



## Registering as a CIO

## **North West Turkish Community Association**

North West Turkish Community Association (NWTCA) is a newly registered CIO. The charity seeks to bring together the Turkish-British community in the North West, to reduce isolation and to increase knowledge and understanding of the Turkish culture and language. NWTCA organises community events and Activities where people of all ages and nationalities can come together to experience Turkish culture through Turkish music, festivals, dance, food and art.



NWTCA provides English and Turkish language classes for children and parents to increase their language and communication skills and to facilitate their integration into British society. Their school North West Turkish Academy serves as a cultural connection to their students, but also serves as a community building platform for the rest of the community.

Through the language and cultural activities NWTCA also seek to reach out to people and include those who are socially isolated, whether by culture, language barriers or for other reasons.

NWTCA sought support from Macc to formalise its structure. An Organisational Development Worker supported the group to prepare its governing document and policies and to make the application to register as a CIO.

"Sarah has helped us to choose the right legal structure when we decided to move on from community group to an organisation."

"Sarah has helped us with the application process and was available to answer any questions we had. It was really convenient and reassuring to know that we had somebody to consult whenever we needed."

"Thank you so much for everything. I don't think we would be able to do this without your help."

NWTCA is currently busy preparing to take part in Manchester Day in June and is encouraging the community to get involved. The group is also looking forward to the upcoming visit to Manchester of a well-known Turkish folk music singer.

