



Democratic Renewal Scrutiny Panel

One Town One Community Progress

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Introduction

- Recap One Town One Community priorities
- Partners involved
- Key activities
- RMBC projects & achievements
- VCS projects & achievements
- Future priorities – New Community Engagement Team

Rotherham

One Town One Community

- Promotes and celebrates the values that unite people in Rotherham: the values of fairness, understanding, mutual respect and a desire to achieve the best for Rotherham, for the communities in which we live, for our friends and families.
- Links cohesion, Prevent engagement and equalities work



Rotherham
One Town
One Community

Proud Theme Board Cohesion Priorities

1. Interfaith dialogue - bringing people together of different faiths and no faith
2. Intercultural engagement - bringing young people together
3. Intergenerational dialogue
4. Education programmes for Mosque committees and Imams
5. Specific work on empowerment and support for women
6. Facilities and support for new EU Migrants
7. Support for the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender (LGBT) Community
8. Publicity campaign to challenge prejudice & discrimination through events, myth busting & public education

Partners working together

- Rotherham Council Directorates and Services
- Police
- Schools and colleges
- Young peoples services
- Voluntary, community and faith sector
- Probation service
- Health services
- Fire service

Key Activities

- One Town One Community intensive communications
- Improving responses to EU migration
- Engagement with communities of interest e.g. Mosque Liaison Group
- Prevent Guardian, Silver and Bronze groups
- Prevent safeguarding protocols for sharing concerns
- Prevent awareness training
(strategic managers, youth workers, schools, Connexions, health, SNTs, VCS, Councillors)
- Hate crime reporting awareness raising
- Manage project contracts – cohesion, Prevent, Migration Impacts Fund

Living in My Community courses for new migrants



Delivered by CYPS Extended Learning

Living in My Community Courses

- 10 week course – useful information for new migrants and basic English language in diverse class groups
- Targeted courses for Roma community
- Migration Impacts Funding

“Doing this course has helped me a great deal as I want to be able to speak to my neighbours in English and make new friends and it will also help me with finding work. What I find most useful was learning how to report problems in the home and also to find out about the laws. I now feel more confident about my spoken and written English.”

Sakar Qader from Iraq has lived in Rotherham for around 18 months

Young Peoples Services

A few highlights:

- Residential:
 - improved relationships between White British, British Kashmiri/Pakistani and Roma young people
- Faith study circles for Muslim young people
 - exploring faith and identity “a life changing experience”
- Exploring controversial issues
 - building confidence and counter narratives – through conferences and drama in schools and youth groups
- Positive activities and action on tensions
 - e.g. Wellgate detached projects

Young Peoples Conference 25/4/09



Crowden Outdoor Centre residential



“Our choices”
New careers for Muslim women roadshow
3 Nov 2009

“I wanted to become a child minder but I love sports and am going to look at different options that I may be able to take”

Winterhill student

LGBT Community Engagement



“....it really does mean so much to have somewhere to go where you don't need to explain because people just understand and take you for who you are.”

Helen – member of TranSupport

Safe Spaces Discussions

- Challenge and Innovation Fund project
- Safe environment to discuss issues of concern:
 - Muslim women and men in professional job roles
 - Older Muslim men
- Key issues raised:
 - Democratic Engagement
 - Education and Employment
 - Cultural Diversity and Integration
- Supported by REMA, RMBC, Police, NHS Rotherham, Voluntary Action Rotherham, Council of Mosques

Rotherham School Linking Project

- Partnership with Roman Catholic Diocese of Hallam and RMBC (CXD and CYPS)
- Support and funding from national Schools Linking Network – first South Yorkshire project
- Linking pairs of primary and secondary schools with different pupil populations (ethnicity, faith, socio-economic background)
- Help children and young people explore their identity, understand diversity and develop dialogue



Schools are:

Secondary:

- St. Bernard's Catholic High; Clifton: A Community Arts School and Dinnington Comprehensive
- Winterhill School and Saint Pius X Catholic High School

Primary:

- St Mary's (Herringthorpe) RC Primary and Sitwell Junior
- St. Bede's Catholic Primary and Kimberworth Community
- St. Mary's Catholic Primary (Maltby) and St. Catherine's Catholic Primary School Sheffield
- St. Gerard's Catholic Primary and Canklow Woods
- Meadow View and Blackburn
- St. Ann's Junior and Infant and Herringthorpe Junior

Chris Eccles, Assistant Head Dinnington Comprehensive School

“This has been a fantastic project which has really made a difference to our pupils. Many of them had little experience of those from backgrounds different to them and they have been surprised about how much they have in common.



