

LGA Community Cohesion Networking Event

Developing Strategies & Mainstreaming

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Bradford in numbers

- 333,629 white British (63.9%)
- 140,149 Asian/Asian British (26.8%)
- 16,148 White Other (3.5%)
- 12,979 Mixed multiple ethnic groups (2.5%)
- 9,267 Black/African/Caribbean (1.8%)
- 7,740 Other Ethnic Groups (1.5%)

* 2011 census

- Now estimated in region of 25,000 CEE
- Huge variation across district
- 153 languages spoken in our schools
- 82.8% born in district, 17.8% elsewhere

Our Approach

1. Equality of Opportunity

Providing voice and influence for all of our communities
Listening, engaging, responding and challenging

2. Community Safety

Reducing crime and the fear of crime
positively responding to community tensions

3. Active Citizenship

Creation of an association with place, pride and belonging
Having a stake in the district

4. Community Relations

Understanding and respecting groups that are different
Getting on well together

But a step short of Integration!

In Practice

- Community Reassurance & Engagement e.g. EDL
- The Great Get Together
- Believing in Bradford
- Schools Linking Network
- Community of Interest Plans
- Ward Plans and WOTs
- Controlling Migration Fund
- Safer & Stronger Communities Officers
- European Working Group
- Hate Crime strategy
etc

Casey Challenge

It's not just about communities Economy, Regeneration, Education and Housing

- More information, better performance management
- Spotting the early signs of integration failing
- 'British Values' history and laws within school syllabus
- Structure and location of schools
- English language and ESOL
- Housing & Regeneration policy impact on integration
- Impact of home schooling and those excluded from education
- Emancipation of marginalised groups of women
- Oaths for new arrivals and holders of public office

Next Steps/Challenges

- How do we engage effectively with our 'white working class' communities (scalable action)
- Engaging with 'hard to reach groups'
- Dealing with inherent prejudice & belief
- Where is the resource (austerity affecting Council & VCS alike)

Observations

- Poverty!
- People like to live and surround ourselves with familiarity
- Choice is often a privilege of wealth
- Are our white working class girls actually our group in most need of support
- ‘Poverty of aspiration’ How do we respond?
- Integration doesn’t just take place at home
- Review our strategies!