



# ANNUAL REVIEW 2025



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# MESSAGE FROM CEO & CHAIRMAN

It is with great pride that we present our 2024/25 Annual Review, reflecting on a year that has both tested our resilience and revealed the extraordinary depth of our collective strength. The past twelve months have demanded adaptability in the face of ongoing economic pressures, yet through these challenges, Community Foundation has emerged more determined than ever to serve as a beacon of hope and practical support for our communities.

We witnessed firsthand how adversity sparks innovation. Despite sector wide funding constraints, our dedicated team staff, volunteers, and trustees –delivered programmes that transformed lives across Birmingham and beyond. The 12th Community Inspiration Awards exemplified this spirit, celebrating 65 remarkable finalists chosen from hundreds of nominations. From Bob Rhodes' lifetime achievement in community building to Saheli Hub's sports outreach, these stories show how grassroots action drives real change. The ceremony, attended by 300 invited guests, vibrated with shared purpose—a testament to the power of recognising everyday heroes.

Our Employability Programme marked another year of impact, supporting 21 individuals through tailored traineeships, apprenticeships, and work placements. Partners like Protocol Group helped young people like Camron Sharp and Myeesha Islam gain vital office skills, while our Hatch Youth Employment Scheme and Barclays Life Skills provided inventive financial literacy workshops. We proudly welcomed learners recently arriving from Turkey, Syria, Argentina and beyond to our English classes, where cultural exchange proved as valuable as language skills.

Our Holiday Schemes during summer and winter gave over 300 children unforgettable experiences, from cricket coaching with Warwickshire Cricket Board to bell boating at Ackers Adventure. The Winter Scheme's trip to London—featuring the Natural History Museum and Hamleys—ended with a spontaneous coach-trip talent show, capturing the joy and confidence these programmes nurture. Despite rising costs, we ensured every child received nutritious meals, with cooking workshops making healthy eating fun and hands-on. Digital inclusion remained a priority. In partnership with the Raspberry Pi Foundation, we provided devices for low-income families. Meanwhile, collaboration with St. John's Ambulance brought vital first aid training to young people, equipping them to handle emergencies like knife wounds and mental health crises—sobering but essential skills.

We also expanded our physical footprint, securing rent-free premises at Birmingham and London Victoria, where our new social enterprise café now employs local youth while promoting healthy eating. Over 20 volunteers remained the backbone of initiatives like the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and Medina Food Bank, proving community strength lives in everyday acts of solidarity. Through the NHS Healthy Start Programme, we connected families to fresh food vouchers, while workshops tackled childhood immunisation hesitancy. We continued supporting the Domestic Violence Independent Advisory Group (DVIAG) and its vital work with West Midlands Police to protect vulnerable residents.

As we write this, the cost-of-living crisis continues to strain the communities we serve. Rising food bank referrals and energy bill anxieties remind us daily why our work matters. Yet amid the challenges, we witnessed breathtaking kindness—volunteers distributing Vodafone SIM cards to digitally excluded students, or hundreds gathering at Small Heath Park for a community picnic of shared meals and laughter. None of this would be possible without the steadfast support of our funders—including Birmingham City Council and NHS partners. To every donor, supporters, and community member who stood with us this year: your belief fuels our mission.

As we turn the page to a new chapter, we carry forward the lessons of 2024: that resilience is collective, small actions spark big changes, and even in uncertainty, hope is a verb. Together, let's keep building a future where no one is left behind.



**Nozmul Hussain**  
Chief Executive



**Bashir Ahmed MBE**  
Chairman

# ABOUT US

Community Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life of hard to reach and marginalised communities living in areas of multiple deprivations. We do this by setting up creating new projects to develop communities to help themselves. The concept of helping others to help themselves is an ancient notion; our core philosophy is based on an old Chinese proverb: 'Give a person a fish and they will eat for a day. Teach them how to fish and they will eat for a lifetime.'



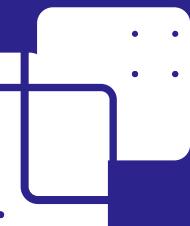
## OUR PHILOSOPHY

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## OUR WORK STREAMS

- Develop projects and services to address underlining issues of social exclusion, crime, homelessness, health inequality, unemployment and educational under achievement.
- Encourage civic participation and engagement of marginalized communities.
- Build capacity of individuals and organisations to help them improve themselves, their organisation and their community.



