

# IMPACT REPORT

## Yemeni Community Association

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The YCA is a registered charity in Salford that has an impact on the development of the local Yemeni, Arab-origin and BME community, by providing an ongoing support service and by acting as the crucial link between these communities and statutory bodies.

Founded officially in 2004, the YCA continues to be the first point of contact for Yemeni, Arab-origin and minority groups in the local area. The YCA provides translation, in addition to partnership work with groups in the Greater Manchester area. The YCA develops, and works to tackle the challenges providing a range of services, both educational and the local community, the YCA works continuously to

Supporting the local BME community



ongoing advice, welfare and various statutory bodies and voluntary has an overall goal of community facing the local community, by recreational. As the primary lobby for promote cohesion in the local area.

1: The YCA has approximately 250 beneficiaries per week from across the Salford area.

2: The YCA runs regular ESOL courses for women. Following the completion of an ESOL and Community Cohesion course, a large majority of the women stated that they now felt more confident communicating in public.

3: The YCA homework club significantly improved young people's attitudes to learning and higher education and provided an additional support network for underachieving young people. More young people now approach the YCA for assistance with CV's, college/university applications, and for assistance with job applications.

4: The YCA has supported refugees/asylum seekers in the local area with welfare advice, translation, integration, locating housing and voluntary work opportunities. A number of women took up voluntary work in the wider community, with an increased desire to become more civically active.

5: What Greater Manchester Police say about us:

"The YCA provide an invaluable service to the community, helping develop young children in the locality. In addition they host cultural events for the benefit of the greater community which bridge divides and help bring on an understanding and tolerance of the many diverse cultures and beliefs in the Eccles area." Sergeant Craig Roberts, Eccles, Barton & Winton

6: The YCA has successfully taken part in events and delivered services that have promoted increased

understanding and cohesion in the Eccles area.

7: Increased community spirit among the youth. Young people have taken part in various projects, fundraising events, community clean-ups, cohesion-focused events and food collections. One of the young volunteers was nominated for the Salford Youth Award 2015.

"Without the support of the YCA I would have really struggled. The YCA has assisted me when I did not know where to turn. I started English classes at the YCA in September and feel comfortable learning there".

Local Yemeni resident- Eccles

9: In October 2015 two Yemeni young people from the local community achieved outstanding GCSE results and were presented by Rt Hon Keith Vaz with awards at The House of Commons in London.

10: 152 students at the weekend Arabic school are able to read, write and speak a second language.

### What is next?

Community Quilt sewing project for women

Health & wellbeing project for women

Young people's art project with the Bridgewater Canal Project