





April – June 2025 Quarterly Report



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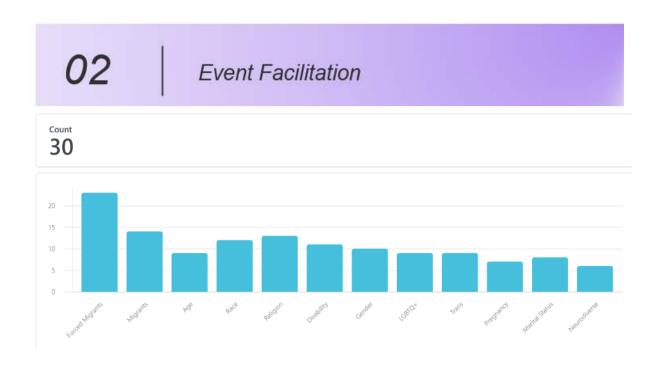
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01 Highlights

- Inclusion work takes time, energy, and focus. the project continues the commitment in protecting the time of people involved in having an input in the project outcomes that will benefit vulnerable communities.
- Commitment in embing inclusion as part of everyone's role, rather than an 'add- on'
- The project is looking to empower people, sustain momentum, and show that inclusion isn't just a side project, but something that organisations should value deeply.
- It has been very positive to see Interfaith spaces growing and taking shape in the city, special work shape by HERI (Hull and East Riding Interfaith)
- Togetherness and collaboration in events during Refugee Week
- Advocacy work from Central Ward Counsellor at Hull City Council to change mindsets nationally. Hull city council influencing change nationally





30 Overall year 2025. 14 on this quarter, predominantly on Forced Migrant/ Migrant/ Race/ Religion

APRIL:

1. <u>Lived Experience Interview Humberside Police - Refugee Week</u>

Facilitated the introductions of a person with Forced Migrant lived experience and Humberside Police with a Positive Action Officer. The Force was looking for lived experience to take part in a podcast series that are training the force to inform about Refugee lived experience during Refugee Week and raise awareness. The interview will be taken part in June and it will be shared widely within Humberside Police.

2. Accessing training and services

Facilitated the introductions of Community Vision and their Scams training for communities and the Ukrainian community which has been targeted with this type of crime in high numbers. Supported the communication and introductions of Home Office Regional representative with Ukrainian Community to support with complex case work due to recent changes in Immigration status law for Ukrainian community.



3. Festival of Community and Languages Co-production meetings

Facilitated co-production space to plan the Festival of Community and Languages, resolved questions offered guidance and support in regards of what to plan to deliver on the day.

4. <u>Independent Custody Visit Scheme and use of Interpreting resources with</u> volunteers.

Consultation in how to use translation tools for volunteers during visits.

5. Healing Pockets Train the Trainer

Met with a member from the community who is interested in having the train the trainer offers to deliver the Healing Pockets workshop for communities, introductions and share outline of train the trainer offer, shared feedback and suggestions for amendments to continue co-production of the resources that can be tailored to community's needs. Invitation for future events to continue evaluation and explore shadowing training days to confirm participation in the future.

6. Welcome House Partnership manager and Hull CVS

Introductions with Hull CVS and Welcome House to offer volunteer coordinator support and explore other training opportunities.

7. Cultural Awareness sessions for Local Authority

Shared with Local Authority Equality Officer Cultural Awareness training sessions opportunities with IOM (International Organization for Migration), Officer shared widely with Development and Learning Team in the Council. The project supported with resolving questions in how to access the sessions and how to tailor some in the future if there is an interest in booking more sessions online/face to face.

8. IMIX Media and Lived experience Forum

introductions with Imix Media and Lived experience Forum coordinator to work in future collaboration to myth bust information about Lived experience from multiple unmet needs communities and VAWG (Violence Against Women's and Girls) strategy agenda.

