

🌸 Diversity Matters North West – Quarterly Newsletter

Celebrating Our People, Our Impact, and Our Future

💚 A Season of Celebration and Achievement

What an incredible few months it's been at Diversity Matters North West! From celebrating our amazing volunteers, to launching our latest Social Impact Report, and securing exciting new funding, this quarter has truly reflected the strength, resilience, and spirit of our community. None of this would be possible without you — our volunteers, supporters, partners, and participants. Thank you for being part of our journey

🌱 Volunteer Celebration Event – A Day to Remember



Figure 1 The Worshipful the Civic Mayor of Tameside, Cllr. Helen Bowden with DMNW Staff and Lina Patel MBE, Chair of DMNW Board of Trustees

We were proud to host our Annual Volunteer Celebration Event, bringing together the people who make our work possible every single day.

This year, we recognised 60+ incredible volunteers, each with their own powerful story of growth, commitment, and impact. From supporting community activities to mentoring others, our volunteers continue to transform lives — including their own.

We were honoured to welcome The Worshipful the Civic Mayor of Tameside, Cllr. Helen Bowden, who joined us in celebrating our volunteers. She was deeply moved by the

personal journeys shared on the day and helped present certificates and awards to recognise the volunteer's achievements.

Special Awards

A huge congratulations to our award winners:

- Volunteer of the Year – *Fahmeeda Chowdhry*
- Excellent Volunteer Awards – *Samavia Razzaq* and *Joyti Akter*



Figure 2 'Excellent Volunteer' Award winners -Samavia and Jyoti with Hasina (DMNW Staff)

The celebration was made even more special by a delicious lunch prepared by two former volunteers who now run their own businesses — a true example of how confidence and opportunity can grow through volunteering.

We finished the day in the best way possible: sharing food, stories, and celebratory cake together

Our Impact – Making a Real Difference

We are proud to launch our 2024–2025 Social Impact Report, showcasing the incredible outcomes achieved across our programmes.

Here are just a few highlights:

- ✨ 87% of participants reported improved wellbeing
- 👛 92% feel more ready for employment
- 💻 95% improved their digital skills
- 📈 97% progressed into further learning or training
- 🗣️ 595 people helped shape local services through consultations
- 🕒 1,500+ hours of support delivered



Figure 3 Diversity Matters North West Social Impact Report 2024-25

These numbers tell an important story — but behind every statistic is a person gaining confidence, building connections, and creating new opportunities for themselves and their families.

The full report is available on our website here: [Reports - Diversity Matters NW](#)

Exciting News – £50,000 Funding Boost

We're delighted to share that Diversity Matters North West has been awarded £50,000 from the Postcode Community Fund 

This funding will help us:

- Reach more people across our communities
- Expand our health, wellbeing, and skills programmes
- Continue amplifying community voices
- Create even more opportunities for learning and employment

We are incredibly grateful for this support, which will allow us to grow our impact and respond to the needs of our communities.

Looking Ahead

As we move forward, we remain committed to:

- Empowering individuals to fulfil their potential
- Creating safe, inclusive spaces for all
- Working alongside communities to shape meaningful change

The past few months have shown what's possible when people come together with a shared purpose — and we're so excited for what's next.

Thank You

To our volunteers, partners, funders, and community members — thank you for your ongoing support, dedication, and belief in what we do.

Together, we are building stronger, more connected communities 

With gratitude,
The DMNW Team

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If you've been meaning to join but haven't got round to it yet now is a perfect time. Even a couple of pence here and there adds up to real change for our community. Check out this video on how Easyfundraising works: [Easyfundraising video](#). If you are ready to sign up scan the QR code below:



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