

# IMPACT REPORT

Europaia

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Europaia is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

**Our Mission:** support, educate, empower and represent East and Central Europeans across Greater Manchester to prosper in their communities.

**Our Values:** integrity respect inclusion for all people, tolerance, creativity, innovation, flexibility, credibility, trustworthiness, solidarity, openness, courage, celebrating diversity.



**1.** We run a range of sessions including last summer we had **Mums & Tots** with themed **Play and Stay** sessions such as oral health and rehearsals for our summer event. In 2016 we delivered 30 **Football Coaching** sessions for 25 children under 10 years old. Now the coach is training a new group to join in with the local league matches.

**2.** The sessions bring parents together which creates genuine bonds and helps socially isolated children. Our annual **summer event** is a celebration of our community where our participants come together as a team to create the event including producing a puppet show and a talent show.

**3.** We use sport as a way to bring people together to overcome frictions of current migrant life and give the children and their parents the opportunity to **create genuine friendships**. We have recruited a Police Sergeant as our next football coach. We are funding his coaching qualifications and are excited by the prospect of **building positive relationships** between local services – in this case the police and the local community. We are also building relationships with the local police and Manchester United FC to create an affordable and sustainable physical activity offer for our children.

**4.** We have built a strong relationship with the **Health Improvement Team** in Salford which has helped them build contacts with our socially isolated members of the community and therefore our community members can access HIT services such as oral health for children or pre and post natal classes.

**5.** As a result of Brexit government services have contacted us as we are well established with the purpose of **getting a better understanding** of Eastern European community members and support our work.

**6.** Through our volunteers, participants and staff we have brought together **people from different nationalities and backgrounds**, some of whom have undertaken a learning curve and embraced a multi-cultural environment. This has resulted in the football sessions from being conducted in Eastern European languages to English.

**7.** Feedback from parents has shown their interest in getting active alongside their children and we aim to offer something for them. We are **intending to fund a Community Development worker** with a strong background in family work in Salford to focus on creating bridges between current services and our community, particularly those with multiple disadvantages.

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