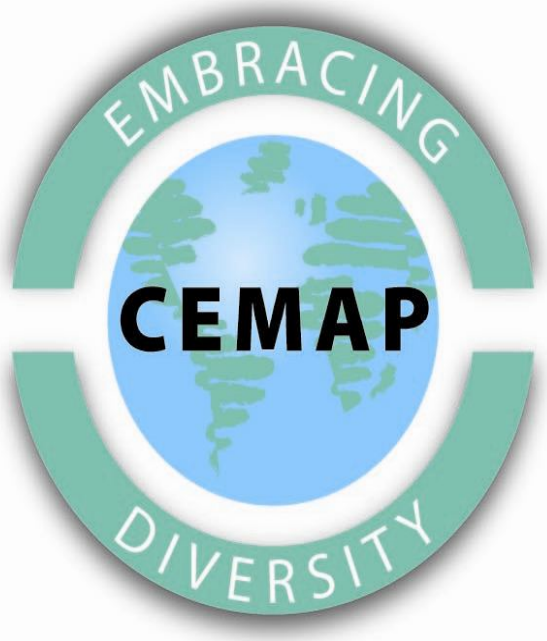
5th Annual Community Cohesion Conference

Presentation by CEMAP



Coventry Ethnic Minority Action Partnership

Community Cohesion in Action

CEMAP

Background Information….

- Established in 2002, in partnership with Voluntary Action Coventry, following two successful consultation conferences

- Following the closure of Race Equality Council

Vision…

- Promote Peace and harmony, leading to prosperity within and between all communities in Coventry.

Objectives.....

- Supporting the development of a diverse & vibr
  Minority Voluntary & Community sector

- Provide a range of mechanisms to bring Ethnic Minority Communities, groups & organisations together to address inequalities

Our Strength.....

Bringing together individuals, communities, groups, & organisations, *with a common commitment to supporting Ethnic Minority communities & addressing* ***inequalities***

Community cohesion & integration ...

Across.....

Different communities

Different faiths

Different Cultures

Voluntary groups & organizations

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Building mutual trust...

How ?

Building Trust

Understanding & Confidence

Tolerance & Respect

Valuing Diversity

Breaking down barriers

Overcoming resistance

Developing collective ownership

building respect..

Building Cohesion... Through different activities....

Forums

Community Cohesion & Diversity events...

Topical seminars

Consultation events

Training/ seminars

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Breaking down barriers...

Empowering our members....

- ***Voice their needs, issues & concerns***
- ***Link communities to policy makers , service planners & delivers***
- ***Have collective ownership in addressing inequalities***

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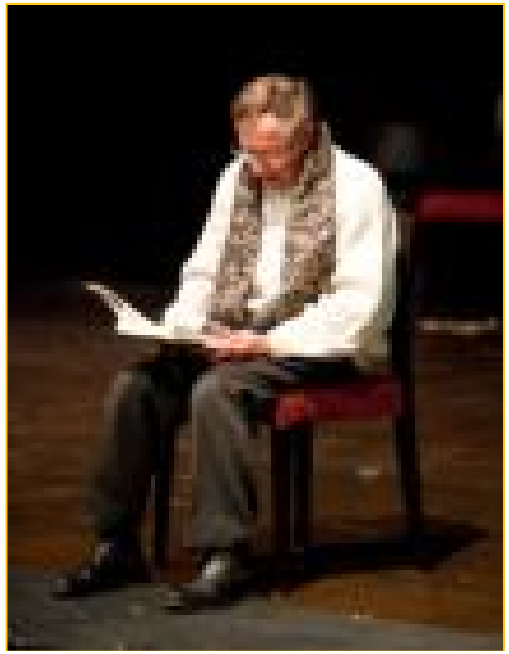
Listening & responding……



Partnerships & Collaboration

Across different communities, Faith groups, voluntary organisations

Able to sit by sit side by side
work together & find common solutions

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DIVERSITY

Building a cohesive Society..

… Some statistics

- **Database of over 195 members**

- **successfully engaged with over 160 groups and organisations**

- **Last year…over 1,300 people attended & participated in CEMAP events**

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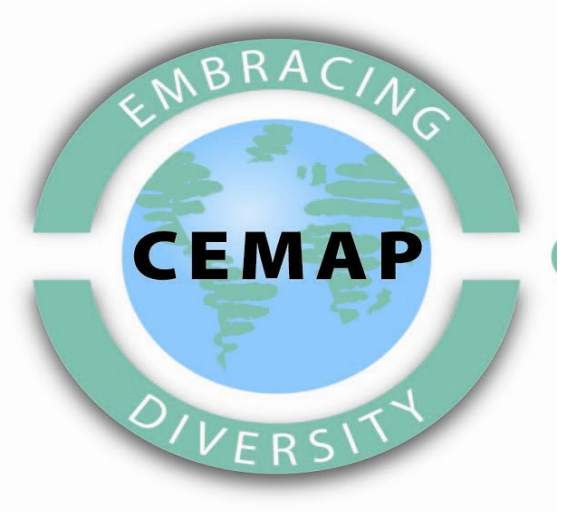
Case Study

Celebrating Diversity Event

Attended by Over 265



elebrating...
• Togetherness
Family
Poetry
Music
Similarities
Differences
Culture
Community
Fun
Talent
Art
Dance
Laughter
Friendship
Celebrating Diversity

Celebrating Togetherness

Young people.. older people... different cultures... Backgrounds... Faiths... ethnic groups... Communities...voluntary groups, & organisations ..

come together for one day to celebration....