# OUR VALUES

Our values have served as a compass, guiding us through challenges and triumphs, and inspiring us to strive for excellence in all that we do.

## RESPECT & EQUALITY

We value others strengths, abilities, who they are as a person, and show courtesy to everyone & strive to provide opportunities to underprivileged segments of society regardless of gender, race, or religion.

## COMMITMENT

We value following through on decisions and promises we make- we do what we say. We are enthusiastic about bringing our energy and skills into the workplace. We value determination and persistence in achieving our goals.

## CREATIVITY

We value dreaming of what is possible. We look for innovative and different ways to do our work more efficiently whilst valuing, imagination, experimentation, and fun in serving our community.

## INTEGRITY

We value honesty and transparency and being straightforward and genuine in all our dealings with people. We will treat every person with dignity and respect. We are sensitive to diversity and difference.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We engage with our communities, by not working in isolation. We practise our problem-solving abilities, share our knowledge, and give our time and resources to make concrete positive contributions to our communities.

## COOPERATION & PARTNERSHIP

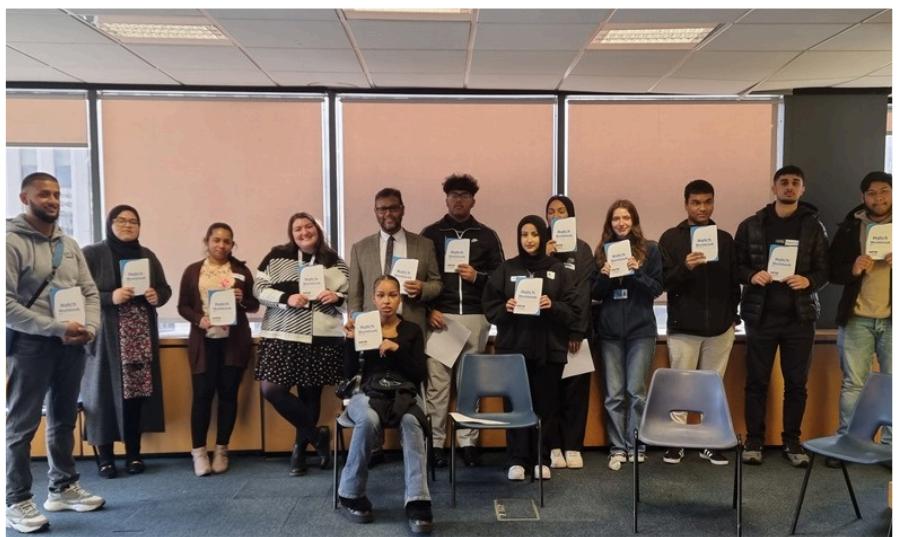
We value the opportunity to work together with a common purpose towards a common goal. We recognise and value the strengths and expertise of others and seek to work with a diverse range of people to improve quality of life for everyone in the community.

## ACHIEVEMENT

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# OUR SERVICES



## TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT

- Apprenticeship Programme
- Traineeship Scheme
- Student Work Placement
- Graduate Internship Scheme
- Voluntary Work Programme
- Life Skills English
- Digital Skills Training
- Job Club
- Street First Aid



## CHILDREN & YOUTH

- Youth Leadership Scheme
- Annual Youth Residential
- Youth Connections International Exchange
- Holiday Activity Scheme
- Children's Sports Day
- Raspberry Pi Digital Scheme
- Day Trips



## COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Community Inspiration Awards
- Pride in our Neighbourhood
- Community Question Time
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Community Needs Survey
- Know your Neighbour
- Social Enterprise Programme
- Medina Food Bank
- Healthy Living Scheme
- Community Fun Day
- Data Bank Sim Card



## ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Manzil Spaces
- Management Training
- Policy and Procedures
- Organisation Set up & Support
- DBS Check Service
- Project Development & Fund Raising

# OUR STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

Community Foundation has a unique staffing arrangement. Most of our admin and project staff consists of volunteers and students. As part of our Education, Training and Employment programme we have been able to offer a number of traineeship, apprenticeships and work placements for undergraduates and postgraduates.

