



Camden BME Alliance

PROFILE

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Contributing to One Camden...

Introduction

This is the first edition of Camden Black and Minority Ethnic Alliance (CBMEA) PROFILE. The purpose of the document is to provide background, context and details of CBMEA and its members. In particular, it is hoped that this document will help raise awareness of CBMEA and the contribution we are making to the development of the borough and the delivery of Camden's Community Strategy.

It is also hoped the CBMEA PROFILE will facilitate the development of new partnerships across our membership, as well as between our members and those in organisations outside the Alliance. In addition, we hope that organisations operating within the borough, who share our vision and objectives - but are not members of the Alliance, will choose to join us and support the work we are doing. Indeed, for this purpose we have included joining details further on in this document.

At this point I should mention that the production of the CBMEA PROFILE owes much to the support and co-operation of CBMEA members themselves who provided relevant information and details. Acknowledgement is also due to CBMEA's management board, which has supported this project from the beginning. A special thanks should also go to CBMEA's Information and Administration Officer Nish Matenjwa who undertook research in support of this project and co-ordinated the gathering of relevant information. The intention is that the Profile will be refreshed every six months, with new information – including details of new Alliance members.

It is hoped that over time the CBMEA PROFILE will develop as a strategic resource, building upon the ideas and contributions of our members. We are also keen to ensure that what has been developed here links into similar resources elsewhere describing the activities of voluntary and community organisations operating across Camden.

CBMEA hopes that our members and others who read this document will find it easy to navigate, interesting and helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Our Borough

According to the current estimates¹ Camden has a population of 217,000. This represents a 3% increase on the 2003 mid-year estimate of 210,000 and an 8.5% increase, in population size, since the 2001 Census, which put the population at 198,000. The changes in the boroughs population, since mid-2003 are due to international migration and natural increase.

Ethnicity

Based on the 2001 Census disaggregation, Camden's black and minority ethnic (BME) population is about 27%. Of this total the Bangladeshi community with 12,569 or 6.3% of the total Camden population is the largest BME community in the borough. Black Africans with a total of 11,795 are the second largest, amongst BMEs, representing 6% of the total Camden population. The Irish community meanwhile has a total population of 9,149 in Camden. The Irish community was introduced for the first time as a discrete minority ethnic category in the 2001 Census. The single largest refugee community in the borough comes from Somalia.

Wards

There are 18 wards in the borough and Camden geographical area spans Highgate in the north to Bloomsbury in the south. Barnet, Brent, Haringey as well as Westminster, Islington and the Corporation of London all border Camden.

Local economy

Camden is one of the key employment centres in London. In fact the borough sits third behind the City and Westminster in this regard. Meanwhile, average earnings of £28,700 (in 2004) mean that the borough is above the average for London.

Deprivation

Camden ranks 19th nationally for deprivation² making it one of the most deprived local authorities in England. Conditions of deprivation in the borough have meant that Camden qualifies for neighbourhood renewal funding.³ In total there are ten neighbourhood renewal areas in the borough, representing the most deprived. The major social issues facing Camden relate to tackling crime, reducing health inequalities, tackling worklessness, improving living conditions and reducing the risk of social exclusion for those living in those areas deemed to be worse off.

Voluntary and community sector activity

According to the Camden local infrastructure plan there are 1538 Camden focused voluntary and community sector groups known to major infrastructural organisations. The sector is vibrant and diverse, with BME organisations involved across a wide range of service sectors including: health, educational, community safety and economic development. With the selection of Camden as a second phase local area agreement area, there are now further significant opportunities for the growth and development of the sector.

¹ Recently published mid - 2004 population estimates (Office for National Statistics)

² Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2004 ranks Camden 19th out of 354 for deprivation. On this scale 1 equates to high levels of deprivation and 354 equates to low levels of deprivation.

³ Camden's Neighbourhood Renewal Fund allocation has been extended to 2007-08. As part of this the borough will receive just over £12m starting 2006-07.

