

## **GM Migrant Storytelling Project – Call for Participants**

GMCA is looking for participants to take part in a project which aims to **capture positive and inspirational stories of Greater Manchester (GM) residents who have a migration background.**

Through this project we would like to video-record individuals **speaking about their lives, communities and connection to Greater Manchester** and showcase examples of activities and projects that bring different communities together. We are interested in capturing stories of how people have made their home in GM and we want to show how, despite the inequalities and challenges that many migrants face, there is joy and resilience within GM's migrant communities.

By sharing these stories, we intend to spread a hopeful message, increase empathy for our neighbours, and celebrate the diversity and contribution of all residents to GM.

### **What would taking part involve?**

Following an initial call to talk through the process, we would visit you at a location of your choosing to make the video. Where an interpreter is needed, we will work with you and partner organisations to find one. We will ask you a few (pre-agreed) questions and film your responses and what you want to share with us. We estimate that this would take no more than half a day, and participants will be compensated for their time.

We aim to capture up to five different stories, and the videos of all participants will be edited into a short film or films. The film will be launched at in-person event in Autumn 2025 and shared through GMCA networks and communication channels. It will be used to shape and inform wider strategic work on migration and supporting the inclusion of GM's migrant residents.

### **Participant selection process**

We are looking for individuals who have a migration background and are interested in sharing their story with us. Project participants will need to be comfortable sharing their story with the public and to be filmed on camera and will be asked to sign a consent form.

We aim to highlight the diverse backgrounds and experiences of GM residents and will therefore select participants to provide diversity in terms of:

- Place of residence
- Nationality background and migration background (forced and voluntary)
- Length of time in GM/UK
- Age (18+ only)
- Gender

### **How to get involved**

To express your interest in taking part **please complete the following survey by April 28<sup>th</sup> 2025:** <https://forms.office.com/e/b1jpQkPydL>

Shortlisted participants will be contacted within the first couple of weeks in May, with filming expected to take place between May-June 2025.