9. <u>Hate Crime Reporting Centres Drop-in</u>

Co-production Meeting to discuss moving forward with HCRC project. Discussed training materials and event launch

10. Paragon ID Local Industry and positive impact in Environment.

Through outreach work with Ukrainian community in Hull, we explore to meet the Paragon Manufactory staff members in the warehouse which have been providing donations of boxes to the community to be able to ship essentials in the conflict zone back in Ukraine, their community leader introduce us with the staff members to explore if they could be open to offer their resources widely to the VCSE sector, they accepted this with a positive approach and we are advertising the resources that they can offer that could benefit to the VCSE sector through our newsletter. This will be having a positive Environmental



impact which will be alongside one of the outcomes for the Community Plan for the city.



11. <u>Targeted Youth Support Team and supporting Unaccompanied Children</u> <u>seeking Asylum</u>

Facilitated the introductions of Targeted Youth Support Team at the Hull City Council to connect with local VCSE sector supporting Unaccompanied Children seeking Asylum to explore wellbeing sessions (arts, sports, socials) to impact positively with their mental health.



03

Events attended & Delivered

DELIVERED

- Hull ESOL network March & May

March Guests: University of Hull - Health research and Mathew's Hub

May Guests: Community safety Partnership – Partnership Manager, Kompasi Project and Yoruba community





May event hold at Hull Training & Adult Education Centre



- Festival of Community and Languages



The Hull Festival of Community and Language is an event that celebrates cultural diversity and language learning in Hull. It features performances, cultural displays, and opportunities to explore different languages. Co-produce with Hull ESOL network.

- BBC Your questions March - discussion

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cjevw2p34vzo

Facilitated introductions with Imix media and VCSE sector supporting migrants/ forced migrants to discuss about having an input on the questions that public could be ask in this engagement opportunity with BCC, exploring building confidence and how to respond to media.



- <u>Safeguarding network meetings (total of 2) VCSE / Community Leaders & Safeguarding Partnership March & May</u>

The project facilitated a couple of opportunities to open a space where decision makers/ service providers and multicultural communities a total of 25 meet to be able to explore a space to have difficult and informative conversations to explore the challenges of safeguarding systems and how to support multicultural communities, the session has concluded with moving forwards with future spaces to continue conversation and start to shape its form.

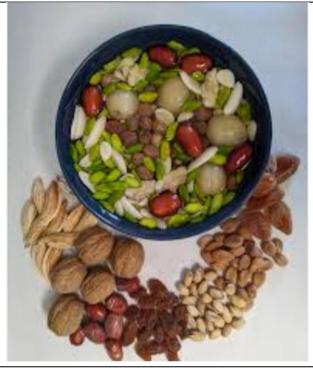
ATTENDED: 18 TOTAL EVENTS

Hate Crime Custody Panel	Humberside Police
Biting Point - How can we be good in a world that makes	Middle Child
Mayoral Hustings	HANA
Addressing Neighbourhood Crime and Antisocial behavio	Community Safety Partne
Yoruba Ale Ariya event	Yoruba Community Hull
Be Connected Meeting Age UK	Age UK
Humberside Police Communities Better Together Event	Humberside Police
Hull Multi Agency Prevent Meeting	Community Safety Partne
Hull Tenants Forum	Hull City Council
Welcome House/ Refugee Council Refugee Week Celebrati	Welcome House/ Refuge
Summit Education Refugee Art Exhibition	Summit Education
Sanctuary Celebration Refugee Week	CIAC
Parent Carer Forum (Benefits Information)	Hull & ER PCF
Hull Tenants Forum	Hull City Council
Waffle	Waffle & Cooperation Hull



Nowruz event:





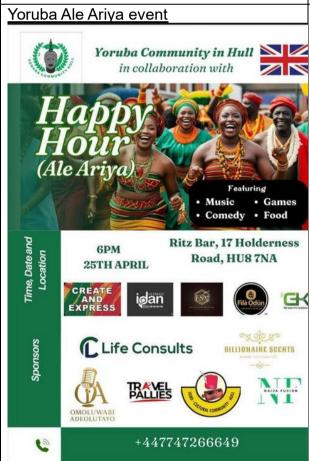
April 1st was the date when Hull Afghan Society organised their Nowruz event.