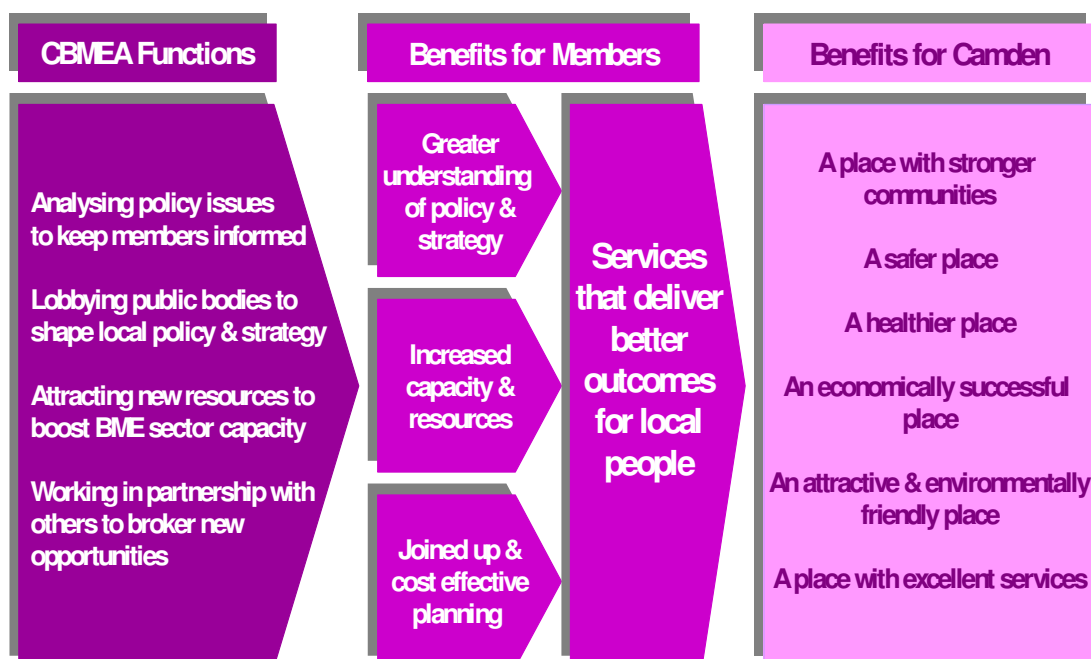
About CBMEA

CBMEA is an umbrella organisation. The Alliance was launched in 2002 and operates across the borough of Camden. The aims and objectives of CBMEA are as follows:

- Collectively represent black and minority ethnic (BME) communities in Camden at strategic level
- Have a strategic and collective lobbying role
- Address the long term sustainability of the BME voluntary sector
- Develop and maintain a robust infrastructure for Camden BME Alliance

As a strategic organisation CBMEA does not provide frontline services itself. Instead our role is to help develop the capacity of frontline service providers and other strategic organisations operating in the borough of Camden. As part of this, CBMEA undertakes research in major policy areas and disseminates this information through a wide range of user friendly publications. We also facilitate events and seminars on various topical and 'live' issues. Meanwhile, through our knowledge management capacity, we are able to facilitate learning and promote good practice across our membership.

CBMEA's work brings us in contact with a wide range of organisations, across the statutory, public and voluntary sectors. Through these contacts, we seek to establish networks of influence that will enable us to make an effective contribution towards the overarching ambitions in Camden's Community Strategy. The process map, below, describes how CBMEA's functions contribute to the broader ambitions of Camden, as a borough.



Strategic Drivers

CBMEA operates within a fast moving policy environment - impacted by a wide range of national, regional as well as local factors. Understanding the impact of policy is key to enabling us to perform our role, as a strategic organisation. Set out under the sub headings below are some of the major policy and strategic drivers that will be informing CBMEA's work over the next 6-12 months.

