

Culloden Bangladeshi Parents Association

Project Name: Culloden Bengali Mother Tongue Programme

Project Theme:

Theme 1 - Children,
Young People and
Families

Grant Amount: £24,750.00

Type of Organisation:
Registered Charity**Area Based:**
Lansbury**No. of paid Staff:**
1**No. of Volunteers:****Area of Benefit:**
Poplar

Organisation's Aims & Objectives

To advance the education of Bangladeshi Children through the provision of mother tongue, literacy and English classes. The aim of the organisation is to develop a programme of support and opportunity targeting hard to reach groups by engaging them in an activity that positively interests them, so as to improve confidence and self-esteem as well as to develop core skills to improve their educational opportunities and employability.

CBPA's mission statement is:

The organisation will endeavour to enable BME people to sustain a reasonable quality of life in the borough, at a level acceptable to them and minimise exclusion from the family and/or community due to a range of issues and language barriers

Project Details

CBPA will deliver Bengali Mother Tongue Classes to local children living on the Aberfeldy, Brownfield and Teviot estates where by children will improve their educational attainment, participation and progression by learning their Mother Tongue through reading, writing and speaking skills and cultural studies in the Bengali language.

Outcomes

1. Children will improve their educational attainment, participation and progress towards achieving good qualifications in Bengali GCSE furthering their education and career prospects later in life. 80% of students to achieve equivalent to MFL Level 3 for Key Stage 1 students and MFL Level 4 or above in Key Stage 2 students in annual exams conducted by the Community Languages Service of TH.
2. Understanding of mother tongue to strengthen their relations in the family and community environment while understanding and valuing their culture
3. Improve self-esteem and higher morale. 100% of Children achieving improved outcomes
4. Participation in various cultural and educational activities will improve social cohesion with the wider community. End of year comprehensive evaluation process should include specific targets for preparing at least 15% of students enrolled in Key Stage 3 to be able to participate in Early GCSE classes run by the Community Languages Service of TH in September 2016

Quarter Performance – July – September 2017

Progress

Schools in local area opened 1st week of September 2017, but mother tongue classes started week commencing 11th. This means that attendance for the quarter will be low as classes only ran for around 3 weeks in September and 2 weeks in July. The organisation worked with tutors to help encourage children to actively participate in class to improve retention. The organisation also spent time talking to parents to explain value of Mother Tongue classes for the children.

Outputs

Output	Forecast	Actual
Number of users accessing services	70	43
Number of users accessing services for the first time	5	
Number of residents referred to other organisations	0	
Number of enrolled students to achieve at least 80% attendance for the year.	35	12
Number of students to achieve equivalent to MFL Level 3 for Key Stage 1 students and MFL Level 4 or above in Key Stage 2 students in annual exams conducted by the Community Languages Service of TH.	30	
Number of students enrolled in Key Stage 3 to be able to participate in Early GCSE classes run by the Community Languages Service of TH in September 2016.	5	

Grant Officer's Comment

Due to the level of award this project requires bi-annual monitoring visits. The last monitoring visit took place on the 27 September 2017. Assessment of the quarterly return has highlighted issues particularly around finances that will need to be resolved before payment can be made.

Recommendation

That payment be suspended to the Culloden Bangladeshi Parents Association until financial concerns regarding spend are resolved by the organisation. Once resolved, that the Corporate Director, Resources in consultation with the Executive Mayor, be given delegated authority to release payment for this period - subject to satisfactory performance.