



Somerset Diverse Communities - DIRECTORY 2021

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
Black Lives Matter Taunton	BLM Taunton is fighting pre-existing rural racism in Somerset, by creating sustainable structures in the local area, by building local networks with already established race equality and diversity organisations.	Vienna Ashley-Watts and Amilee Jobin		blacklivesmattertaunton@gmail.com	https://www.facebook.com/BlackLivesMatterTaunton	Taunton



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Bridgwater Islamic and Cultural Centre	Islamic faith group and mosque which also provides religious education to schools.	Karim Miah	07582 460571	karimmiah@live.co.uk		Bridgwater
Bridgwater Together Group	Organising activities and events to promote equality and diversity in Bridgwater.	Phil Shepherd		phil@somersetfilm.com		
British Bangladeshi Association Somerset	Cultural community group for British Bangladeshis who in Somerset.	Meraz Aziz	7852101213	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
BAME Network - NHS Somerset Foundation Trust	Network of BAME workers within NHS Somerset	Sunny Sander - Jackson		sun.sander-jackson@somersetft.nhs.uk		
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



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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/somersetpinoy	Taunton
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 Taunton	Provides Polish Community with access to education focused on Polish language and culture	Michal Puzynski	7884597581	puzynski@gmail.com	https://www.szkolataunton.co.uk/	South West
Polonia and Friends	Supporting Polish people to integrate into South Somerset and link with the wider community.	Dariusz Bialek	7835385386	poloniaandfriends@gmail.com	www.facebook.com/Polonia-and-Friends-108695727396164	South Somerset



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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 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 w	Dave Crisfield	1 935 462 240	david.crisfield@southsomeset.gov.uk		
Somerset African Caribbean Network	a community and campaigning Network supporting the African Caribbean community in Somerse	Susann Savidge		susann_bbc@hotmail.com	https://www.facebook.com/somersetafriancaribbeanetwork	
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.	Deb Richardson	01278 433187	info@somersetfilm.com	www.somersetfilm.com	Countywide



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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
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	Alex Raikes	0117 9420060	sari@sariweb.org.uk	www.sariweb.org.uk	Somerset and Bristol
Syrian Women's Group	Women's social group for Syrian women and their friends	Hadil Abu Kharas	07521 433225	hadeelabukhurs@gmail.com		Somerset
Tangle International	African-Caribbean touring theatre - workshops, performances, cultural education	Deborah Baddoo	01823 480198	executive@tangleinternational.com	www.tangleinternational.com	Somerset
Taunton French Circle	Celebrating French Culture	Josiane Nicolas		josianenicolas@btinternet.com	https://www.tauntonfrenchcircle.com/	



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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 Malayali Prayer Group	Christian prayer group for Keralan people in Taunton	Johnson Chacko Puthenveetil	07588 693842	moncythambi@yahoo.co.in		Taunton
Taunton Welcomes Refugees	Volunteers supporting Syrian refugees in Taunton	Simon Forrester	01823 330768	Simon@tauntonwelcomesrefugees.co.uk		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)
West Somerset Inter-Cultural Friendship Society	Promote the value of inter-cultural respect through events. Challenge racism and promote peace and equality	Pete Stevenson	07896 867799	petethepoet@hotmail.co.uk		West Somerset



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Women's Community Forum	Community empowerment organisations with a focus on language learning, empowerment through arts activities and women's empowerment courses	Akulah Agbami	07449 196673	thewomenscommunityforum@yahoo.co.uk	www.thewomenscommunityforum.org	Somerset
Young People Frome	Support for mainly disadvantaged children, young people and families in Frome.	Azeema Cafoor			www.fromeactive.org.uk	Frome