Many new friendships have sprung up, especially as a result of the trip to Crowden and the pupils are regularly in touch through email and Facebook. Not only has it been great for them to build these relationships, but it has also given them more confidence and helped them to settle into school better, which is an added bonus!”

Community-based Projects

Roma Khamoro



Roma Khamoro

- Engaging new Roma communities
- Community drop-in at the Unity Centre supported by Rotherham CAB advice worker
- Support for partners and services:
 - Area Partnership Team, SNT, Environmental Health, Waste Management, Housing, Social Services, Police, Fire Service, Central Library, RCAT)
- Interpretation, home visits, community ‘walkabouts’, education and enforcement role

One Town One Community events - Diversity Festival and all year round



Activities and events

– uniting communities, promoting shared values

- International women's day and Women's Lives display
- Show Racism the Red Card
- Holi celebrations
- St. George's Day
- LGBT history month events
- New career choices for Muslim Women – national roadshow
- Pakistan Floods – community events
- Black History Month
- World Environment Day
- Armed Forces Day
- Refugee week events
- Rotherfed multicultural open day
- Eastwood funfest and community clean up
- Christmas and Eid celebrations
- Interfaith tree planting

St George's Day & Armed Forces Day



RAMADAN EVENT RAISES FUNDS FOR FLOOD VICTIMS OF PAKISTAN



*Event
organised
by
Tassibee*



- Mosques working together
- Strengthened intra-community relations
- Stronger voice to address community grievances
- Safeguarding Children
Guidance for Madressahs,
Mosques and Supplementary
Schools

BME Women's Leadership Programme

- Inspiring leadership course for 13 women
- Forum for engagement on cohesion and Prevent and other issues
- Support from United Multi Cultural Centre



'Have Your Say'

Small grants

- South Yorkshire Community Foundation
- Cohesion funded grants
- Funding to small community and voluntary groups that are bringing communities together:
 - Hope Church – activity for isolated older people
 - Friends of Thornhill School – parents craft group
 - Victoria Mother and Toddler Group (Pentecostal Church)
 - Wah Hong Chinese Association – Chinese New Year celebration
 - Tassibee – garden project
 - Great Millers Youth Forum - music and dance event