We support all our staff with monthly development training to enhance their confidence, skills and knowledge to better undertake their job roles. Our staff come from diverse backgrounds and there is a real mixture of ethnicity, age, ability and gender. People on work placement go through an intensive on the job training to quickly learn essential work skills to successfully carry out their tasks.

Coaching sessions are provided by the Chief Executive on a 1-1 basis regularly to all staff to support and motivate them to lead and deliver their projects successfully. We seek to instil a sense of ownership and 'can do' attitude in our staff and giving them the platform and encouragement for them to reach their full potential. This approach has received a lot of positive feedback from all the past and present staff who go on to do new and varied work, which without the opportunity at Community Foundation they would not have realised.

Community Foundation's volunteers are major contributors to our projects and services, without whom we would struggle to carry out the range of services we provide. This year, great strides were made to optimise the recruitment processes and volunteer development programme to better match their interest with our projects. As part of this process, a new volunteer agreement has been introduced that outlines the expectations we have of our volunteers and what they can expect from us in return.

The charity is very involved in the community and relies heavily on voluntary help. Besides our staff, over 20 regular volunteers assist with running our projects and services, enabling us to offer so many services and projects with minimal staffing costs than would otherwise be the case.



# OUR PERFORMANCE IN NUMBERS

At the heart of our mission lies a profound commitment to uplifting communities and igniting positive change. As we reflect on the past year's journey, our performance in numbers serves as a testament to the impactful strides we've taken together, hand in hand with the communities we serve.

We provided:



## TRAINEE AND APPRENTICESHIPS | THIS YEAR: 3 | TO DATE: 55

We provided a traineeship programme by offering placements with guidance and hands-on experience to develop their skills and knowledge in a real life workplace setting.



## WORK PLACEMENTS | THIS YEAR: 6 | TO DATE: 102

We provided work placements to give university students hands-on experience and practical skills in a real business environment, helping them apply their knowledge and enhance their skills and competences





## **EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMME | THIS YEAR: 2 | TO DATE: 82**

We supported young adults through an employability programme in partnership with UK Youth, helping them build essential skills and confidence to enhance their career prospects.



## **ESOL LEARNERS | THIS YEAR: 32 | TO DATE: 202**

Successfully helped English learners improve their language skills by providing tailored support, practical exercises, and immersive learning opportunities.



## **SIM CARDS DISTRIBUTED | THIS YEAR: 15 | TO DATE: 110**

Distributed SIM cards through our English classes, ensuring learners had access to digital resources and communication tools to support their language development and connectivity.



## **ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTED | THIS YEAR: 4 | TO DATE: 31**

Supported third sector organisations to open bank accounts, draft a constitution, and register as a CIO/Charity as well as offering resources, guidance, and collaborative opportunities to help them achieve their goals and serve their communities effectively.



## **CHILDREN SUPPORTED | THIS YEAR: 302 | TO DATE: 2360**

Supported children at our Holiday Scheme by offering engaging activities, day trips and a safe environment to promote their social skills and personal development during the school holidays.



## **MEALS SERVED | THIS YEAR: 600 | TO DATE: 12,370**

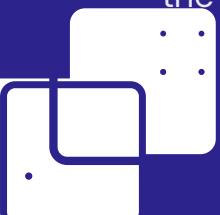
Provided free cooked hot meals to children ensuring they had access to nutritious food during school holidays while promoting their overall well-being.



# EDUCATION, TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT

The Community Foundation offers comprehensive formal and non-formal education, training, and work opportunities tailored to enhance the employability of both youth and adults, providing essential office skills such as telephone handling, mail sorting, document drafting, filing, invoice preparation, and research techniques. Our diverse range of opportunities includes:

- Work experience programmes designed for secondary school students, typically lasting 1-2 weeks.
- Work placements targeted at college and university students, providing extended opportunities lasting 6-18 months.
- Traineeships aimed at young people, offering intensive training over 6-8 weeks.
- Voluntary roles open to adults and young individuals seeking to explore new areas of work.
- Apprenticeships providing practical experience and formal qualifications in business administration or early years education.
- Internships tailored for graduates, equipping them with the necessary skills to enter the workforce confidently.



