

## TAKING ORGANISATIONS FURTHER

Working with other partners to help build the capacity of front line organisations, BASIS aims to provide services that will help consolidate what organisations do and how they do it. This is through capacity building training:

### Quality Standards

Establishing targets and outputs that can be monitored and evaluated.

### Leadership Development

Training and development on leadership and communication skills

### Marketing

Strategies that appeal to client groups and funders

### Business Planning

Encourage strategic thinking and long term planning by developing business plan

### Business Skills

Become more business-like but keeping with the charitable and community objectives

### Funding

A more complete service that can signpost to relevant funders but also give assistance with the actual bid

### Representation

Get interests represented and make representation on key bodies and partnerships

### Policy and Research

Improve organisation's knowledge about communities through policy and research

## WEST SUSSEX BASIS PROJECT

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## BASIS PROJECT

### EMPOWERING BME COMMUNITIES IN WEST SUSSEX



STAG

Action in rural Sussex



## WHO WE ARE

BASIS Project is a start from ground level to significantly increase the delivery of public services by the local Voluntary Sector.

This vision is also known as '**Capacity Building**' which basically means to build voluntary organisations in order to increase their capacity to deliver local services. In order to do this, support services (infrastructure services) that work with voluntary organisations are being encouraged to improve their own scope and quality.

In 2009, the BIG Lottery provided funds to establish local consortiums. The Consortium in West Sussex is known as the BASIS Project. It is a partnership made up of the following organisations:

### **Crawley Ethnic Minority Partnership**

works with BME communities and is the lead organisation in the BASIS partnership

### **Action in Rural Sussex**

Setting up and implementing representative forum for BME people overcome isolation and provide support for development.

### **STAG**

Sussex based Traveller and Gypsy organisation  
Development of a Gypsy Traveller representative forum to assist in overcoming difficulties of engagement.

### **Citizens Advice Bureau**

Explore the range of specialist and generalist advice services available in rural areas and to improve access and availability of services.

The partnership successfully received funding to identify and address the needs of BME communities, Travellers and Gypsies, Refugees, Asylum Seekers, migrant workers and Faith groups.

## KEY AIMS

### **The BASIS Project aims to help organisations:**

- ✦ Get recognition and build their profile
  - ✦ Raise and strengthen standards
- ✦ Bring their knowledge and expertise to service provision
- ✦ Work in partnership with Infrastructure services and statutory organisations
- ✦ Increase their capacity to really make a difference to their communities
  - ✦ Venues etc

## HOW WE CAN HELP

### **Keeping organisations going:**

BASIS aims to provide long-term sustainability to BME organisations that are growing and actively engaging within their communities

### **Training**

Train your groups to meet the increasingly new and professional skills needed to run an expanding organisation

### **ICT Support**

advice and support for groups on Information Computer Technology

### **Partnership**

Work in partnership with statutory and non-statutory organisations

## Getting Organisations Started

BASIS aims to help establish organisations and put in place the basic policies and procedures needed to attract funding.

### **Governance**

How organisations govern themselves.

### **Recruitment**

Recruiting and supporting volunteers.

### **Policies and Procedures**

Establishing and implementing policies and procedures e.g. child protection, constitution.

### **Start-up funding**

Research relevant sources of funding and help with the bid process.

### **Accessing resources**

Highlight what resources are available e.g. training opportunities.

