



Somerset Diverse Communities - DIRECTORY 2020

Support or Group Name	Description	Contact name	Phone no.	Email	Website / social media	Geographical coverage
A Ray of Sunshine for a Child	Helps integrate Slovak and Czech families. Provides advice about DV process.	Dagmur Dureckova	07889 917368	lucpredieta1@gmail.com	www.lucpredieta.com www.facebook.com/arayofsunshineforachild	National and countywide
Action 4 Inclusion Network	BAME Network; individuals and groups.	Andy Merryfield	07961 888864; 07751 428286; 07730 105390	admin@action4inclusion.org.uk		Bristol and Somerset
Avtar Indian Dance Somerset	Bhangra dance workshops with an educational element. Cultural education. There is a business and non-profit side to the group.	Avtar Singh Panesar	07975 547641	avtarindiandance@yahoo.com	www.avtarindiandance.com www.facebook.com/avtarindiandance	Countywide
BAME Network - NHS Somerset Foundation Trust	Network of BAME workers within NHS Somerset	Sunny Sander - Jackson		Sun.Sander-Jackson@SomersetFT.nhs.uk		Countywide
Bridgwater Together Group	Organising activities and events to promote equality and diversity in Bridgwater.	Phil Shepherd		phil@somersetfilm.com		Bridgwater



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Bridgwater Syrian Refugee Resettlement Volunteer Group	Support and befriending for Syrian refugees in Bridgwater to aid the resettlement process.	Ian Tucker	01823 443153 or 07971 826876	ian.tuckershouse@googlemail.com		Bridgwater
British Bangladeshi Association Somerset	Cultural community group for British Bangladeshis who in Somerset.	Karim Miah	07581 460571	bbasomerset@gmail.com	www.facebook.com/bbasomerset	Somerset
CHARIS	Christian refugee support charity resettling refugees one family at a time	Lisa Westlake	01823 443692	info@charisrefugees.co.uk	www.charisrefugees.co.uk www.facebook.com/CHARISrefugees	Somerset
Diversity Voice	Support for ethnic minorities - integration, translation, interpretation, immigration, community events, educational support	Tanya Lawler	0300 075 0105	admin@diversityvoice.org.uk	www.diversityvoice.org.uk www.facebook.com/diversityvoice	Somerset, North Somerset, West - North Dorset, West Wiltshire, East Devon and the surrounding areas
Equality and Inclusion Team (Yeovil District Hospital)	Equality leads for all equality and inclusion at Yeovil and District Hospital.	Debbie Mathewson and Elaine Cox	01935 384585	e&d@ydh.nhs.uk	www.yeovilhospital.co.uk/about-us/equality-and-diversity/	Yeovil and the surrounding area (within commuting distance of the hospital)



German Friendship Circle (Deutscher Freundeskreis)	A friendship group of mostly German women, some German men and friends who are either connected through enjoying speaking German or friendships. It is an informal group with several planned events throughout the year, walking / coffee and cake and a swim / and an annual advent walk and meal. Partners are always welcome.	Ingrid Pfeiffer	01823 278108 and 07477 559887	Ingridpfeiffer@hotmail.co.uk		Somerset
Glastonbury Muslim Community	Support for the Muslim Community. Weekend school	Metin Sen	07799 405056	metin5en@hotmail.com		Glastonbury and Street
New Horizons Somerset	Training, advice and information women mainly from a BAME background.	Fiona Gaffa	01823 389597	nhsomerset@outlook.com	www.nhsomerset.org	Countywide
Philippine International Neighbourhood Association of Somerset (PINAS)	Community group organising cultural events, youth activities and cultural education.	Marcie Soco	07876 682937	orientalsharon69@gmail.com	www.facebook.com/somersetpinos	Taunton



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Polish Catholic Mission in England and Wales (Somerset Branch)	Supporting Polish families. Provides events and activities throughout Somerset for families. Runs charity events to support local Catholic Church.	Monika Viemiec Justyna Mironska	07999 714928	monikuba@op.pl	www.pcmew.org	England and Wales, has specific group in Somerset
Polish Christians in Somerset	Community faith group for the protestant Polish community in Somerset. Predominantly social and religious meet-ups with some support and community work.	Mariusz Gogolin	07599 704978	mariusz.gogolin@gmail.com	www.facebook.com/chrzescijaniesomerset	Somerset
Polish Saturday School of Jan Brzechwa in Taunton	School education Polish children from 4-11 years old. Classes are held on Saturdays from 10am-1pm	Ewelina Kujawska	07735038784; 07387811081	szkolataunton@wp.pl	www.szkolataunton.co.uk	Somerset
Polish Voice TV	Voice through media project for people interested in film production. Most members are 'newcomers' to Somerset.	Michal Puzynski	07884 597581	puzynski@gmail.com	www.facebook.com/PolishVoiceTV	Somerset (although based in Bridgwater)



