



Newsletter and Activities for July, August, and September 2023

As the summer season unfolds, we find ourselves immersed in the warmth and positivity that this time of year brings. It is with great pleasure that we present the latest edition of our newsletter, celebrating the resounding highly successful 3-year Women's skills and employment project event. We also invite you to explore the attached Activity Guide, where you will discover a comprehensive overview of our ongoing activities and projects.

Celebrating the Success of the Women's Skills Event

We are thrilled to share the highlights and success of the exceptional Celebration of Women's Skills event organised by DMNW. The event, which recently concluded, provided us with a wonderful opportunity to recognize and honour the achievements of our highly successful 3-year project.

The project witnessed more than 2697 women from minority ethnic backgrounds in Tameside access the project for support, just in its final year! Delivering 420 learning sessions! Throughout the project, South Asian women were empowered through skills-building courses and hands-on experience in various roles within the organisation. All women who were part of the project reported a 100% increase in confidence, self-awareness, overall wellbeing skills and knowledge required for future employment as a direct result of their active engagement. We are incredibly proud of these women as they not only took significant strides in their professional journeys by setting up their own businesses as entrepreneurs but also built skills, confidence, and secured job opportunities for themselves.

The event served as a remarkable showcase of the skills and knowledge these women have gained. From raising funds to implementing effective marketing strategies and designing unique logos to establish their brands, they transformed their business ideas into tangible products ready to be promoted and sold. This marked a significant milestone in their pursuit of financial independence and the ability to provide for their families.



The Celebration of Women's Skills event was combined with International Women's Day celebrations, resulting in a vibrant and festive atmosphere. Families enjoyed a wide range of activities, including face painting, henna artistry, fun fair games, and an array of delicious food and dessert stalls. The event was a true testament to the strength and unity of our diverse community.



We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our funders, partners and service providers who joined us on this special day. You played a vital role in making the event a resounding success by providing attendees with valuable insights into the services you offer, empowering women with knowledge and fostering stronger connections within the community.

The event was a remarkable testament to the dedication, resilience, and achievements of the women involved in project. Their journey towards self-empowerment and financial independence serves as an inspiration to us all.

"It is the moment standing on my stall with my banner that I truly feel great," said one of our service users. Another service user shared her experience, saying, "DMNW has been a one-stop service for us. I feel like I can come for anything, and they never turn me away. I always receive good advice on where to go if they do not offer the specific service I am looking for."

We are immensely proud of their accomplishments and grateful for the support and encouragement we received throughout the project. Stay tuned for more updates and future endeavours as we continue our journey towards a brighter and more inclusive future.

DMNW Fundraising News

As a small independent local charity, DMNW relies on the generosity of our supporters to continue to provide our services and activities. We get funding from grants and Charitable Trusts, (the National Lottery Community Fund, People's Health Trust, Action Together Tameside, Transport for Greater Manchester) and we are grateful for their support.

However, this is not enough to cover all our running costs. Demand for our services is increasing and we need more funding to meet this need.

Examples of what we could with more funding include:

- ✚ We could put on an extra half day drop-in session for our Access Support Group, which provides language support to help local women to communicate with a range of service providers, from GP's, schools, housing providers and benefits agency. We are struggling to see everyone who wants to access support in the session we already run. An extra half day session would mean we could support more women.

- ✚ We could upgrade the laptops that we use in our Learning Hub, (the ones we have are old and slow!) so that more women can get online, improve their digital skills and access services, update their CV's, apply for jobs, or communicate with friends and family online.

At a recent Event in February this year, we raised £573.92 from the stalls, activities, and donations on the day. A massive thank you from all of us at DMNW to everyone who came along on the day, volunteered, ran a fundraising stall, or donated to our charity.

We understand that times are hard for everyone at the moment, and we really do appreciate all donations, they make a big difference to our work!

The next fundraising event we are planning will be a sponsored walk in September. Our staff, volunteers, trustees, and people who access our services and activities will be taking part. The walk will be in the local Hyde area, and it won't be difficult to make sure that everyone who wants to, can take part.

Look out for more information on our social media and website. If you want to get involved in the sponsored walk or any other fundraising for DMNW please contact lesley@diversitymattersnw.org.uk you will be very welcome!

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 Website:** Help us to continue to provide support to the local community across Tameside, by donating on our website [donate function](#). Our supporters can create their own campaigns to help to fundraise and support our core work with vulnerable people from minority communities through Facebook. [Create your own campaign here.](#)

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](#).

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