

Support for Bolton's Minority Ethnic Communities

Bolton is proud of its diverse voluntary and community sector which strives to meet the needs of all people living or working in the borough. Bolton Community and Voluntary Services (CVS) is here to support the groups and organisations delivering these services and help connect people with them. This leaflet details some of the organisations providing services specifically for people from our Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic, Refugee and Asylum Seekers (BAMER) communities.



THE PROVIDERS



Bolton Voluntary & Community Services (CVS)

Voluntary and community groups and organisations change people's lives every day and the team at Bolton CVS want to make it as simple as possible for people and groups across the borough of Bolton to 'do more good'.

If you are running a minority ethnic community group, or are thinking of setting up a group, and would like to meet with Bolton CVS to see how we can help you please contact us at for an informal chat. If English isn't your first language and you'd like to use another language, contact us as our team here speak a number of languages.

Tel: 01204 546010

E-mail: info@boltoncvs.org.uk



Bolton Solidarity Community Association

Bolton Solidarity Community Association (BSCA) was initiated by concerned professionals who intend to serve their community efficiently.

Many of the people that access BSCA are from the New and Emerging Communities in Bolton. This includes such communities as Somali, Oromo, Eritrean, Kurdish and the local established BME communities.

BSCA have dedicated staff and volunteers that are able to support individuals with their challenges or to signpost to a relevant organisation.

Tel: 01204 334004

E-mail: bolsomcom@hotmail.com



Asian Elders Resource Centre

Asian Elders Resource Centre (AERC) provides a drop-in, advice and information services, preventative activities and services from a locally based centre. The beneficiaries are older Asian people who are 50+ to 80 years old, living within the Bolton. AERC support BAMER by providing activities and services on health, advice and information, adult learning, social interaction, tackling isolation, dietary needs, loneliness, spiritual and religious service. Activities include exercise, luncheon club, organised outings and trips.

AERC support to have an improved quality of life, stay independent and healthy for longer, stay connected with the wider community.

Tel: 01204 651123

Website: www.aercbolton.co.uk



Age UK Bolton

We have a range of services available to support local older people.

Currently we are offering a telephone befriending service and emergency essential shopping to those most in need, as well as our Home from Hospital Service which supports those who have recently been discharged from hospital.

Tel: 01204 382411

Website: www.ageukbolton.org.uk



The Sunnyside Club

The Sunnyside Club runs homework clubs, IT clubs, football competitions and raised money for charities.

They have been a key link with statutory organisations and assisted the Local History Centre with Heritage related projects.

The Sunnyside Club partners include Bolton Station Community Partnership and MACFEST. Their most recent project will be delivering a project for Refugees/Asylum Seekers.

E-mail: sunnysideclubbolton@yahoo.com



Bolton Hospice
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Bolton Hospice

The consultant-led team at Bolton Hospice provide expert care for local people with life-limiting illnesses, in the hospice and at home.

All services are free, inclusive and families have access to a range of services including 24-hour advice, multi-faith facilities, day therapy, Hospice at Home and outpatient clinics.

Tel: 01204 663066

Website: www.boltonhospice.org.uk



The Destitution Project

The Destitution Project (DP) seeks to provide a safe environment in Bolton where asylum seekers and refugees, including refused Asylum Seekers who have become destitute, can find friendship, food and practical help.

DP support is delivered through; a weekly Drop-in Centre at Victoria Hall, 10.00am - 3.00pm each Wednesday (the drop-in is currently closed due to Covid-19) and Casework Services for asylum seekers, including those who find themselves destitute.

Tel: 07421 352 829

E-mail: dropindp@gmail.com



Bolton Mandhata Community

Mandhata Community is a self-funded organisation which gives warm and safe spaces to Hindu community in Bolton and surrounding areas.

They hold religious festivals and activities for adults such as Yoga and children activities such as dance and school revision on a weekly basis.

They provide free lunches every two weeks for the older members of the group, who are vulnerable and isolated, this gives them an opportunity to socialise and improve their mental wellbeing.

E-mail: ruxmanipatel31@hotmail.co.uk



EPHRATA CHURCH
COMMUNITY

"There is Hope for Your Future."
Jer. 31:17 Rom. 15:13

Ephrata Bolton

Ephrata Bolton is a dynamic, inclusive and charismatic church and community where you will discover your talents. They believe that there is hope for the future.

The majority of the members are Black British African French speakers and Refugees. Most of them are in the frontline as nurses, support workers, cleaners, psychologist, supermarket workers or security guards. Ephrata Bolton provide advice and support to all their members during the pandemic and supports their members as they are most vulnerable and disadvantaged.

Tel: 07950 161 183



Macmillan Cancer Support

The Bolton Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Service supports people affected by cancer through their diagnosis, treatment and recovery.

They offer:

- Emotional and practical support
- Benefits advice
- Information about cancer in different languages
- Provide support via telephone translator

Tel: 01204 663059



Healthwatch Bolton

Healthwatch Bolton is open to all members of the community.

They want to know what you think about local health and social care services so they can influence positive change to make sure you get the best out of services.

They also provide clear and up-to-date advice and guidance to help you make informed decisions and signpost to additional sources of support.

Tel: 01204 394603

E-mail: info@healthwatchbolton.co.uk

Website: www.healthwatchbolton.co.uk



The Flowhession Foundation

The Flowhession Foundation provides a bilingual (Urdu/Punjabi/Gujrati) phone hub to direct people towards services and information, if we can't cover their needs they will signpost to another service. There is a free bilingual (Urdu/Punjabi/Gujrati) counselling service.

The Flowhession Foundation have a Walk and Talk group, Click, Chat & Chai sessions, teach the elderly people in the community basic IT skills, Mums and Tums sessions.

Tel: 07771 415 896

Website: www.flowhessionfoundation.org.uk



Bolton Christian Community Cohesion

Bolton Christian Community Cohesion work alongside faith groups and community groups to develop cohesion within the town by supporting at community, interfaith, memorial, civic, prayer and diversity events.

They encourage church communities to engage in the Bolton 2030 Vision including supporting asylum seekers, refugees and those in poverty.

Tel: 07500 928 573

E-mail: tcc@bolton.gmim.org.uk

Website: www.gmim.org.uk/boltonccc



Bolton Council of Mosques

Bolton Council of Mosques (BCoM) has been serving the community by providing mentoring, counselling and offering an expert to legal counsel.

They offer DBS checks, Hate Crime Reporting services and Safeguarding Children's training.

BCoM organise a free burial service and run circumcision, Meningitis and Hearing Aid clinics.

Tel: 01204 363680

E-mail: Fyw@thebcom.org



Bolton Town Centre and Middlebrook Angels Workplace Chaplaincies

Their volunteer workplace chaplains offer a listening ear to all people who manage or work in businesses in Bolton Town Centre and at Middlebrook Retail Park in Horwich including market traders, small business owners, supermarket and restaurant staff etc. They also signpost workers to professional bodies and community services in the Bolton area.

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