



PRESS RELEASE

Greater Manchester Global Majority Fund Celebration Event

A celebration event to mark the successful delivery of the Global Majority Fund took place on Wednesday, 26th October 2022 at St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North, Manchester.

Funders and 45 grantees (organisations) were in attendance on the night to participate in an event that showcased the impact the funding has had in the community.

This grant programme was possible due to funding (£230k) from Comic Relief Global Majority Fund (in partnership with Esmee Faibairn, National Emergency Trust, and The Clothworks Foundation) with additional contributions (£20k each) from Salford CVS, One Manchester, Trafford Housing Trust, and the Caribbean & African Health Network (CAHN). The grant programme was administered by CAHN with support from Macc (Manchester Community Central); the strategic partner.

The objective of the funding programme was to increase the wellbeing of communities of African and Caribbean people in Greater Manchester. It was distributed to Black Caribbean and African led organisations that are working with and benefiting Black Caribbean and African communities across Greater Manchester.

Charles Kwaku-Odoi, Chief Officer of the Caribbean & African Health Network (CAHN) said: “We are pleased that the aim of the programme was met which included the wellbeing services, adapting services and additional costs of working remotely, ethnic food provision, volunteer costs, and helping engage with local community hubs.

“The funding prioritised practical health and welfare support - including ethnic food provision and with a focus on non-English speakers as well as activities that complement and connect to the response from local public sector services and help increase inclusion. The funding also helped reduce loneliness and isolation by enabling people to come together and contribute to the community (especially younger and older people).”

Mike Wild, Chief Executive of Macc added: “The Global Majority Fund is a great example of supporting people who are passionate about supporting their communities. Working together with CAHN was a great opportunity to develop ways to make it easier for those organisations to access some funding to do what they do. Community organisations are working flat out to address the inequalities created by broken systems: low pay, insecure work, the effects of long-term health conditions, access barriers to getting support. We saw lots of brilliant, inspiring, Black-led organisations who are making a real difference.”

Jonathan Baker, Community Capacity Builder at Trafford Housing Trust (THT), part of L&Q, said: “THT is pleased to support the Caribbean African Health Network, providing a £20,000 grant for projects helping the wellbeing of Trafford residents from African and Caribbean backgrounds during the recovery from the COVID crisis.

“The community-based work delivered thanks to the funding has been vital in helping people and communities to meet the challenges presented by the pandemic, and we are proud to help make that happen.”

Sharing her views of the event, Elizabeth Cameron, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Manager for One Manchester said: “What a pleasure it was to attend this event in a room brimming with talented creative and passionate professional cultural experts who had a varied range of responses to the pressing health and poverty concerns within these often ignored communities.

“The presentations from professionals, video interviews, short films and animations kept my interest throughout.”

Elizabeth added: “The stalls showed detail and gave additional information as well as the chance to make links with and network with community groups and our customers, giving us a chance to highlight our new OM Winter Wellness fund we hope they can apply to.”

Salford CVS were pleased that they could help support CAHN with their Global Majority Fund grants programme for Black-led organisations in Greater Manchester.

Alison Page, Chief Executive of Salford Community & Voluntary Services said: “As the local infrastructure organisation for Salford we were pleased to be able to provide some match funding investment to help ensure Salford groups could access support, alongside the locality grants support we already provide in Salford.

“Hearing about the impact of the work of grantees at the celebration event has confirmed for me that working collaboratively in this way is the best approach to ensuring we value and invest in a wide range of diverse community activity. Congratulations to CAHN and to everyone else involved.”

The total amount of the funding administered was £310k and 45 organisations benefited from grants of £5k, £10k and £15k. For a list of the grantees, please visit <https://www.cahn.org.uk/the-global-majority-fund-ii/>

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CAHN is a Black-led organisation set up to address health inequalities and the wider social determinants for people of Caribbean & African descent in Greater Manchester and beyond. We work with the Black community and cross-sector organisations to build community resilience, relationships, and a social movement to reduce health inequalities.

CAHN's vision is to end health inequalities and the wider disparities for Caribbean and African people in a generation.

Our mission is to lead strategic engagement on behalf of the Caribbean and African community so that Black people and organisations are empowered to improve and sustain holistic health and wellbeing.