Since 2011, our dedicated work programme has been a cornerstone of our efforts to support local individuals. Each year, we conduct special recruitment drives to offer a variety of work opportunities.

We collaborate closely with reputable training providers, including Protocol Group and Aspiration Training with whom we have established long-standing partnerships. Through our programme, apprentices have successfully acquired essential practical skills in their chosen career paths, progressing through each module with confidence.

The structured work environment enables them to integrate seamlessly as members of staff, with assigned tasks and deadlines providing valuable learning experiences in meeting professional expectations.

The following people were supported through our employability programme this year.



# EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAMME

## Holiday Play Scheme

### Easter, Summer and Winter 2024

Camron Sharpe	Rayhan Hussain
Usman Hussain	Qurat al Ayn
Rayhan Hussain	Saniya Sanam
Aisha Begum	Sofina Alom
Sophia Khan	Maiya Khan
Rahil Khan	Selina Gooden
Renee Anderson	Raheema Kayal
Sophia Khan	

## UNIVERSITY PLACEMENTS

Amaan Tahir	22/10/24 - 25/05/25
Joshua Pattison	5/9/23 - 1/5/24
Abas Mohamed	5/2/24 - 3/7/24

## TRAINERSHIP

Lyna Chikh	28/05/24 - 25/07/24
Desire Moyo	19/03/2025 - 24/04/2025
Camron Sharpe	23/10/2024 - 30/07/2025
Eimaima Munir	21/07/2025 - 14/08/2025

## VOLUNTARY WORK

Hugo Garrison	19/11/2024 - 07/05/2025
Rahil Khan	31/07/2025 - 28/08/2025
Maulée Anand	21/07/2025 - Current
Jelonn Locker	21/08/2025 - 14/11/2025
Waseeah Yafai	8/09/2025 - 02/10/2025
Aliyah Haji Awes	10/09/2025 - Current



# HATCH YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

In partnership with UK Youth and KFC, Community Foundation provided young people who were not in education, training or employment (NEET) with the opportunity to get on the career ladder, develop their employability skills and earn a wage. young people took part in a series of pre-employment workshops before entering the workplace for a 4-weeks paid work placement, in the hospitality sector.

On 14th March 2023, we conducted the first Hatch induction, introducing the Hatch Youth Employment scheme to young people. From a pool of 70 applicants, we carefully selected our first batch of young participants. During the induction, they were provided with a comprehensive presentation that outlined the program's benefits, the valuable skills they would acquire, the engaging employment workshops they would attend, and the opportunity to address any queries they had. Due to high demands, we held our second induction session, accommodating even more enthusiastic young people.

Group 1 commenced their employment modules in May 2023, delivered at our City Centre location. This group consisted of 15 motivated young people who would attend employment workshops before their 4-week work placement either at KFC or an alternate location..

The employability modules served as an invaluable preparation phase, equipping the young people with essential knowledge on CV building, workplace etiquette, completing applications, fostering effective teamwork, enhancing communication skills, and more, all aimed at ensuring a successful experience in the workplace. At their work placements, young people were able to gain on the job experience, interact with customers, gain transferable skills and they were also provided with a guaranteed interview with KFC. The programme will be followed by a further three groups going through the same process. In total we had 100 young people registered on the Hatch programme, out of whom 40 completed the programme and 5 secured an employment at the end of the programme which concluded in April 2024



# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## Summer Holiday Activity Scheme (2024)

The Community Foundation delivered a free four-week Summer Holiday Scheme for children aged 5-16 in Lozells and Small Heath, running from Monday to Thursday. Primary school children attended morning sessions, while secondary-aged children participated in afternoon sessions.

The scheme included a variety of activities such as sports (football, cricket, rounders), arts and crafts, board games, origami, painting, and daily energiser games. Nutritious meals were provided breakfast for morning attendees and lunch for afternoon participants.

