



Newsletter and Activities for December 2022, January, February, and March 2023

Happy New Year 2023!!!

We have exciting news in this newsletter! We are planning to start this year with [a new website, Tameside based interpreting service and continuing](#) to provide more free services for everyone including Women's Health Walk & Talk, Men's social group and ESOL classes. Our existing [free activities](#), are supporting more people than ever. In this edition, you can read all about one of our CEO, Rehana Begum's meeting with **His Majesty, King Charles III and His Queen Consort, Camilla**, at the end we'll give you an insight into some of the things you may not know at Diversity Matters North West!

NEW! Women's Interpreting Service

We listened to the local community and partners we work with and took learning from the challenges faced throughout the pandemic by minority ethnic communities of Tameside and have started a new Women's Interpreting Service (WITS). The service will provide a solution to many organisations' challenges to engagement within services by ethnic minority residents, ultimately removing barriers to access. The new service will also be providing a first step into employment for many women in Tameside, eliminating the challenges women from minority ethnic communities face when seeking employment. [For quotes and bookings please see our new website for contact details.](#)

Rehana's Royal Visit to Edinburgh

Our CEO, Rehana Begum has been recognised and nominated by partners for the work DMNW does with developing, empowering, and enabling women from minority communities in Tameside in their journey to future employment. A special reception was hosted by King Charles III and The Queen Consort, Camilla on the 3rd of October 2022, at the Royal Palace of Holyroodhouse to celebrate the contributions of the British South-East Asian communities in the UK.



This event was the first official engagement since the period of royal mourning.

Rehana said “I feel extremely privileged to have been recognised and nominated by our partners and to attend this prestigious event to represent the amazing work that we have been doing at DMNW with South Asian communities of Tameside. It was an absolute surprise when I was contacted and then even bigger surprise when I received the invitation in the post! What an absolute honour to be invited to meet so many amazing people doing exceptional work across the UK. I personally had the unique opportunity to have a brief chat with both His majesty and The Queen Consort on the vital work done by grassroots organisations, helping the most vulnerable in our society and the continuous investment that is required! Thank you to those who nominated me, it was truly an experience to remember!”.



Did you know?

- **We always need Volunteers:** We cannot run without our valuable volunteers, and we are always on the lookout for different types of volunteers to support us on the projects. Our volunteers not only do valuable work for us, but they gain new skills and experience, make new friends, and immerse themselves in the local community in the process. So, if you live in Tameside and have a few hours to spare, [please get in touch!](#)
- **We are now able to accept donations through Facebook and Website:** To ensure we continue to be able to provide support to the local community, we now use Facebook as a fundraising platform, where our supporters can create their own campaigns which contributes financially to our projects. [Create your own campaign here.](#) Now, our newly designed website has a donate function for quick donations to support the work we do for vulnerable people of Tameside.

Keep in touch

We are available on the phone, via email and all staff members have mobile phones. Our centre is open as usual, 20 Great Norbury St, Hyde, SK14 1BR. All contact details are available on the [contact page of our website.](#)

Also, don't forget to follow Diversity Matters North West on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). You can read all about the team, our trustees, our volunteers, what we do, and much more on our website www.diversitymattersnw.org.uk.

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