

Voice of BME – Trafford

Special Launch Edition: January 2007



Happy New Year and
**Welcome to this, our Second issue of
Voice of BME – Trafford Newsletter.**

Next month sees the long anticipated official launch party for The Voice of BME communities in the Borough to be held at **Lancashire Cricket Club on Friday 16th February.**

The **Voice of BME - Trafford**, brings together all the diverse strands of the BME communities residing in Trafford so that they can ensure that their voice is heard at every level in Trafford

The Launch will include invited speakers such as local councillors and inspirational achievers and local business people from BME backgrounds offering help and advice as well 3 course meal, musicians, dancers, artist, a fashion show, unsung heroes, live entertainment and special guests. The event will also offer many Trafford residents a chance to network with people that they might not normally come into contact with as well as enjoy some first rate food and dance. Whether you choose to get involved in **Voice of BME – Trafford** or just be inspired by what goes on, there will plenty to celebrate.

Tickets are by invite only with a strict door policy and 7pm prompt start as guest are expected to be seated for meal by 7:30pm. Following this, guest speakers and the evenings entertainment and inspiration will ensue. There is also a dress code so formal or traditional dress only.

If you are interested in getting involved with **Voice of BME – Trafford** and would like to be there for the launch, you will need to get in touch with the centre or if you have a form already, return it as soon as possible.

History

Voice of BME – Trafford was set up approximately ten months ago to address issues raised by Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities living or working in the borough of Trafford. One of our aims is to elect representatives to champion the issues effecting BME communities in Trafford. Issues already highlighted are:

- **Business**
- **Employment/Training**
- **Education**
- **Politics**
- **Crime Prevention**
- **Environment**
- **Health and Housing**
- **Arts/Culture/Leisure**

Voices of Expression

As part of the celebrations, we are also looking to encourage poets, artists and wordsmiths to contribute some thoughts, insights and expressions of life in the Borough of Trafford from your perspective within your own community within today's current social, economical, political and cultural climate.

Expressions will be displayed in the form of photos, multimedia and the written word. These can then be displayed at strategically elected points within the venue to create an atmosphere and presence, personal to **Voice of BME – Trafford** and those it represents.

WARNING!

Ownership and creative expression aside – any offensive material e.g. homophobic, sexist or racist will not be displayed at event.

Contact:

The Trafford Cultural Heritage Centre

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Tel: 0161 864 4499 or 07950 934484

Email: traffordbme@yahoo.co.uk

Web: www.geocities.com/keareyd/voiceofbme-trafford.html

Summary of last Task Group meeting:

Date for Launch: the Lancashire Cricket Club has been booked for **February 16th, '07** by Jackie and Adele confirmed that a letter has been sent to Shabaz confirming the offer of the grant of £1,255 and that a cheque for £500 has been raised for the Group to receive an advance on that amount so that the £350 deposit for the Cricket Club booking.

Programme for the Launch

- 7pm Arrivals & drinks
- 8pm Dinner
- 9pm Speakers
- 9.30pm Fashion Presentation
- 10.30pm RAWT & Dance
- Late Ozzie Live music

Invitation List

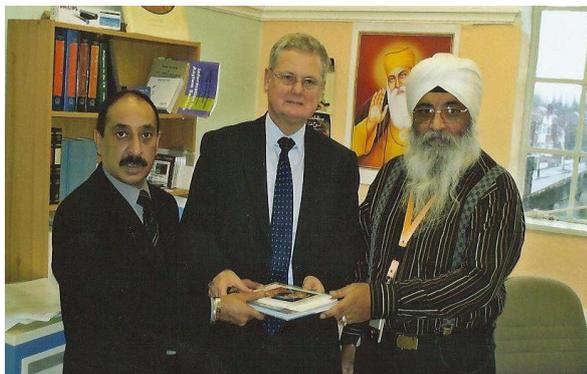
The letter will be an invite to the function asking people to return a reply slip at which point they will be registered for the event and receive a ticket. **No reply no ticket.** There will be one letter per person even if there are five people in the same household this just eliminates confusion over numbers.

Tony, David, Shabaz and Denise will design invites and commission Gledhills to produce 350 invitations.

AC and AN will mail out the letters a list of all invitees to be made available to the group at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 30th January 1pm to 3pm at the Shrewsbury Street Centre in Old Trafford.



Shabaz, Gary and Manjit at the Guru Nanak Mission earlier this month.



Gary Titley MEP (centre), outside headquarters for Voice of BME – Trafford; 5/1/07 with Chair, Tony Wright (shaking hands) and Shabaz Singh Pall after looking at the Task Groups Constitution. Whilst there, Gary also met with Manjit Singh (Vice President) of the Guru Nanak Mission also based at Trafford Cultural & Heritage Centre where he and Shabaz presented him some books on Sikh history and culture (bottom left).

Achievements so far:

- Written Constitution
- Election of officers i.e. Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
- Signed up 45 Members & still counting
- Raised Funds for Launch & Development of the Group
- Produced 1st Newsletter
- Held a Vision Workshop
- Drafted Work Programme with Milestones for 2006/07

Come and Join us.....

We need people of BME backgrounds who live or pay business rates within Trafford to become members.

Also if you would like to contribute to this Newsletter, we would be very pleased to hear ideas from you.

To join, contribute, inform of events or for info on launch, please contact:

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