United 4 Communities



Rotherham Yemeni Community Association

Engaging Arab Communities

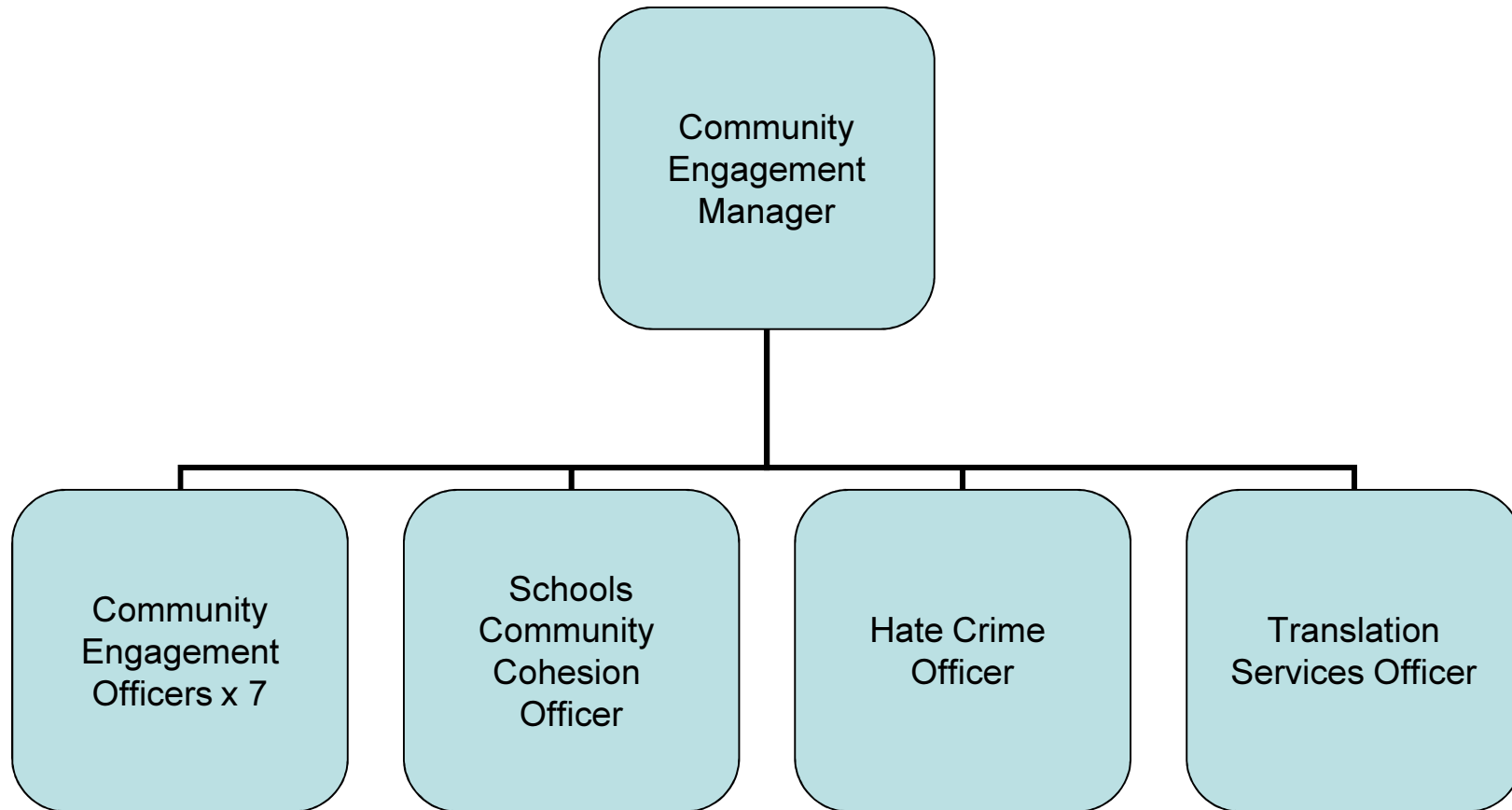
REMA

Community cohesion and engagement



Community Engagement Team

Commissioning, Policy and Performance



Community Engagement Team Priorities

- Statutory and Regulatory Compliance
- Community Cohesion
- Community Engagement
- Voluntary and Community Sector

Statutory and Regulatory Compliance

- Equality Impact Assessments
- Setting objectives in Service Plans
- Procurement
- Equality Training
- Production of guidance for staff, managers and councillors
- Compliance with Codes of Practice
- Single Equality Scheme
- Translation and Interpretation

Community Cohesion

- Develop Community Cohesion Strategy with our partners
- Monitoring community tensions and relations
- Fostering good community relations
- Addressing Hate Crime in the community
- Promoting schools responsibilities for cohesion
- Managing the impact of EU Migration
- Supporting New Lives Asylum Integration Strategy with Asylum Team.
- Support SY Police with Prevent
- Support Gold/Guardian, Silver, and Bronze Delivery Groups.

Community Engagement

- Development of representative communities of interest groups.
- Coordinate consultation and community involvement across the council including e-Consultation.
- Support “narrowing the gap” work with Policy Team.

Voluntary and Community Sector

- Rotherham LINK and transition to HealthWatch
- Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Contract management
- Rotherham Compact
- VCS Strategy, Development, and Funding including supporting Commissioning
- Advice and Information Services