

Community at Heart New Deal for Communities 2000 - 2010



TACKLING RACISM

Reducing racial incidents

Community at Heart funded a SARI (Support Against Racial Incidents) caseworker for the NDC area to support victims of racial harassment. Community at Heart buildings were also used as Hate Crime Reporting Stations.



Refugee Advice and Advocacy Project (£398,473)

Community at Heart employed a bi-lingual caseworker to help refugees in the NDC area with finding information, filling in forms, reading letters, and making appointments. Bristol Citizens Advice Bureau now runs the project.

Somali Resource Centre (£55,000)

Members of the local Somali community set up the Somali Resource Centre on Avonvale Road and Community at Heart provided funding to employ a part-time Centre Manager and Administrator. The centre has gone from strength to strength and aims to build the capacity of the Somali community by offering training and a place to meet and socialise.



Tackling racism team (£776,199)

Community at Heart funded a team to ensure that the NDC programme met equality standards and to promote community cohesion through events, poster campaigns, working with partner organisations and researching the NDC area to identify need among the different communities.



Race Equality and Community Cohesion Action Plan (RECCAP)

This plan was devised by the tackling racism team and adopted by all partners in the area. The plan set out a series of actions for projects and agencies to ensure they were delivering accessible services. The plan was then reviewed and monitored by the team. The suggested targets are still being adhered to today.

Community development

The team supported and organised events and activities to promote community cohesion and integration for new communities. Some examples include Multicultural Feasts, Dings Fun Days, Kick It Out football tournament, exhibitions, conferences and producing a Community Cookbook.