Children also enjoyed enriching day trips, including a London Sightseeing Tour, a visit to Brecon Beacons in Wales, Midlands Safari Park & Ride, and a seaside trip to Skegness. Additionally, secondary-aged youth had the opportunity to experience bell boating at Ackers Adventure on 22nd August 2024.



## Easter Holiday Activity Scheme (2024)

The Easter Holiday Scheme returned to Lozells and Small Heath, offering children aged 5-16 a mix of sports, arts and crafts, and energiser games. A day trip to West Midlands Safari Park and Rides was available for children who attended all sessions on time and maintained good behaviour, with priority given to those eligible for Free School Meals.

## Winter Holiday Activity Scheme (2024)

During the winter break, the Community Foundation offered an action-packed holiday scheme in Lozells and Small Heath for children aged 5-16. The programme featured sports activities, arts and crafts, and energiser games. A highlight was the day trip to the Natural History Museum in London, followed by sightseeing at Piccadilly Circus, Regent Street Winter Lights, and Hamleys Toy Store on 31st December 2024. Participation in the trip was prioritised for children who attended all sessions punctually and demonstrated good behaviour.

# LIFE SKILLS | ENGLISH CLASS

Community Foundation delivered English classes with an aim to make it easier for those with limited spoken English to access the NHS and health services in the UK. We delivered English lessons surrounding health through drama, roleplay, and discussion to those with limited spoken English. Our classes brought together learners from different countries, including Ukraine, Turkey, Korea, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Yemen, Syria & more.

Following the completion of this programme, we decided to continue delivering ESOL classes to those with limited spoken English, supported by volunteers. We are now continuing to deliver classes surrounding different topics, for example, visiting the airport, shopping & hobbies. We create dynamic lessons that are both engaging and interactive. We believe in the power of active learning, so our classes emphasize participation, discussion, and hands-on activities. Through a combination of speaking, listening, reading, and writing exercises, we foster a well-rounded approach to language acquisition. This year we had 25 students enrol onto our English classes who also received a sim card upon completion.



# DIGITAL SKILLS | PROGRAMME

Our digital skills course offered students the opportunity to improve their digital literacy and stay connected with the world. As a bonus, we provided each participant a free 6 months 20GB data sim card with unlimited call and text. Our tutors guided them through a range of topics, which included basic computer skills, internet browsing, social media usage, and online safety. By the end of the course they had the confidence to navigate the digital world and make the most of the tools and resources available to them.

## **Free First Aid Training for 11-25 Year Olds**

In collaboration with St John Ambulance, the Community Foundation provided essential first aid training for young people aged 11-25. Participants learned critical skills such as dealing with stab wounds, recognising and responding to drink spiking incidents, and mastering recovery position techniques. This initiative equipped youth with life-saving knowledge to handle emergencies in their communities.



## **3-Day Youth Residential (February 2025)**

With the support of YHA, We organised a three -day residential for BAME youth aged 13-18 in the Peak District during the February half-term holiday. The residential was attend by 40 boys and girls who took part in outdoor activities , which included caving, abseiling, archery, jacobs ladder and orienteering. Every morning the young people enjoyed motivational talks, and youth development workshops in the evenings.

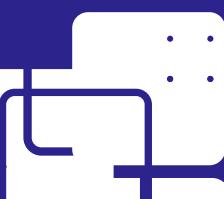
## **Youth 7-A-Side Football League**

To encourage teamwork and physical activity, the Community Foundation organised a friendly 7-a-side football league for youth teams. The tournament was divided into two age groups: 10-14 years (Group 1) and 15-18 years (Group 2). The winning team received a full football kit for each player, fostering healthy competition and sportsmanship.

## **Raspberry Pi**

Community Foundation in partnership with the Raspberry Pi Foundation developed an initiative to support children from low-income households. Recognising the significance of digital access and its impact on education, recreation, and personal enrichment, this partnership has provided computer devices to children who were previously unable to afford them.

Children were provided with devices to utilise for educational purposes, recreation and to enrich their minds. Children who received the devices came from low-income households and were in receipt of free school meals. This initiative has allowed them to excel in their schoolwork, and utilise the device for their hobbies, where they previously would have been inaccessible due to not being in possession of an appropriate device.