Local Area Agreement

In June 2005, the Government announced that Camden had been selected, as one of 66 areas, in the second phase of the local area agreement roll out. As a strategic initiative, local area agreement represents one of the most significant challenges and opportunities facing CBMEA and our members. It directly impacts upon voluntary and community sector funding and presents a unique challenge to local areas to articulate a vision for the development of their communities and empowerment of their voluntary and community sector.

Camden's Community Strategy

The Community Strategy provides a basis for shared understanding and co-ordinated action across a range of partner organisations in the borough. Camden launched its Community Strategy in 2001 and was one of the first, in the country, to do so. The borough is now reviewing its Community Strategy, which will enable partners to re-evaluate local priorities for improvement, in light of changes and developments over the last four years. CBMEA sees itself as a key player in this process. We desire in particular, to see the development of a new Community Strategy to give clearer expression to the communities and social cohesion agenda as well as clearly articulate a vision for 'one Camden.'

Neighbourhoods and Respect

Government has made clear that the neighbourhoods and respect agenda are central planks of its vision for local communities. The neighbourhood agenda gives expression to Government's desire to see greater decision making, devolved decision to communities –including the introduction of locality budgeting and supporting the voluntary and community sector to own local assets. Similarly, the respect agenda focuses on the need to bring civility back into society and establish safer, stronger communities. There are multiple strands here of significant interest to CBMEA, especially as they relate to youth inclusion, inter-generational and inter-ethnic initiatives.

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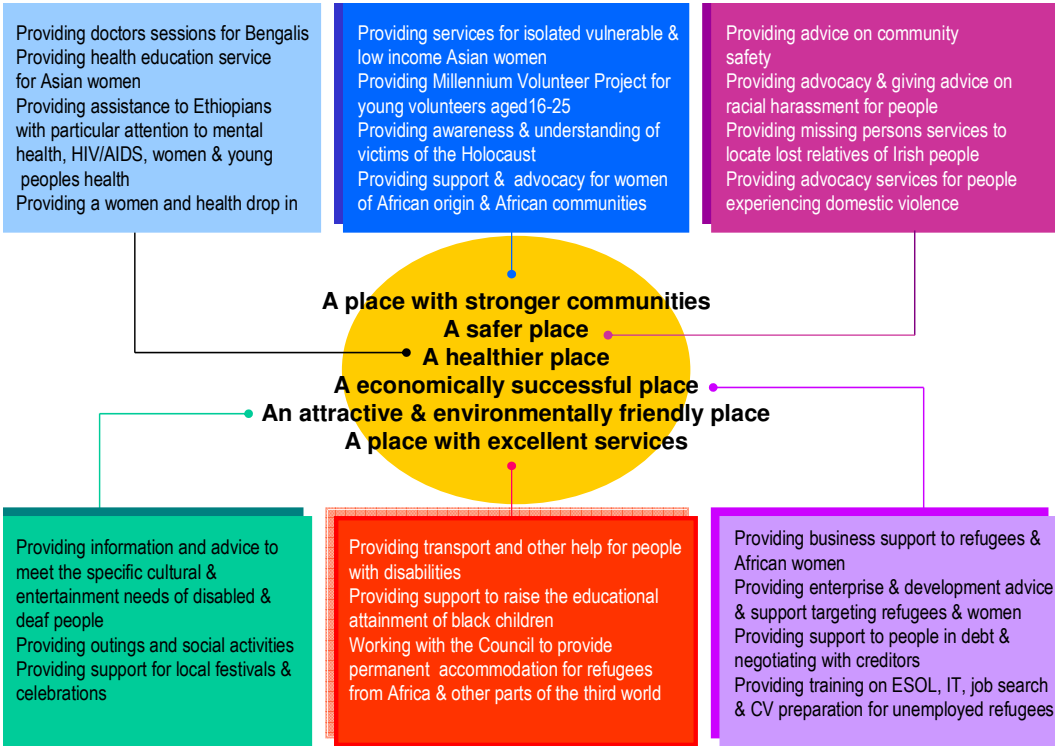
As the epicentre of the attacks, Camden has been uniquely affected by the 7/7 events. Subsequently, the Council, alongside local representatives and partners, have acted swiftly to reaffirm the shared commitment of all groups and communities, living in the borough, to peaceful co-existence (regardless of background or circumstance). Yet the footprint of 7/7 is clearly visible. Once again social cohesion and community relations are front row and centre as key local issues. As such, working alongside BME and other communities, CBMEA has a critical role to play in supporting the vision of social harmony and inclusion in the borough.