Looking for visibility and embracing new partners and attendees to be part of this special and important date for the community.













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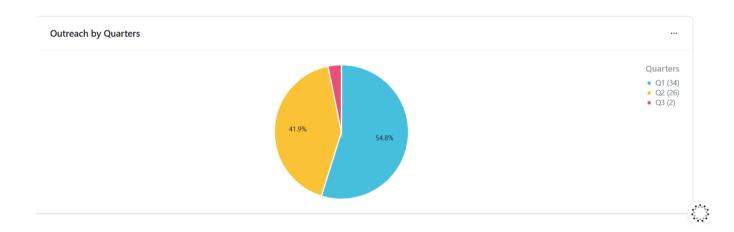
Popup restaurant run by the community, for the community. Pay-what-you-can, great music, great food, great company. A truly special place.







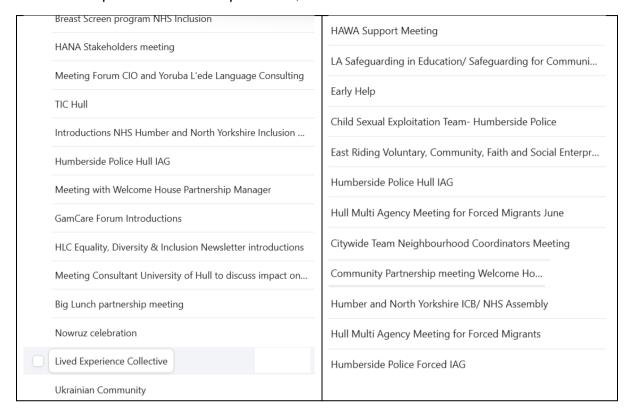
The project recognises the gaps in engaging with Disability and LGBTIQ+ /Trans community, the impact of recent wider social environment had increase the challenge in engaging with groups.



40% of the project delivery during this quarter is by outreach engagement, building relationships is a constant approach to achieve positive outcomes.



Total of 26 partnerships developed and maintained during this quarter, 40% of these were developed with services providers, as shown below





05 New Referrals

The project does not deliver casework but there has been an important role to signposting individuals to access services that were not aware of while making introductions of the project during meetings and events.

The project made a total of 4 referrals as follows:

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Referring Party	Referring Party		
Forum CIO	Forum CIO on behalf of Afghan resident		
Referred Party Refugee Council / Hull Truck Theatre Purpose of Referral Reduced isolation/ mental health	in Hull Referred Party Toranj Tuition Purpose of Referral Access to Higher Education/ Employability Advice		
Referring Party RAST	Referring Party CIAC		
Referred Party	Referred Party		
Forum CI Team	Forum on Behalf of Corner House		
Purpose of Referral Social Prescribing/ Volunteering	Purpose of Referral Immigration advice		



06 Feedback

Echoing voices for those who attend our events ...

- Safeguarding network meetings: It has been very helpful to have the Community Inclusion project supporting the facilitation of this type of space which agencies and communities have been looking to develop to be able to create a safe space to have difficult conversations and develop strategies to influence positive changes in those vulnerable communities which are most needed
- Thank you for the Community Inclusion project to facilitate introductions to attend spaces where we thought we could not belong before such as the Festival of Community and Languages, this will help with our confidence to be more visible.
- We appreciate the opportunity that the Community Inclusion project offers with expanding our capacity to be able to collaborate and participate during Refugee Week co-production meetings and to be able to develop a new event which will benefit the opportunity to raise awareness of such a sensitive but important subject.
- It continues to be difficult to see how the charity sector needs support to improve their staff and there are limited local opportunities which put a higher risk by very isolated communities, which depend on the support provided by these organizations as wider services won't be able to offer tailor support.
- It is important to update the terms of the immigration system when it comes to supporting migrant communities, as we are missing pieces and not understanding widely the gaps of the issues that the systems are creating to increase vulnerability in this group.
- Due to the recent political environment, it is obvious that marginalized communities are going to be less confident in trusting some services to access services which put these groups at higher risks.



