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Changes at the top

The Board of Trustees at the Centre for Equality & Diversity (CfED) have today announced the appointment of a new chair, Mr Mushtaq Hussain and Vice Chair Mr Brian Roe.

These changes come at a crucial time for CfED as we publish our business plan for the next 3 years. The business plan demonstrates that we are even more committed to ensuring the core work of the organisation goes on and that we are making a positive impact on the lives of diverse communities across the Borough of Dudley and where possible surrounding areas.

Mushtaq has been involved with the CfED since inception and before was a member of the Dudley Racial Equality Council for 25 years. He is a former Dudley Councillor. He chaired the council's equalities committee for number of years. He is well known across all communities in Dudley. He works as a manager in the finance department for a neighbouring local authority. He has worked in local Government for over 25 years.

Brian has been a teacher for 38 years in secondary schools in Formby and Southport (Sefton LA); and Redhill School, Stourbridge (1976 – 2009), retiring as Assistant Head teacher. He has been a LA governor at a local Primary school for 5 years and is currently a governor at a Dudley Secondary School.

Since 2009, Brian was a professional mentor/induction tutor for new and trainee teachers, working with a Halesowen High school and 7 universities, both local and further afield. He also worked for Worcester University as a Course Moderator and External Examiner and represented Professional Mentors on their Course

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Committee. Martyn Copus who has stepped down as chair will continue to support the organisation. All Trustees thank Martyn for all his contribution, time and expertise over the past 8 years.

We are proud of our work to help make a positive impact on the lives of many ethnic and social groupings of people across the borough. We are also very humbled when people thank us for the work we do. However, we are not complacent as there is much more we need to do in order to meet the growing demand for our services – particularly those that are community focused.

Our 2014 – 2017 business plan is committed to focusing on those in greatest need. To achieve this, the organisation is seeking to develop a range of services and projects for marginalised groups, women, and people with disabilities, young people and migrant communities. This will result in increased levels of engagement.

As newly-appointed chair, Mushtaq Hussain said “I am privileged to be leading an organisation who supports the most vulnerable members of our community. We will continue to provide that support despite the financial challenges the organisation is facing. ”

Kenneth Rodney CEO said

“This is a very exciting time for CfED as we look to the future and a new era. While there will be many challenges the goals and aspirations set are more than achievable, with the help of volunteers, funders and local public sector agencies”.

If you wish to support the CfED – or know someone who can – there are many ways to help, therefore please get in touch with us.

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