



Better Connection Project

Second Steering Group Meeting

Thursday, 18 April 2024, 7.00 PM to 9:00 PM at Wonford Community and Learning Centre

Minutes

Present: Mahi Ahmed, Kate Hannan, Muktar Ahmed, Mahsin Mahbub, Alan Quick, Neomi Alam, Arlene Lewis, Joy Okumbor, Fasihullah Hakimi, Mujeeb Alam, Shahar Laskor, Edith Chinnah, Emdad Aziz (ZOOM), Harvie Gamotia, Chloe Whipple (ZOOM)

Apologies: Amritha James, Babu Antony, Ed Shaw, Agnieszka Wanowicz, Deborah Morgan

1. Welcome & Apologies

Alan chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone. Apologies noted above.

2. Minutes from the Last Meeting

Minutes from the last meeting were summarised and presented by Mahsin and approved by the meeting and chair.

3. Kate and Mahsin have presented Inclusive Exeter's work over the past few months, an upcoming Community event, and an updated physical activity programme.

4. Muktar has presented the updated Better Connection Project budget. Please see attached.

5. Invitation for the following three events

1. DBA Eid celebration - 5th May
2. Afghan Eid event – June (date TBC)
3. Nigerian Family Sports Day – 21st July

Actions:

1. *The Second Community Panel Meeting is booked for 23rd April at WCLC with members of the Filipino Community Association, Nigerian Community Exeter, and All Souls' Day.*



2. *All the partner associations would have signed the 'Memorandum of Understanding' after the meeting on the 23rd.*
3. *Mahsin to create an event calendar with all the community events after the meeting.*
4. *Mahsin to help with publicity for the DBA event.*
5. *IE will meet with Hakimi on 29th April to discuss possibly funding the volleyball sessions and the prospective events.*
6. *Mahsin will create a logo for the Afghan Community in Exeter.*
7. *IE team meeting Hakimi on 29th April for their activity plan*

8. AOB

- IE will stall at the Respect Festival on Saturday, 8, and Sunday, June 9, 2024. Volunteers needed.
- Mahi will contact Corn Exchange to reduce their prices for the community events. The manager of Corn Exchange and the concerned city councillor will be invited to our next meeting to discuss this further.
- Talk on the book 'Exeter and the British Empire 1575 – 2024' by Dr Todd Gray on 7th September at the Guildhall. Money from the ticket sale will be donated to IE.

9. Date and time of the next meeting: Thursday 11th July 2024