07 Challenges

- Scams for vulnerable communities in the increase, particularly on employment opportunities and immigration advice
- Challenges in accessing support services and education for Ukrainian community in recent times due to changes in visa scheme (it has been very unstable for families who some members have their visas and the other ones in the same household are not entitled)
- Burnout from community leaders
- Lack of local availability in training provision for VCSE sector in management, volunteer management
- Economic crisis that bring challenges for isolated and vulnerable families
- While the EU maintains broad commitment to LGBTQ+ equality, in the UK trans rights are increasingly under threat. What felt like unstoppable progress in LGBTQ+ rights a few years ago now feels increasingly fragile. The UK has slipped to 22nd place in the Rainbow Index of LGBT rights, having topped the list just 10 years ago.
- In the workplace, significant challenges persist, with 39% of LGBTQ+ employees still feeling the need to hide their sexuality or gender identity at work, and 31% reporting they wouldn't feel comfortable reporting homophobic or biphobic bullying to their employer. These challenges multiply for those with intersecting marginalized identities. Many LGBTQ+ staff, particularly trans and non-binary colleagues, are fearful about what's next.



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Resources - future Inclusion dates

- Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership, Inclusive Language videos
- 2. Menopause in the work place: missing potential
- 3. Cancer champion handbooks: Cancer-Champions-Handbook.pdf
- 4. Changing minds on migration Praxis guidelines : <u>Let's drown out the lies</u> about migrants and refugees Praxis for Migrants and Refugees
- 5. EDI newsletter HLC calendar dates: https://www.hlc-vol.org/2025/06/hlc-equality-diversity-inclusion-newsletter-july-2025/
- 6. How to recognize Inclusion contribution in the work place to colleagues who stand-up during this difficult times:

No-Budget Ways to Recognise Inclusion Contributions

Resource from: Inclusive employer

Public appreciation in meetings or newsletters Give team members a shout-out during team meetings, all-staff town halls, or via your internal newsletter or intranet, but make sure you are specific	Certificates or awards Design a formal or creative certificate of appreciation, signed by a senior leader, and present it at a team event, inclusion celebration, or end-of-year gathering.
Personal thank-you from leadership A thank-you message from a senior leader or executive, whether by email, video message, or a handwritten note, can go a long way.	Peer-to-peer recognition Empower colleagues to celebrate each other. Set up a simple system for peer nominations or informal recognition in team meetings or internal comms channels
Opportunities for visibility Offer platforms for people to share their work, such as speaking at team or department meetings, contributing to blogs or newsletters, or joining panels. This validates their efforts and helps amplify good practice. Just be mindful not to overburden people.	Flexible or protected time Recognize long-term commitment by protecting time in people's roles to pursue inclusion initiatives. This is especially helpful for staff network chairs, working group leaders or people undertaking specific inclusion activities (e.g. events/blogs) and can boost both morale and impact
Wall of recognition or digital kudos board Create a physical "wall of fame" in your office or a virtual kudos board	

on your intranet where thank-you messages and recognition

can be shared and celebrated publicly.



