



Background

Neighbourhoods all over Sheffield have set up Forums and Trusts to represent needs and influence the delivery of services in geographically defined communities. In South Sheffield we are fortunate enough to enjoy a diversity of minority cultures, languages and religions cutting across our neighbourhoods, but there is often the danger that their specific needs get forgotten in the mainstream, geographical allocation of resources. While there are a multitude of Black and Minority Ethnic (B&ME) organisations and enterprises who work hard to address the more particular needs of these communities, their capacity and funding doesn't always match the gaps in statutory provision.

The B&ME Cluster network was created to improve the quality of services for B&ME communities in South Sheffield. It aims to increase the capacity of organisations and enterprises based in or serving South Sheffield B&ME communities to influence political decision-making and be stronger in order to provide better services. It brings them into a network where they can receive training and information, build stronger ties with each other, form a united, more influential voice for minority ethnic communities, and it creates pathways for local B&ME needs to be heard in Citywide decision-making arenas.

Track record

These are just some of the things the Cluster has provided in a year:

- 6 Network events
- A study visit to an exemplary B&ME project in the region
- Calls for nominations to 5 Local Strategic Partnership boards
- 41 training sessions
- 9 consultations by agencies on policies affecting B&ME communities
- A Multicultural Community Event

Benefits of membership

A voice for B&ME Communities

- Be part of a stronger and more influential B&ME community infrastructure in South Sheffield
- Increase the profile of the work your organisation does
- Identify and increase awareness of common, and ethnically specific B&ME community needs
- Be consulted in strategic and funding matters which affect your organisation
- Promote social cohesion between all ethnic groups in South Sheffield
- Be represented by a Steering Group who play an influencing and advocacy role on behalf of B&ME Cluster members

Strength through networks, information and training

- Contacts with other South Sheffield B&ME organisations and enterprises at bi-monthly network meetings
- Access to training, guidance and support to strengthen your organisation and improve your service delivery
- External training, funding and events information relevant to your organisation
- B&ME Cluster Newsletter circulating events and news relevant to, and on behalf of B&ME organisations and communities
- Opportunities to participate in political decision-making and support to help you do so.
- Representation on Citywide and Regional B&ME networks



To join the B&ME Cluster fill in the membership form attached and return it to our office; contact details overleaf.

Membership Form

B&ME Cluster membership is **free** and you will automatically become a member of South Sheffield Partnership which brings additional benefits.

Please see www.southsheffield.org.uk or contact our office for more information:
Tel: **0114 252 1084** Email: info@southsheffield.org.uk

Your organisation's details will be published on our website, but main and senior contact information will not be published.

Your organisation's contact details

Organisation name:

Address:

Post Code:

Website:

Phone:

Fax:

Main email:

Preferred means of communication to receive information:

Post

Email

Most senior contact in your organisation

Name:

Job Title:

Phone:

Email:

Main contact for liaison with South Sheffield Partnership:

Name:

Job Title:

Phone:

Email:

Please ensure you complete this form overleaf

Membership Form Continued

<p>About your organisation:</p> <p>Number of Employees <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Number of Volunteers <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Type of organisation:</p> <p>Voluntary, Community or Faith Sector <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Statutory Sector <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Business or Social Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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What does your organisation do? (Max 100 words)

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Neighbourhood or area which your work covers. (tick as many as apply)

- Arbourthorne
- Batemoor & Jordanthorpe
- Broomhall
- Gleadless Valley
- Heeley
- Lowdges
- Manor & Castle
- Norfolk Park
- Park
- Sharrow
- Wybourn & Skye Edge
- Woodthorpe
- South Sheffield-Wide
- Sheffield-Wide
- Regional

What other fields or communities does your organisation work in. (tick as many as apply)

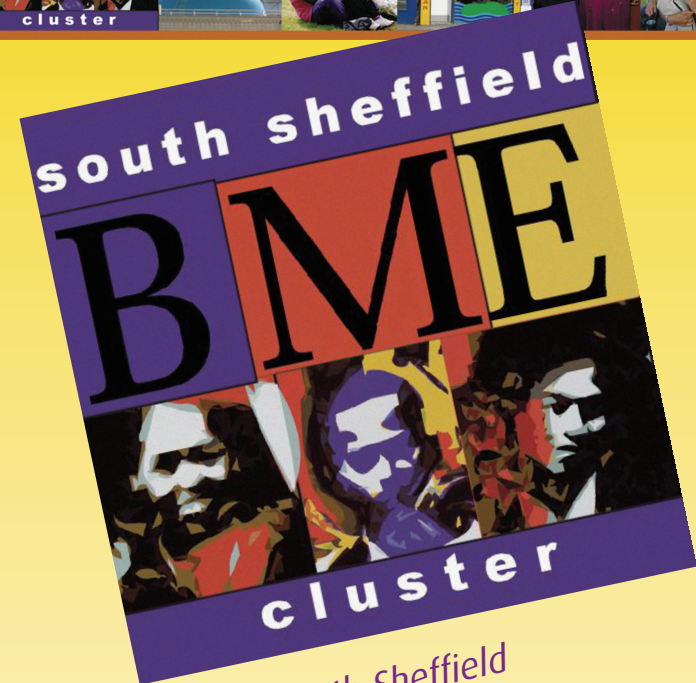
- Children / Young people
- Community Centre
- Crime & Safety
- Environment
- Health
- Older People
- Training
- Other (please specify)

I understand that membership will be subject to South Sheffield Partnership's code of conduct.

Sign: _____

Print: _____

Date: _____



Support network for B&ME organisations

A greater voice for B&ME needs

Be consulted on issues affecting you

Influence political decisions

Work together for social cohesion

Receive training, information, support and guidance



"Giving South Sheffield organisations strength and influence to ensure a better deal for Black and Minority Ethnic (B&ME) communities."

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