

Change Development Programme

The CHANGE programme will seek to build the organisational skills and knowledge capacity and strengthen the strategic influence of the BME voluntary and community sector by establishing infrastructure support for the sector in Dudley in order to strengthen the role of the BME voluntary and community organisations in public service delivery and influence mainstream provision.

The programme will:

- Provide and improve access to organisational development support for BME groups, Refugees and Migrants groups and Faith groups
- Offer one-to-one, group support to organisations and enable the sector to participate in the local planning and decision making processes such as Local Area Agreements, Community Plan, through establishing issues based forums in the areas of Health, Education and Skills, Economic Development and Enterprise
- Support the development of Progress through Partnership, an emerging consortium of BME led Service providers seeking to deliver effective public services in Dudley in the areas of Children and Young People, Healthier Communities and Older people, Economic Development and Enterprise and Stronger and Safer Communities

Project Outcomes

The CHANGE programme will have significant impact on the Borough of Dudley in various ways.

- i. Increased capacity and confidence of BME groups to deliver effective and efficient public service delivery
- ii. Establish regular dialogue between BME groups representing both faith based and community based organisations to improve partnership working and increase understanding and co-ordination
- iii. Influence improvement in relationship with mainstream service providers regarding services for the BME community
- iv. Improvement in the funding base and sustainability of the BME voluntary and community sector.
- v. Increase in the involvement of the BME / faith based community sector at a strategic level in public services agencies ensuring the developments in Dudley are equality focused and outcomes are equitable

- vi. Encourage sharing and dissemination of good practice across all sectors enabling more creative and innovation working with target groups facing social and economic exclusion