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NIPCA (AGM 2023)

Northern Ireland Pakistani Cultural Association

Annual Report 2022-2023

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Purpose

The beneficiaries of this purpose are children and adults migrated from Pakistan and those who have been born in Northern Ireland with a Pakistani heritage. To support an increase of a better educated Pakistani community in Northern Ireland who are aware of culture, integration, empowerment, up skilling and capacity building. The beneficiaries of Northern Ireland Pakistani Association are both Pakistani and local community by building good community relations through social integration. Pakistani community members come together and use arts as a social and creative opportunity which instills confidence, strengthens identity and self-esteem. Being creative together will collectively address issues of diversity and intercultural relationships

Welcome

- On behalf of the Executive Committee of NIPCA, I would like to welcome each and every one of you for taking the time to attend our 2023 AGM. Special thanks to those brothers and sisters who have travelled from outside Belfast to be with us today.

Minutes of last AGM

- **Chairman's Report**

As the Chairman of Northern Ireland Pakistani Cultural Association (NIPCA) I am pleased to present our Annual General meeting report for years 2022-2023. Looking back on 2022-2023 and reflecting on all the developmental activities including a series of meetings and networking, NIPCA has increased their profile level significantly.

I am determined to ensure that myself and the Management Committee continue to make extremely positive contributions to meeting the needs of our community including education, personal development, Pakistani Culture, Integration and organizational development. Particularly working towards securing premises for NIPCA.

Acknowledgements

I would like to thank:

- my fellow members of the Management Committee and our Trustees for their untiring support throughout the year.
- Zeeshan and Salee, for their continuous commitment to arranging activities and support
- Brenda Skillen for her administrative support with funding and activities.
- Award for all for their financial support for services and activities.

Activities

Internal Activities

- The Northern Ireland Pakistani Cultural Association organises culture awareness programmes, Urdu classes, and English classes. We organise and assist in organising workshops, meetings, exhibitions, events and activities consistent with NIPCA's objects. We engage in collaborative working, through arts and cultural activity throughout the Northern Ireland Pakistani community.

New Projects undertaken –

- We endeavour to provide an annual Pakistani event that brings together the intergenerational Pakistani community.

Future plans

The Management Committee, volunteers and community are extremely commendable and are strength to the Pakistani community here in NI. However, we need to source and secure funding, increase volunteer capacity to achieve our Strategic Goals and secure future stability.

The upcoming year will present challenges for us with funding opportunities especially with the restrictions due to staffing and funding. However, I am confident in the commitment of the Management Committee, volunteers and community contribution to continue to provide a place for activities and support for our community.

Many of our community are marginalised due to language barrier, stereotyping and racism. As this is an inter-generational project it will help to engender confidence and self esteem across all ages as the wider community will be involved it will help to build community relationships whilst maintaining cultural heritage. The continued development of NIPCA will encourage volunteer capacity building in a charitable organisation and skill development including computer literacy, project co-ordination and administrative skills.

Concluding remarks

In conclusion, I would like to acknowledge members of the Management Committee for all their hard work, commitment and dedication over the past years to make NIPCA a valuable community resource. I would like to thank the wider community for their ongoing support of the project. I would like to thank all of those whom have contributed to NIPCA, I must say that without their financial and voluntary support we would not be able to continue the work and services, thank you.

Member of the Executive

- MR JAVAID NAVEED MBE
Chairperson
- MR MOHAMMED LATIF
- DR MOHAMMED YUSUF
- MR ZAMIR UL HUDA
- MR SHAMEEM UDDIN QURESHI
- MR MUHAMMED SALEEM TAREEN
- MR ZESHAN ZAFAR
- MR ZAHID NAWAZ
- MR NASIR ABDUL MALIK

