.



ISLAMIC ARTS PROJECT

In partnership with The Museum of Lancashire and as a part of nationwide Festival of Muslim Culture a series of workshops were delivered at PMF. The workshops were delivered by Jamila Arts. The art work of 15 women who participated in the project was displayed at the museum in an event held on 27 March 2007.



PRESTON EAST CHILDRENCENTRE (PECC)

The partnership established since June 2005 is still going strong. PMF in effect runs as a satellite centre for PECC providing much needed services related to families and children of Deepdale area. We now run Deepdale Dads group at PNE Museum, the venue soon to be transferred to PMF Youth Club. 15 Dads with their children under 10 years enjoy the sessions held every fortnight. Since our youth club is located in the midst of the community, we are expecting more Dads to join when we move to the new venue. PMF has been successful in delivering families and children services utilising PECC's resources and expertise in this area. PMF also managed mother and toddler group Kool Kidz at Holme Slack School and is now actively supporting GrandParents group 'Grand Parents Matter' and Preston East Parents Forum. PMF also holds surgeries for midwifery and smoking cessation provided by PECC. PMF is grateful to PECC for generously providing equipments and resources to the PMF throughout this year, and we hope this relationship will continue for the benefit of families in the Deepdale area.

HEALTH AWARENESS EVENT

Mind, Body and Soul event supported by Preston Primary Care Trust was organised at Preston Muslim Girls School on 3 June 2006. The event was attended by approx 350 women who benefited from advice and guidance on health, domestic violence, smoking, parenting, holistic therapies, disability and so on.

IT PROJECT

Grants for Growth funded project was a success. We organised 24 sessions and 21 people benefited from basic computing course. The beneficiaries were pre-level 2 and 15 of them had never used the computers before.

PMF YOUTH CLUB

The youth club made significant progress in terms of young people's participation, activities and volunteer contribution. The improved and spacious layout of the youth club now includes computers with broadband internet, and sports and other equipments including mini gym. Over the summer period the young people were taken on several planned trips such as ice skating, cinemas, ten pin bowling, football stadium, Alton towers etc. The arts and craft workshops were held for young girls and separate girl's only sporting sessions.

In October 2006, Talha Patel one of our young sessional worker was awarded Young Person of the Year 2006 award from Lancashire Youth Association.

SOCIAL COHESION

The chief officer sits on the Preston Faith Forum executive board. PMF has secured faith funding to deliver multi-faith activities in the period 07-08. We are also closely working with some of the mosques and madrasahs to build their capacity.



CHIEF OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The year 06-07 had its ups and downs. The major down was the unsuccessful funding application for Advice Plus.(Big Lottery) This will have a major impact in 07-08 on the staffing and our ability to run the services on the same level.

Forms filling and social welfare issues still account for the majority of our staff time and efforts. We have also seen increased requests for representation, liaising with authorities, utility companies and providing advocacy services.

The future for various funding streams looks uncertain as ever and we are looking at new ways for organisation's sustainability.

I hope that the following way forward strategy would enable us to focus our skills and expertise to provide maximum benefits to all.

WAY FORWARD 2007-2008

Build on the good practice from Preston Employment Partnership, and deliver meaningful employment initiatives.

Enhance participation in the area of social cohesion/multi-faith.

Work closely with the County Council to deliver Children and Family services.

Increase youth activities to include awareness of current issues related to Muslim youths.

Develop services for elderly people in terms of their lower level needs.

PMF TEAM (2006 - 2007)

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N.Ahmed	Admin.Asst
Faz Khan	Youth Project
I. Seedat	Volunteer Officer

SURGERIES:

The surgeries for council tax, housing, immigration, Police, mid-wifery, and citizen advice bureau are still continuing.

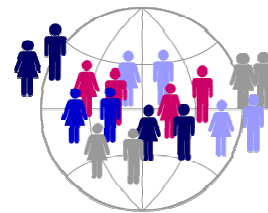
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SERVICES FOR ALL

USER INFORMATION / 2006-2007

2006-2007	Apr06	May06	Jun06	Jul06	Aug06	Sep06	Oct06	Nov06	Dec06	Jan07	Feb07	Mar07	Total
No. of people	414	405	423	385	284	400	333	914	822	788	403	516	6087

<u>Gender</u>													
Male	97	120	112	128	85	117	105	553	538	504	127	170	2656
Female	317	285	311	257	199	283	228	361	284	284	276	346	3431
Total	414	405	423	385	284	400	333	914	822	788	403	516	6087
<u>Age Group</u>													
Under 18	25	0	0	0	40	28	32	463	468	409	52	61	1578
13-18	1	32	26	44	0	1	4	0	14	0	1	0	123
19-24	86	81	58	100	85	92	85	105	89	52	69	85	987
25-34	251	233	260	158	105	236	197	313	240	323	262	347	2925
35-55	45	48	68	72	43	16	4	6	0	0	4	4	310
55+	6	11	11	11	11	27	11	27	11	4	15	19	164
Total	414	405	423	385	284	400	333	914	822	788	403	516	6087
<u>Type of Enquiry</u>													
Telephone	45	41	26	46	19	9	9	21	8	11	16	27	278
Drop-In	369	364	397	339	265	391	324	893	814	777	387	489	5809
Total	414	405	423	385	284	400	333	914	822	788	403	516	6087
<u>Status</u>													
Working	69	77	65	122	30	27	17	82	53	45	35	62	684
Not working	338	305	344	259	248	356	303	805	751	736	361	431	5237
Learning/Studying	0	5	0	2	3	2	0	4	2	1	0	0	19
Not stated	7	18	14	2	3	15	13	23	16	6	7	23	147
Total	414	405	423	385	284	400	333	914	822	788	403	516	6087

