

# Preston Muslim Forum



**Registered Charity:1064609**

**Established 1991**

# Our Vision



The local community at large actively contributing to, and benefiting from regeneration and community development programmes, through community led solutions

# We Aim to

- Empower women
- Engage young people
- Develop employability skills
- Encourage community participation
- Raise awareness of local issues
- Provide advice and guidance
- Promote equality and diversity



**Services For All**

# Profile

- Only BME organisation in Central Lancashire to be awarded Matrix Quality Standard.
- PQASSO quality mark
- Best Practice in IAG- Regional award
- Local and Regional awards for volunteers
- Capacity Building Award- CEMVO

# Projects & Activities delivered- 2003- 2011

- 'Awaaz' (Voice) – Women's Arts
- 'Apna Virsa' (Our Heritage) – Heritage Fund
- Career Management – TWL training
- Culturally Sensitive Health Pack-Primary Care Trust
- 'Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham' – documentary film from young Muslim females highlighting their experience of being British Muslims.

# Projects and Activities delivered 2003-2011

- Men's Health Screening Sessions and initiatives related to smoking, diabetes, blood pressure and healthy living.
- Multi sports/Healthy Cooking – Mums and Daughters
- Development of life long learning courses
- Deepdale Arts and Poetry Festival
- Delivery of 'Islamic Awareness' sessions to non-Muslims working in public sector.

# Consultations – 2000-2008

- **‘The Reason Why’ – identifying low participation of young women in education and training**
- **‘Barrier into Employment’ – identify barriers faced by Asian men/women when securing employment.**
- **Report identifying drugs and alcohol problems within Muslim community**
- **Consultation highlighting issues faced by older people from Muslim community- LCC**
- **Building capacity of BME organisations to work with Probation Services**
- **Identify reasons for less intake of local Muslim students -University of Central Lancashire**



# Projects and Activities delivered 2003-2011

- Delivery of 'Teaching Skills for Community Tutors' course
- Summer School Holiday Camp
- Preston 5-A side football tournament
- Health, creative arts and personal development for women.
- 1 to 1 support and advice from trained female development officer tackling issues related to Domestic Violence, Forced Marriages, Divorce and welfare

# Stepping Stones – 2003-2005

## Assisted over 350 people in the following areas:

- Training and obtaining qualifications
- Accessing employment through targeted advice and training.
- Disadvantaged groups obtaining jobs
- Personal and social development
- Community safety initiatives
- Accessing new health facilities/opportunities
- Accessing new sports facilities/opportunities

**Thanks to Community Action Fund-Preston City Council**

# Vocational Courses/Training Delivered

- **Basic and advanced computer classes**
- **Basic reading/writing**
- **Citizenship**
- **Personal Development**
- **Henna, glass painting and beadwork.**
- **Drugs awareness**
- **Community cohesion**

# Accredited courses/training delivered

- Basic computer and internet – Preston College
- ESOL – Preston College
- Volunteer Development
- Training for Community Tutors – Adult education
- Introduction to Youth Work- Lancs Youth Association
- Youth Work Level 2 & 3- Lancs. Youth Association
- First Aid – St.John's Ambulance
- MIDAS-Lancashire County Council
- Gardening - BCTV

# **Hamaara Centre – Youth Club 2005-2009**

- **Youth Activities**
- **Indoor and outdoor sports**
- **Drugs and Alcohol awareness**
- **Youth workers**
- **Computers / Internet**
- **Residential**
- **Football League**
- **Educational Visits and Trips**
- **Age group 8 – 25 years**

**Keep them away from trouble**

**In partnership with Big Lottery and Lancashire Youth Association**

# Employment Support Services from 2004 - 2008

- Education, Employment and Training
- Job Search
- Completing Application forms
- Interview Techniques
- Mock Interviews
- Speculative Letters
- CV Preparation
- 1-2-1 support
- Work Tasters



**In partnership with Preston Employment Partnership**

## **Projects and Activities delivered 2003-2011**

- **Advice & Guidance Pays – Next Steps**
- **Mentoring – Lancashire Access Mentoring Point**
- **Teaching Skills for Community Tutors – OCN**
- **Capacity Building of local groups – ERDF**

## **Projects and Activities delivered 2003-2011**

- **Families and children – Sure Start**
- **Luncheon Club–Preston Older People Partnership Board**
- **Preventing Violent Extremism- City Council/DCLG**
- **Mental Health – Primary Care Trust**



# Our Core Services

**We continue to assist people from deprived areas and vulnerable background with information, advice and practical support for:**

- **Benefit advice**
- **Housing**
- **Immigration**
- **Representation and advocacy**
- **Forms filling**
- **Employment**
- **Social welfare**
- **Signposting and referrals**



**And for all the issues that matters to them.**



## Working Together

- Lancashire County Council
- Preston City Council
- Primary Care Trust
- Sure Start Preston East
- Age Concern
- Lancashire Constabulary
- Lancashire BME Pact
- Lancashire Access Mentoring Point
- Job Centre Plus
- Preston Employment Partnership
- Next steps
- Help Direct

**And 100s of other organisations for their continuing support.**