# COMMUNITY INSPIRATION AWARDS 2024



The Community Inspiration Awards is a proud celebration of the remarkable achievements of individuals, public sector workers, businesses, and voluntary organisations that made a significant and lasting impact on the lives of others. This post event brochure provides a highlight of the award ceremony held on 20 September 2024 with the list of award presenters, finalists and winner.

This year, as with previous years, we were overwhelmed by the volume and quality of nominations. Hundreds of submissions poured in, each one shining a spotlight on individuals and organisations whose dedication went above and beyond. From acts of kindness and bravery to initiatives that tackled some of the most pressing social issues of our time, the stories behind each nominee were nothing short of inspirational. The selection process, as always, was immensely challenging. Every nominee was deserving of recognition and celebration, making it difficult to choose from such a wealth of talent and passion. In total, we had 13 award categories, each representing a different facet of community life. From outstanding public service to environmental sustainability, business innovation, these categories reflected the breadth of contributions that fuelled positive change. For each category, five finalists were shortlisted, bringing us to a total of 65 exceptional nominees who demonstrated that meaningful change is possible when we work together with a shared vision.



The 12th Community Inspiration Awards Ceremony was held on Friday 8th September 2024 at the prestigious Al Miraj Banqueting Suite in Birmingham. The awards ceremony was hosted by Nozmul Hussain founder and Chief Executive of Community Foundation. The Community Inspiration Award is a unique initiative of the Community Foundation, to recognise outstanding contributions made by hard-working staff from public sector organisations, businesses, community organisations, and ordinary members of the community who have gone the extra mile or made an extraordinary contribution.

A big congratulations to all the 39 runners-up and winners who received their awards from a lineup of high profile VIPs. Your accomplishments continue to inspire us all! Keep up the good work. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating the remarkable achievements and contributions of individuals from across our community, including those from the public sector, voluntary organisations, businesses, and social enterprises. With 300 attendees, we honoured the dedication of 65 finalists, carefully chosen from hundreds of outstanding nominations from the Midlands and beyond.

#### **Our award presenters this year included:**

- Sir Derrick Anderson OBE – His majesty's Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands
- Simon Foster – West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner
- Richard Kirby – Chief Executive Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
- Siobhan Blake – Chief Crown Prosecutor, The Crown Prosecution Service
- Pat Carvalho – Principal and Chief Executive Officer Birmingham MET
- Paulette Hamilton – MP for Birmingham, Erdington
- Shokat Lal – Chief Executive, Sandwell Council
- Chris Payne – Assistant Chief Executive, West Midlands Fire Service
- Mike O'Hara – Assistant Chief Constable, West Midlands Police
- Lucy Caldicott – Chief of Staff to the Mayor of West Midlands Combined Authority



Community Foundation would like to congratulate all finalists and winners and thank all our sponsors, without whose support this event will not have been possible. List of Awards and Results are as follows:

**COMMUNITY CATEGORY:**

**Lifetime Achievement Award: Award Presenter: Lucy Caldicott: Chief of Staff to the Mayor of West Midlands**

**FINALIST**

**2nd Runner Up:**

Syed Muhammad Faisal Sami | Faizan Global Relief Foundation

**1st Runner Up:**

Marwan Bakaili  
Haleswen/Dudley Yemeni Community Association

**WINNER**

Bob Rhodes | Lives through Friends CIC



## Duty to the Community Award: Award Presenter: Siobhan Blake : The Crown Prosecution Service

### FINALISTS

#### 2nd Runner Up:

Davinder Kaur |  
Skills Work Enterprise Development Agency

#### 1st Runner Up:

Salma Yaqoob |  
Birmingham & Solihull Integrated Care System

### WINNER:

Ravinder Taggar | Count Me In



## Bringing People Together Award: Award Presenter: Siobhan Blake : The Crown Prosecution Service

### FINALIST

#### 2nd Runner Up:

Anes Ceric |  
Bosnia Herzegovina UK Network

#### 1st Runner Up:

Charlie McNeil |  
The Active Wellbeing Society

### WINNER:

Dawn Edwards | Erdington Litter Busters



**Environment Champion Award: Award Presenter: Pat Carvalho : Principal & Chief Executive Officer, Birmingham MET**

**FINALISTS**

**2nd Runner Up:**  
Soho Road BID CIC

**1st Runner Up:**  
St Giles Pantry Coventry |  
St Giles Trust

**WINNER:**

Heritage Seed Guardians | Garden Organic's Heritage Seed Library



**Sports Award : Award Presenter: Paulette Hamilton: MP Birmingham, Erdington**

**Finalists**

**2nd Runner Up:**  
Warwickshire Cricket Foundation

**1st Runner Up:**  
Mohammed Abdul Hai |  
Bright Future Association

**WINNER:**

Saheli Hub



## Volunteer Award: Award Presenter: Shokat Lal : Chief Executive, Sandwell City Council

### FINALISTS

#### 2nd Runner Up:

Kenneth Thomas Hyde | Special Olympics Sandwell

#### 1st Runner Up:

Sabrina Ffrench | NHS

### WINNER:

Alvina Ali and Secret Angels | Volunteers | Secret Angels



## Good Neighbour Award: Award Presenter: Chris Payne: Assistant Chief Executive, West Midlands Fire Service

### FINALISTS

#### 2nd Runner Up:

Villa Cross Soup Kitchen

#### 1st Runner Up:

Jill Fraser | Kissing it Better

### WINNER:

Beatic Imielska | Inclusive Life Projects



## Public Services Award: Award Presenter: Mike O'Hara: Assistant Chief Constable

### FINALISTS

#### 2nd Runner Up:

A Better Tomorrow

#### 1st Runner Up:

Ruth Forecast | Malvern Welcomes

### WINNER:

Caroline Phansi | Contento Social Homes



## Community Organisation Award: Award Presenter: Sir Derrick Anderson OBE: His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant, West Midlands

### FINALISTS

#### 2nd Runner Up:

Halesowen/Dudley Yemeni Community Association

#### 1st Runner Up:

YMCA Sutton Coldfield

### WINNER:

Nechells POD | Shine@NechellsPOD



**Community Reassurance Award: Award Presenter: Simon Foster, West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner**

**FINALISTS**

**2nd Runner Up:**

Jess Allan | Northfield Community Partnership

**1st Runner Up:**

Dr Md Arafatur Rahman | University of Wolverhampton

**WINNER:**

Inspector Hanif Ullah | West Midlands Police



**Health & Wellbeing Award: Award Presenter: Richard Kirby:  
Chief Executive, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust**

**FINALISTS**

**2nd Runner Up:**

Vision For All

**1st Runner Up:**

Melody Bridges | Birmingham and Solihull ICB

**WINNER:**

Community Connexions | Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust



**Education Services Award: Award Presenter: Pat Carvalho : Principal & Chief Executive Officer, Birmingham MET**

**FINALISTS**

**2nd Runner Up:**

Zoe Benette | Training Personified Ltd

**1st Runner Up:**

Nimo Hirsi | SOS Education

**WINNER:**

Charlotte Maher-Butler & Hayley Turner | All Stars Senior Group



**Business & Enterprise Award: Award Presenter: Shokat Lal | Chief Executive, Sandwell Council**

**FINALISTS**

**2nd Runner Up:**

Seven Stars Event Ltd

**1st Runner Up:**

Susan Evans | Manor Farm Community Association

**WINNER:**

Thia CIC



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

The Community Foundation has established a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme spanning most of the Lozells Area. Residents of the area are invited to join the scheme, contributing to the collective effort of fostering a robust, tidy, and secure living environment. The Neighbourhood

Watch Scheme aims to achieve several key objectives:

- Reduce and prevent local crime and disorder.
- Alleviate fear of crime among residents.
- Address instances of antisocial behaviour.
- Cultivate safer neighbourhoods by fostering vigilance and cooperation among residents.
- Foster community spirit and cohesion by encouraging collaboration and communication.
- Provide reassurance to members of the public regarding their safety and security.
- Enhance the overall quality of life and the local environment.
- Promote cleanliness and hygiene, contributing to a healthier community environment.

Through active participation and community engagement, the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme endeavours to create a thriving and harmonious living space for all residents of the Lozells Area.