Our Membership

CBMEA currently has 36 members (both full members and associates) registered with us. Many of our members are community-focused organisations and groups, providing services in areas of greatest need, to those who need them most. Here the work of CBMEA members is geared towards achieving a borough wide impact, through the provision of dynamic services at neighbourhood and locality level.

Service delivery models vary across our membership. For example, some members deliver a range of holistic services (health, education, employment and housing advice). In other instances the focus is specialist, specific and targeted in one area. This diversity of provision is important because it increases choice for local people – enabling them to better determine what services suit them best.

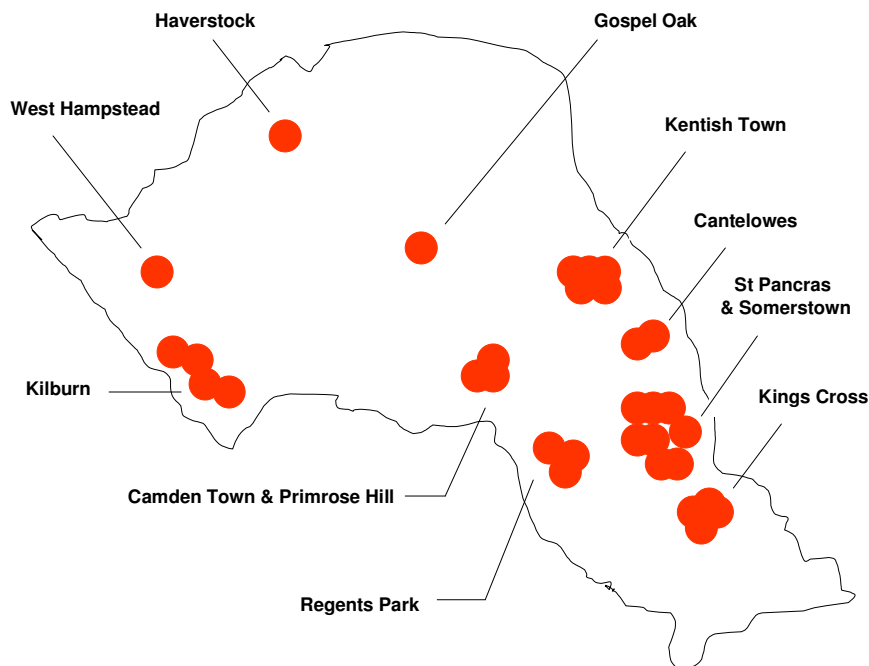
Our members operate across a range of priority areas, of strategic importance to Camden and their efforts are contributing greatly towards the achievement of successful outcomes for the borough such as: promoting healthier communities, raising educational attainment, tackling social exclusion and promoting economic development. The strategic map below highlights some of the services provided by our members and how these directly contribute to delivery of the six aims of Camden's Community Strategy.



Activity Map

The map below plots the spread of CBMEA member activity across the borough. It captures information relevant to the known base of operation of members. It does not for example, reflect whether a member might be working in partnership with another provider to provide services beyond their base of operation.

A simple analysis of the map shows that the highest-density area for CBMEA member activity is in the ward of St. Pancras and Somerstown. Other wards with relatively high-level member activity include Kilburn, Kentish Town and Kings Cross. The map also shows the level of representation is less in Camden Town and Primrose ward and Regents Park. The lowest level of representation of CBMEA members is in the wards of Haverstock, West Hampstead and Gospel Oak.



