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roshni: giving the children of today a better tomorrow



JOIN ROSHNI

Roshni are always on the lookout for volunteers.

Being such a small organisation, we are dependent upon the goodwill and efforts of volunteers.

Volunteering for roshni not only benefits the communities in which we live, it is also an excellent vehicle for self empowerment.

The results of being part of an organisation where you can see the benefits to individuals and families who are perhaps not in the same fortunate situation as ourselves, is humbling.

If you are currently unemployed or just at a loose end and seeking to make a difference, come and talk to roshni.

KEEP IN TOUCH



roshni promotes safeguarding practices for children in minority ethnic communities in Scotland through the provision of information, advice, guidance, training and support in creating and deploying child protection policies.

roshni raises awareness of identifying potentially concerning behaviour in children and adults; measures which can effect a reduction in the risk children are exposed to in such environments; engaging the services of statutory organisations as appropriate.

This includes working with both educational and faith based establishments where children are being educated / cared for; working on an ad hoc basis with statutory bodies to provide advice and

consultation on issues relating to ME cultures and communities and advocating the needs of the ME community to Scottish Parliament.

Roshni is currently the only organisation in Scotland attempting to undertake this unique role for the ME community.

If you suspect abuse of a child....

Don't keep it to yourself - do something!



ACRE

Our "Abuse, Culture, Religion & Education" Awareness Programme

Safeguarding Today's Child



INFORMATION
SESSIONS FOR
CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE

ACRE continues with its progression into the communities in 2010

In 2009 roshni commissioned a group of drama students from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama (RSAMD), roshni and the young people from RSAMD created and staged the drama production of 'Who's Right' to spread awareness of child protection issues within the ethnic minority communities throughout Scotland.

The production which was staged in Scottish Parliament, explored issues and stereotypes as well as preconceived notions about how abuse is dealt within different cultures. This initiative was designed to encourage a community-led response to child abuse and neglect by hosting workshops and sessions for adults and children from ethnic minority communities to recognise the basic forms of abuse, to encourage others to report abuse and to appreciate the distinction between cultural upbringing and abuse.

roshni use the arts to explore such perceptions and attitudes in a secure and non-judgemental setting.

After each drama production, there is an open, honest and sometimes brutally frank Q&A session for community members. In 2009 the series of events were hosted in venues throughout Scotland, some in large community halls and others in small community classes. This platform is important for us to hear the views of community members, and understand areas in which we may need to possibly focus on.

If you want to host an ACRE awareness raising seminar in your community, please get in touch with roshni.

One of the primary aims at roshni is to promote the services of existing child protection agencies amongst the ethnic minority communities in Scotland. We must work together to give children and young people the ability to access the support services available to them locally and to have the confidence to feel safe, knowing that these agencies will provide the protection they need and when they need it, in order to keep them away from harm.

Roshni runs a 4 week interactive programme with young people aged 11-17 years old. The duration of each session is 1 hour and we often invite guest speakers from partner organisations to come along and raise the awareness of their services.

This programme is designed to be fun and engaging, yet convey the serious message of child abuse and the rights of the child.

Within this programme a number of other factors are inadvertently discussed, such as child protection issues, racism, civic participation and identity crisis.

There is a graduation at the end of the programme, where we encourage parents to come along and support the young person's development.

If you would like to host this programme with your group, please contact our offices.

This programme is available free of charge.

"I really liked it when roshni came in to see us. I had fun making my poster and learnt a lot about what is child abuse"

Laila Yousaf, age 11

roshni Scotland

Campaign to Ensure the Safety of Children in Your Care



Shaukat Sultan, roshni Project Manager with partners in the highly successful roshni Disclosure Scotland project

roshni is an intermediary organisation registered with CRBS and we, on behalf of all our partners undertake Disclosure Scotland checks on volunteers free of charge. We work with "child care" establishments, which provide religious learnings and focus on their primary cultures and influences, outside the mainstream.