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Celebrating Togetherness..

Celebrating through...

Presentations by community groups/leaders

Workshops

Dance, poetry, drumming, arts & crafts

Performances

by **32** community groups consisting of

Music, dance, drama poetry

Involving everyone !!!

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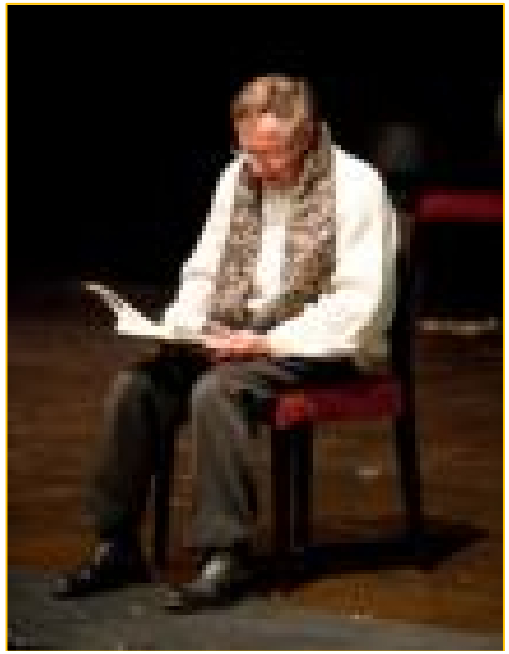
Sharing … learning…



Case study

Community Cohesion in Action

Show case

Communities, groups & organisations

shared models of best practice

Performances

community groups , music, dance, poetry

Disco

children, adults, family .. **Everyone** !!!

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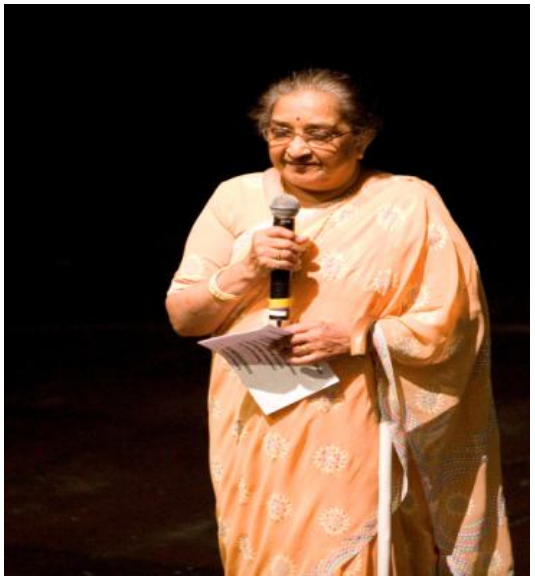
Building a cohesive Society..

Moving forward together.....



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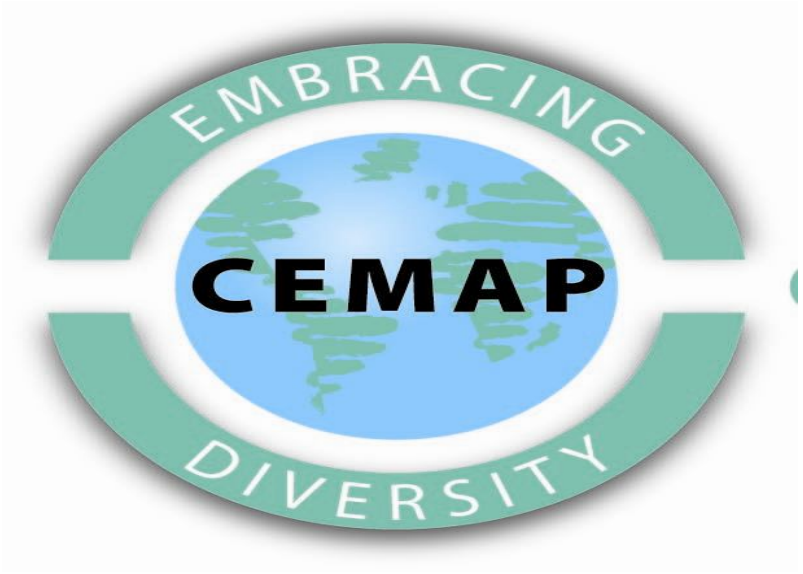
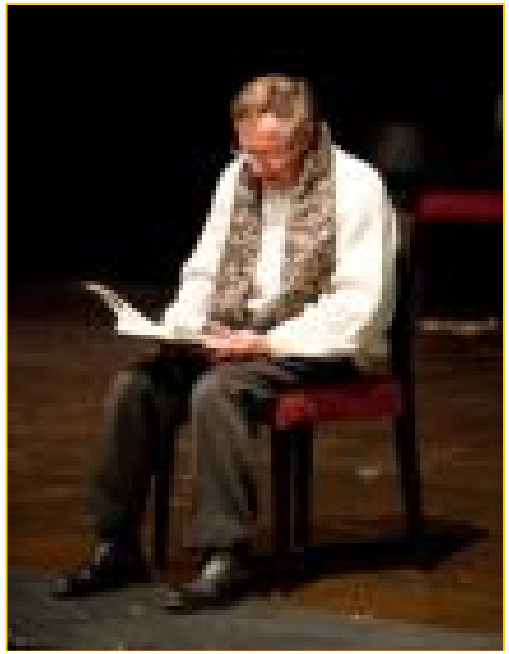
We believe

together we can make

a positive difference..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