The map also reveals that CBMEA members are active in some of the areas of greatest need in the borough. In particular those designated neighbourhood renewal areas. However, even here, opportunities exist for the Alliance to further establish its presence and indeed to extend its reach to other deprived areas. Notable amongst these is Bloomsbury and Holborn - south of the borough and Highgate and New Town in the north.

Membership

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Profile

The service provides advice sessions, advocacy, health promotion, and social activities including dominoes, bingo, sewing classes and music. Others include movement, crafts, outings, and social activities. Meanwhile the services of a hairdresser are also available, whilst transport and other provision is made for people with disabilities. Special projects include the UK Online Learning Centre, a Good Neighbour Scheme helping African and Caribbean people at home with small jobs, correspondence etc., and a Carers Hospital Discharge Worker who helps informal and family carers to access services. The service also functions as an UK Online Centre (primarily but not exclusively for older African and Caribbean people). It also provides Internet access and courses on how to use these tools and other computer applications.

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Profile

The African Women's Trust provides information, advice, advocacy, and support to meet the needs of women of African origin and African communities in London. Services cover areas such as domestic violence, training and business support for refugees and African women.

ASIAN Women LONE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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Profile

Asian Lone Parent's Association is a self-help and support group for lone female Asian parents in London. The Association runs different programmes of advice on health and education information for Asian women and operates a referral system. Social and recreational activities are also provided.

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Profile

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BENGALI WOMEN'S HEALTH PROJECT

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This is a community-based project, which offers doctor's sessions to Bengali women and health promotion activities at various community centres in south Camden. Activities include termly healthy eating workshops, mental health workshops, and exercise and gym sessions and massage therapy sessions. A Bengali female doctor is available at Hopscotch Asian Women's Centre

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Bengali Workers Association (BWA) has been working for the welfare of the Bangladeshi Community since 1976. The aims are: a) to empower British Bangladeshi people through community initiatives and raise awareness through education and training, b) to strengthen the social fabric of the Bengali Community and encourage self-help, c) to continue to grow successfully through providing specialised services to communities whose needs are not currently being met adequately in Camden.

Current activities include:

- Advice, Information & Guidance service: Welfare Rights, Housing, Consumer issues, debt, education matters etc.
- Women Development Project: Designed to help develop self advocacy skills, improve basic skills, increase self reliance, confidence building, language classes, cooking sessions, sewing classes, health sessions exercise etc.
- Young Men's Project: Engage Bangladeshi Young Men aged 18 – 30 years in a positive framework to raise their aspirations in terms of employment, education, and training.
- Bangladeshi Older People's project: Designed to reduce isolation of the senior citizens and engage older people in a positive framework.
- Youth Project: Offers activities for the young people aged 11-25 years.
- UK Online project
- Luncheon Club
- Cultural events and leisure Based Activities.
- Interpreting services (occasionally).

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Profile

The British Somali Community provides advice and support for Somalis. Service runs a 'women and health' drop-in service, an 'elder women' project, 'supplementary school' for Somali children aged 5-17 and a 'parent's support service.'

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Profile

The Camden Black Parents and Teachers Association (CBPTA) is a voluntary organisation with charitable status, which runs its services from The CarAf Centre. Established since 1980, it has been serving the educational needs of the African Caribbean community in Camden for 25 years. It provides advice, information, support, training, and referrals on a range of issues affecting the educational needs within families and issues affecting the achievement levels of the black child.

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Profile

Provides an advisory service on welfare rights, housing, immigration, and other matters. Runs youth services, a women's group, a luncheon club for older people, English classes, an under-fives nursery, a needs assessment project and a housebound project. Service also includes a Millennium Volunteer project for young volunteer's aged 16-25.

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Profile

Provides information, advice, and support, especially on employment, training, education and starting a business. Provides First Step Enterprise and Development advice and support - including social enterprise - targeting refugees and women.

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Profile

Provides information on immigration, employment, health, education, housing, welfare rights, taxes, pensions, community safety, organisational development, capacity building, women's issues etc. Other services include activities for children, young people, parents and older people, such as after-school language classes, youth groups and summer camps, cultural workshops, health workshops (aromatherapy, massage, reflexology etc.) Skill enhancement services (ESOL, basic computing, Internet and email and sewing) are also provided.

