

# 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:** Thanks to funding from GMP, the YCA took part in **hate crime awareness week** by hosting two stalls at Eccles mosque and producing translated leaflets, successfully raising awareness about the importance of reporting hate crime and working with the police.

**3:** **30 children take part in weekly karate classes** at the YCA taught by a qualified instructor from Red Sun Karate. The children are developing new skills every week, including self-discipline, listening skills, team work skills and concentration skills.

**4:** The YCA worked with the **Lowry Theatre** to produce a Middle Eastern arts exhibition in the mobile Roundabout theatre at Eccles festival. Art, literature, history and poetry from the Arab world was shared with the local community in a bid to promote understanding and celebrate diversity.

"We were delighted that YCA joined us to support the Roundabout project. It was an innovative concept but was entirely embraced by the YCA. The exhibition itself was excellent; thoughtful, diverse and well produced. It suited the occasion perfectly and was extremely accessible to visitors to the Roundabout"

Matthew Eames- Theatres Programmer and Producer, The Lowry

**6:** Members of the community took part in free **NHS health checks** run by Salford Health Improvement Team.

**7:** **Community awareness about gangs** was the topic in February when the YCA invited the play Terriers (Liverpool's Royal Court Theatre) to perform a piece of theatre aimed at young people, service providers and the voluntary sector. Attended by the Mayor, the event was successful

"I've never been to a play before so I wasn't expecting much. The play really got me thinking about my life and the kind of people I hang around with"

Local Young Person, following performance of anti-gangs play, the 'Terriers'

**9:** A new partnership with Barton Athletic club resulted in a **women-only gym** session at the club's new facility. Women now have a place to exercise using state of the art equipment.

**10:** The YCA acted as the community partner at St. Andrew's Primary School's '**Families and Schools Together**' initiative developed by Save the Children and the University of Middlesex.

**11.** The YCA was nominated for the **Equalities Award** at the Heart of Salford Awards and was in the top three runner ups.

**12.** The **boys youth club** is attended by up to 30 boys thanks to funding from Awards for All. There are upcoming trips for canoeing and rock climbing.