Many BME communities in Scotland still believe in resolving matters within their own community hierarchies without involvement from statutory bodies without recognising this may expose children to further harm in the future. Roshni is working with these communities to act as an interface between them and the Scottish statutory bodies to create trust and ensure appropriate investigation and action is taken.

roshni also offer a service for paid employees within voluntary organisations. There is a standard charge levied by Disclosure Scotland for this service. This payment is made directly to Disclosure Scotland. roshni charge a minimal management fee for this service

Protecting Children

CRBS - Central Registered Body of Scotland



FAQ:

What is an Intermediary Body?

It is an organisation that is enrolled with the CRBS and is able to access disclosure checks for other not for profit voluntary sector organisations.

Why should I use an Intermediary Body?

If you are a small organisation and do not wish your disclosure certificates to be returned to you directly If you cannot store your disclosure certificates properly (as per the Code of Practice).

Currently roshni has assisted a total of over 50 organisations to ensure that they are putting the safety of children first. Over 140 individuals throughout the communities have been through the requisite checks ensuring they are fully compliant with current child protection legislation.

Does your organisation utilise the services of volunteers? Allow us to assist you in ensuring that your organisation is fully compliant with your obligations to children under the Protection of Children (scotlandACT 2003).

Feel free to contact us by phone or email. Alternatively we are happy to accommodate visitors to our offices.

For further information regarding Disclosure or CRBS checks, please email shaukat.roshni1@gmail.com

roshni Partners in Dundee



"It is indeed a testament to the vision of the individuals within DCYPPC that has allowed them to recognise the need to work alongside organisations such as roshni, who have the expertise to reach within the minority ethnic communities. Too often large organisations work within silos and do not develop the relationship at a grassroots level required to be effective within Scotland's diverse communities. I would hope that the DCYPPC will become synonymous within Dundee's ethnic communities as being committed to the needs and issues of the minority ethnic youth"

Ali Khan, Chair roshni



Allan retired from Strathclyde Police in April 2010 and leads on the development of Roshni projects, including our Dundee partnership. The former Head of Counter Terrorism brings with him a wealth of experience in dealing with members of the Scottish minority ethnic communities and a passion for delivering improved services to children and young people. Allan has commenced his talks with Disclosure Scotland and Scottish Government, in order to ensure that the current strategy impacts better on minority ethnic communities.

Alan Burnett, Head of Operations



roshni alongside DCYPPC have instigated a unique partnership. The beneficiaries are to be the young people particularly from minority ethnic communities in and around the Dundee area.

Roshni hold an enviable reputation for being able to access ME communities. DCYPPC have proven themselves to be at the forefront of not only child protection, but in recognising the need to engage with the young people within the various ME communities. DCYPPC recognise the importance of having ME communities represented at all levels within the voluntary and public sector.

Every child in Dundee has the right to be safe. It doesn't matter what their ethnic background is - they have that right.

Every person in Dundee has a responsibility to keep children safe and to do something if they feel children are not safe. It doesn't matter what their ethnic background is - they have that responsibility.

The community of Dundee is an exciting mixture of people from many ethnic backgrounds and that is to be celebrated. Together, roshni and the CYPPC want to include people from all ethnic minority communities in the work to protect children from harm and abuse - To take the steps that will prevent harm and abuse happening the first place and, when it does, to do what is necessary to stop it.



Alan Baird Chair DCYPPC

Asim Khan, roshni trustee alongside Alan Baird, chair of DCYPPC co-signing the partnership agreement. the event was held in the Caird Hall in Dundee. the event was presided by Dundee Lord Provost John Letchford



Jalal Uddin - ME Community Welfare Rights Officer:Shaukat - representing the Dundee roshni. Mohammed Issa and Gurdwara chatting to Ali Khan, Ranna Khan - Businessman chair of roshni

Tom Harrigan M.B.E. Head of External Relations roshni. Asim Khan, Trustee roshni. Mohammed Issa M.B.E.