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Profile

Provides a wide range of services including information, advice, counselling, referral and advocacy services on immigration, benefits, housing, health, employment, training and educational opportunities for Ethiopians living in the UK. Provides training on ESOL and IT, job search skills and CV preparation for unemployed refugees and asylum seekers. In addition, provides translation and interpretation, organisation of educational workshops, symposiums, and seminar relevant to community members. Other services provided include special support and assistance for the lonely and distressed members of the community. They also conduct research, carry out surveys on social, economic, and cultural needs of Ethiopians living in the UK, organise sport/recreational activities, and provide reception assistance to new asylum seekers irrespective of the country of origin.

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Profile

The Association provides all round assistance for Ethiopians with particular attention to mental health, HIV/AIDS, sexual health, women, and young people's health. Services are managed through the provision of advice, health promotion information, advocacy, interpretation, translations, visits and befriending delivered through culturally sensitive counselling in Amharic.

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Profile

Henna provides information and sign posting for isolated, vulnerable, and low-income Asian women. Services include a drop-in service available on Mondays with social activities and information sessions. Other services include monthly exercise classes, health sessions, outings, festival celebrations, and monthly shopping trips.

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Profile

Hopscotch is a community centre for Asian women. It provides advice on housing, welfare rights, homelessness, immigration, education, and training. Others services provided include health, benefits, ESOL, numeracy, computing classes and a craft group. In addition, there is also Sure Start provision, a crèche for under fives and a Bengali women's health project providing services from an Asian woman doctor at a range of community centres in Camden.

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Profile

The Association runs a wide range of services including: youth work - where a team of youth workers support young people in local youth clubs, undertake outreach-work, facilitate a homework club, provide educational support, organise residential, outdoor activities, and football and general sessions. The Youth Team provides a programme of activities seven days a week. The Association also works with older people and here services include a lunch club, activity groups, outings, holidays, advice sessions, good neighbourhood scheme, and general support. Other services include a play scheme (which operates for six weeks of the year), advice sessions for the Bangladeshi community, English Classes, exercise, and sewing classes. In addition, the Association also runs a Bengali lunch club and a Chinese Women's Group.

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Profile

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The Pan African Housing Co-op provides permanent accommodation for refugees from Africa and other parts of the 'third world' who believe in self-help. It also provides resettlement support and immigration advice. The service can only be accessed through registration with the Local Authority homeless persons unit.

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Profile

The Somali Community Centre provides advice and support on benefits, housing, immigration, education and training. The Centre provides practical support (such as help with form filling, interpreting and translating) and specialist support (such as legal advice on housing and welfare benefits). Other services provided include home visits for older and disabled people. Weekend activities include drop-in social club for older people at Abbey Community Centre.

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The Zimbabwe Community Association assists to refugees and asylum seekers. As part of this, it provides advice on issues such as housing, education, employment and other issues. It also makes detention visits and runs dance classes for 7-19 year olds.

Associate Members

AGE CONCERN CAMDEN

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Provides support, advice, information, counselling, advocacy, and befriending services (via Good Neighbour schemes). Also provides resource centres, volunteering opportunities, Direct Payments support, insurance services, neighbourhood care, and computer training. Other services include: a Bangladeshi elders group, carers support, Alzheimer's support, nail-cutting service, New Start 50+ employment support service. The service also represents the interests of older people on many organisations and runs a small grant fund for older people in need.

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Artsline provides information and advice to meet the specific cultural and entertainment needs of disabled and deaf people in London. As part of this it provides information on arts courses, religious festivals, and cultural events and supports disability arts amongst the black and ethnic minority disabled community. Artsline has produced a Multicultural Access Guide for London, offers disability equality training, and runs a youth project for young disabled people 14-25 years.