## VODAFONE SIM CARD

In our English class, we took a proactive step towards ending digital poverty by distributing 15 Vodafone SIM cards. Recognising the significance of digital access in today's educational landscape, we aimed to bridge the gap for students who may lack reliable internet connectivity at home. These SIM cards provided students with access to online resources and homework assignments empowering them to fully engage in their learning journey regardless of their socio-economic background. SIM card represents a tangible step towards levelling the playing field and ensuring that all students have equal opportunities to thrive academically. Through such efforts, we contribute to a more inclusive and empowered generation, where every student has the tools they need to succeed.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY GROUP (DVIAG)

Community Foundation has been a member of the DVIAG since its inception. The group is a partnership between the West Midlands Police and key community and public bodies who meet regularly to discuss work being undertaken to tackle domestic abuse. Members raise issues and resolve them collectively and discuss what is not working well and solve those issues together.



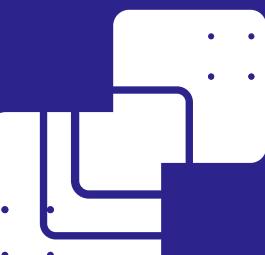
## FUNDRAISING

Throughout the year, we have received several donations facilitated by Easyfund raising, as well as contributions from individual supporters. These donations have played a pivotal role in advancing our ongoing projects and endeavours, allowing us to make tangible and meaningful impacts within our community. Registering with Easyfund raising not only underscores our commitment to innovative fundraising strategies but also highlights the collective impact achievable through community engagement. By seamlessly integrating philanthropy into everyday online transactions, we've unlocked a sustainable avenue for financial support, allowing our supporters to contribute effortlessly to our cause without any additional financial burden. This successful fundraising campaign serves as a testament to the strength of our network and the unwavering dedication of our supporters towards advancing our mission of fostering positive change within our community

## DBS CHECKS

The Community Foundation has taken proactive steps by registering to process applications for DBS checks. This initiative is aimed at assisting individuals who are legally mandated to verify their suitability for roles involving work or volunteering with children and/or vulnerable adults. By undertaking this responsibility, we are dedicated to supporting not only the safety and well-being of the communities we serve but also ensuring compliance with statutory requirements governing such roles. Through our commitment to this process, we aim to provide a seamless and efficient avenue for individuals to fulfill their obligations while pursuing opportunities to contribute positively to society.

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## THIRD SECTOR SUPPORT

The Community Foundation provides a variety of support services to charities and voluntary organisations. Over the past year, the Community Foundation has supported five organisations in organisational development. Our advisors have assisted organisations in creating governing documents, company registrations, opening bank accounts, and providing staff/trustee training, among other services. Through these efforts, we aim to empower organisations to operate efficiently and effectively, enhancing their capacity to fulfil their missions and positively impact the community.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN

The Community Bulletin serves as an important resource, providing updates, valuable information, and targeted support for BAME & Muslim Voluntary Organisations, Community Groups, and Mosques across England. Throughout the year, across ten issues, we've shared essential charity news, highlighted training opportunities, and funding prospects.

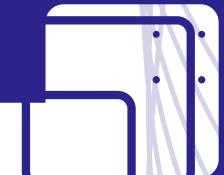
Members enrolled in the Community Foundation, have gained access to a host of benefits which comes at no cost and is open to Charities, Voluntary Groups, and Community Organisations. Members have unlocked a wealth of resources and opportunities designed to enhance their impact and facilitate growth.



## International Days Celebrated

Throughout the year, The Community Foundation proudly observed and participated in numerous international days, weeks, and months that align with our mission of empowerment, inclusion, and social justice. Our observances included:

- English Language Day (23 April)
- International Girls in ICT Day (25 April)
- World Immunization Week (24-30 April)
- Mental Health Awareness Week (13-19 May)
- Cultural Diversity Day (21 May)
- International Day of Parliament (30 June)
- Black History Month (October)
- Plastic Free July
- Islamophobia Awareness Month (Nov)
- International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (25 November)
- World Refugee Day (20 June)
- World Youth Skills Day (15 July)
- World Day of International Justice (17 July)
- International Youth Day (12 August)



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