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Polonia and Friends	Supporting Polish people to integrate into South Somerset and link with the wider community.	Maciej Szostko	0739 11 40 205	poloniaandfriends@gmail.com	www.facebook.com/Polonia-and-Friends-108695727396164	South Somerset
RAISE (Racial Awareness, Inclusion, Support and Education CIC)	Support organisation for BAME children and young people providing casework for schools and running youth groups.	Dion Bunting	07596 979065	dion.rsw@outlook.com		Somerset
Somerset Film	Charity dedicated to empowering individuals and communities through film and digital technology. Countywide initiatives such as Polish Voice and local initiatives such as Bridgwater Together event.	Phil Shepherd and Deb Richardson	01278 433187	info@somersetfilm.com	www.somersetfilm.com	Countywide



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Somerset Gypsy and Traveller Forum	A forum that brings together members of the Gypsy and Traveller communities with representatives of public sector and voluntary sector agencies with the express purpose of helping to improve the lives of Gypsies and Travellers in Somerset. This is a rebrand of what was originally a South Somerset only G&T Forum.	Dave Crisfield	01935 462240	david.crisfield@southsomerset.gov.uk	www.southsomerset.gov.uk/	Somerset
Somerset Portuguese Association	Community group to assist the Portuguese Community and those who speak Portuguese, to promote Diversity, our language and culture.	Alex Nunes		somersetpa2018@gmail.com	www.facebook.com/SomersetPA18	Somerset
South Somerset Muslim Cultural Association	Mosque and community centre with a focus on education and integration	Hamid Mustafa	07889 342603	hamid_yic@hotmail.com		Yeovil and 25 mile radius



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Stand Against Racism and Inequality (SARI)	Aims to eliminate racism and inequalities for people with protected characteristics and tackle Hate Crime. Delivers a free, confidential, 24/7 casework service for hate crime victims; works with agencies and communities to promote community cohesion and minimise the impact of hate; delivers awareness programmes to challenge negative perceptions and to promote equality, diversity and cultural awareness	Alex Raikes	0117 9420060	sari@sariweb.org.uk	www.sariweb.org.uk	Somerset and Bristol
Syrian Forum	Community meetings to share information and ideas. Promotion of integration for Syrian Refugees and others living in Somerset	David Mo	7852889453	david.moy@hotmail.com		West Somerset



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Tangle International	African-Caribbean touring theatre - workshops, performances, cultural education	Deborah Baddoo	01823 480198	executive@tangleinternational.com	www.tangleinternational.com	Somerset
Taunton Malayali Association	South Indian Keralan Community - sharing culture, cultural education and supporting vulnerable people	Bobby Chacko	07455 288795	tauntonmalayaliassociation@gmail.com	FB: Taunton Malayali	Taunton and the surrounding area
Taunton French Circle	Celebrating French	Josiane Nicolas		josianenicolas@btinternet.com	www.tauntonfrenchcircle.co.uk	West Somerset
Taunton Welcomes Refugees	Volunteers supporting Syrian refugees in Taunton	Chris Waddilove	01823 330768	waddilovechris@gmail.com		Taunton
Timor Leste Community (East Timor Community) Bridgwater	Community group for East Timorese people in Bridgwater, supporting the community and organising events	Januario Gusmao	07592 415277	easttimorcommunity@outlook.com	www.facebook.com/TimorLesteBridgwater	Bridgwater
Tuga Productions	Portuguese social activities. Organises Portuguese and multicultural events.	Marco Santos	07446 689266	dreadna@hotmail.com , Tuga.productions@hotmail.com	www.facebook.com/tugaproductions2008	Bridgwater (and collaborates with over groups in Somerset)
Young People Frome	Support for mainly disadvantaged children, young people and families in Frome.	Azeema Cafoor		azeemacaff@gmail.com	www.fromeactive.org.uk	Frome