

# Community Funding Support for grassroots organisations in Ipswich



# Facts

- In 2011 the census found that the town has a population of 133,384, an increase of 16,326 (13.9%) between 2001 and 2011.
- This ranks as the 10th (out of 64) fastest growing Primary Urban Area in England.
- The population is estimated to increase by another 17,000 by 2020.
- Ipswich is the most multicultural local authority in Suffolk with 11.1% of its residents from an ethnic group other than white.



- Ipswich continues to grow,
- Is becoming increasingly more diverse.
- 17.1% of the community are from non-white British Ethnicities.

Over 70 different languages spoken and the top 10 main languages are (in rank order):

English Polish Portuguese Lithuanian Bengali  
Kurdish Russian Tagalog/ Turkish Latvian  
Filipino



# GRANTS

- In 2014/2015 a total of £1,126,787 were paid in grants to 152 different organisations:
  - Community Cash Grants
  - Area Committees
  - Discretionary Rate Relief
  - Top Up Rate Relief
  - Area Housing Panels
  - Economic & Community Development
  - Cultural Development Grants
  - Third Sector Lets, Rent Relief

# Community Cash Grants

- Process starts at the end of August.
- Final decision is agreed by Council in February.
- “Building a Better Ipswich”, “a Fairer Ipswich”.
- 2016/2017: £356,640 allocated.
- 29 organisations.
- Core funding or Project.
- 2016/2017: 10 more organisations on a 3 year agreement.



- Bangladeshi Support Centre (BSC)
- Ipswich & Suffolk Council for Racial Equality (ISCARE)
- Suffolk Refugee Support
- Ipswich & Suffolk West Indian Association (ISWIA)
- Karibu African Women's Support Group

# Suffolk Refugee Support







- Ipswich is a Town of Sanctuary.
- Ipswich is home to at least 2000 refugees from nearly 50 countries.
- Main aims of SRS:
  - Refugees and asylum seekers and their families will have increased physical and mental well-being leading to healthier life choices and contributing positively to society
  - Refugees will have increased employability skills leading to more employment opportunities and financial self-reliance.

- 535 clients received help at the drop-in Advice Service.
- 6056 individual client advice sessions delivered.
- Helped 105 with numerous health problems.
- Art group sessions.
- Eight clients have been given gym membership + swimming lessons.
- 81 attended ESOL classes (English for speakers of other languages).
- helped 108 clients with employment issues such as writing a CV and searching and applying for jobs. Completed 655 job applications with their clients.
- Host a monthly immigration legal advice surgery.

“Without this grant funding, and other similar funding, we would have to cut back on some of our services.../... there would be an increased demand on statutory services .../...there would be an increase in mental health issues caused by isolation and lack of quality support. Public Services would need to spend significantly larger amounts of money on interpreting services.” SRS

To :- Rebecca

Thanks for your support. I pass the Sage level I (OCR) course. I never forget your support in my life

Thanks

From :- Wife

To Liz

Feb 16.



Thank you **S**o much

for always listening to me, supporting me and encouraging me.

I want you to know how much I appreciate.

You're the best!

From Thozama

(Zami)