- 7. Hope no Hate radio postcad latest report / vulnerability young male people: https://www.buzzsprout.com/170425/episodes/17362974
- 8. NHS Learning Hub: Catalogue

INCLUSION DATES JULY - SEPTEMBER

AUGUST

July 30th World Day Against Trafficking

(multicultural) focus group

JULY

August 12th International Youth Day August 19th World Humanitarian Day August 23rd Slavery Remembrance Day August 28th Community Safeguarding (multicultural) network meeting August 29th – 31st Freedom Festival

SEPTEMBER

September Suicide prevention month September 4th World Sexual Health Day September 5th International Day of Charity September 23rd HERI forum



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Good Practice





UNIVERSITY OF HULL COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

In partnership with Mariupol State University

As part of our partnership with Mariupol State University, the University of Hull is hosting a series of hybrid workshops (in-person and online) to explore how cultural traditions, community leadership, and the role of universities can support community resilience, inclusion, and intercultural exchange.

These workshops are informed by research and community collaboration, with contributions from HEYUkrainian Community, Migration Yorkshire, and advice from Galyna Grygorenko, First Deputy Minister of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine.

Workshops are open to all and aim to provide a welcoming, participatory space. Participation is voluntary, and attendees will be informed about how information is used, with options to opt out of filming or surveys.

Workshop 1: Customs, Cooking & Crafting

Wednesday 21 May & Friday 6 June 2025 | 9:30-12:30 (UK) | 11:30-14:30 (Kyiv)

A creative and informal session celebrating Ukrainian traditions in cooking, crafting, and storytelling.

- · Intercultural exchange through food, crafts, and traditions
- Creative reflection on adapting to life in the UK
- All materials provided

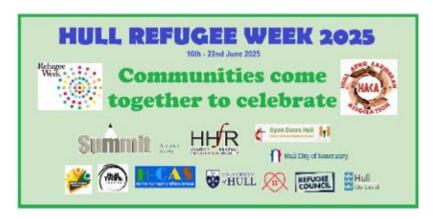
Workshop 2: Leadership & Community Development

Tuesday 27 May 2025 | 9:30-12:30 (UK) | 11:30-14:30 (Kyiv)

This session focuses on leadership in community settings, supporting volunteers, and avoiding burnout.

- What does leadership mean in new contexts?
- Skills for inspiring and sustaining community engagement
- Child-friendly activities available during this session

HACA COMMS





REFUGEE WEEK HULL

https://www.facebook.com/share/1CjegvzDpd/?mibextid=wwXIfr

If we do not do this together and understand and accept each other, it is going to be very difficult to find happiness, therefore, Refugee Week reminds us of the power of being humble and connected to being able to challenge the outside noise of this world.

The spirit of togetherness this year was something that highlighted this year's event. There were some events open to public which were well attended, and this gave opportunity to very sensitive topics to be discussed in safe spaces.





Summit Education – Exhibition Open to the Public Stepney Station



Art Link – Open to the Public and exhibition extended through the month













DEMENTIA AWARENESS MONTH





- <u>Humberside Police Assurance Officer</u>: acknowledgement statement of Transgender community and recent ruling and Hate Crime reporting.

"The recent ruling does not mean transgender people are no longer victims of hate crimes. While the ruling focuses on the legal definition of "woman" and its implications for certain protections, it does not alter the fact that transgender identity is a protected characteristic under hate crime laws. The ruling may have implications for how some protections are applied, but it does not remove the protection against hate crimes based on transgender identity.

- HNY Inclusive Language Guidance - Best Place to Work Senior Manager
Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership

There are six co-designed videos in the suite and they are based on the co-designed HNY Inclusive Language Guidance.

As with all content around inclusive language, the 'golden rule' applies - we always use the language a person prefers to use when describing themselves.

- NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)- Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership
 May session focus on Trauma informed care
 Humber and North Yorkshire Inclusion Health Community of Practice, a space designed to connect, collaborate, and share learning and good practice to improve outcomes for inclusion health groups
- Hull City Council Video: Advocacy work from Central Ward Councillor, influencing global change and mindset https://www.youtube.com/live/xS1AF1AY7YQ?si=sTbuKtGHhYJWYLw0



INTERFAITH FORUM - HERI

