



Governance

Manchester Afghan Women's Association

Manchester Afghan Women's Association (MAWA) is a newly formed group which aims to support Afghan women living in Manchester for them to grow in skills and confidence as well as help their children.

MAWA has already started a Dari and Pashto language school on Saturdays for school aged children at Beswick library to give them the skills to be able to learn their language and culture. Mothers can also meet and socialise there while the children are learning. The group hope to widen their activities once this first project gets fully established.

An organisational development worker is currently supporting MAWA with governance to:

- Help the trustees understand their roles and responsibilities and best
- Ensure the governing document is fit for purpose
- Manage any conflicts of interest
- Ensure they have the right policies and procedures in place and how to use and embed these in the running of the organisation.

In addition to face-to-face meetings, email and phone support, the group have also attended an informal session which helped them to gather and prioritise their ideas in a manageable way. MAWA is now looking at applying for small pots of funding to run its activities, in particular, the language classes.

"MAWA has found the advice and guidance given to them by Macc invaluable. We wouldn't have been able to do this without the help of Sarah. Thank you, Macc!"