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Provides information and support to unpaid carers. Specialist workers support Asian and African Caribbean carers and people coming out of hospital. The Centre also runs support groups, one-to-one counselling, and advocacy. In addition, a free newsletter, for carers, is provided every 6 weeks. A satellite office is situated at Swiss Cottage Community Centre.

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Home based respite service for carers in Camden. Bengali carers and respite initiative aims to improve access to services for Bengali carers. Carer support workers with language skills in Bengali, Somali and other languages.

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Supports the active involvement of Black and Minority Ethnic communities in initiatives that affect their health. Aims to ensure that the health care needs of black and ethnic minorities are identified, and strategies are developed by statutory and voluntary sector agencies to meet these needs.

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Profile

The service works to recruit school governors from minority ethnic communities.

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Profile

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Provides free and confidential help, advice, and support to individuals and families in Camden who have been the victims of crime, including racial harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, street crime, youth crime and homophobic/transphobic crime. Camden Victim Support has specialist advisers to deal with different issues. The service also runs a Thursday evening drop-in project for lesbian, gay and bisexual people under 25 to get advice on housing, harassment, bullying etc. This is held at CLASH, 11 Warwick Street, W1. In addition, the service also runs the Witness Service at Highbury Magistrates Court, together with Islington Victim Support.

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Profile

Provides information and advice on living with diabetes. Membership is open to anyone. They run 450 groups throughout the UK and support research into diabetes.

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Profile

The service produces resources and research for both schools and the general public. Aims to promote awareness and understanding of the history of the Holocaust and the universal lessons to be learnt from it. Offers teacher-training and cross-curricula supporting materials. Also runs two visits per year to Auschwitz concentration camp with students/teachers, as part of a 'Lessons from Auschwitz' course.

INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS

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Profile

The Institute of Race Relations is an educational charity. The IRR publishes an occasional pamphlet on racism, the journal Race & Class, the European Race Bulletin and an online News Service about developments in race and refugee issues.

WORKING MEN'S COLLEGE

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Profile

Provides adult education, training, and other courses.

Joining CBMEA

FULL MEMBERSHIP

To become a full member of CBMEA you will need to meet all of the following criteria:

- Formally constituted with charitable aims
- 51% or more of the management committee members are from BME communities
- The primary target group is BME communities
- Based in and delivering services to BME communities in Camden

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

To become an associate member, your organisation will need to meet the following criteria:

- Based in Camden
- Delivers services and working with BME communities in any capacity

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Publications

CBMEA seeks to keep its members constantly informed by producing a wide range of quality publications. Amongst those we currently produce include:

Alliance

Alliance is CBMEA's quarterly newsletter. The publication seeks to cover a wide range of topics, which are of interests to the BME community. It also updates members on what is actually happening within the Alliance itself.

POLICYPROFILE

'Policy Profile' is CBMEA's policy news brief. It looks at cutting edge policy issues in detail and in particular seeks to analyse them from a BME perspective. First published in September 2005, 'Policy Profile' has already taken an in-depth look at the Government's local area agreement initiative.

SPEAK!

'Speak' provides social commentary. Styled as an opinion piece, it takes a bystanders look at a wide range of topical issues of interest to BME communities.

Camden BME Alliance

PROFILE

The 'CBMEA Profile' is a strategic publication, which provides a unique insight into our work and that of our many members. Included in this publication are various strategic maps, which draw clear links between CBMEA's work and that of the Community Strategy. The Profile also includes a membership directory.

Looking OUT!

'Looking OUT!' is the voice on communities and social cohesion issues. Included in the scope of this publication are major policy agendas such as Camden's Community Strategy and local area agreement. 'Looking OUT!' also covers other community issues happening outside the borough, but which might be of interest to Camden people.

Local Area Agreement

JARGON BUSTER

CBMEA has undertaken a wide range of activities to increase our members understanding of local area agreement - including the publication of a jargon buster. This publication, which has also been used by Camden Council, uses plain English to

explain some of the terms and expressions commonly associated with local area agreement.

To find out more about CBMEA publications contact:

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