



Training

Europaia

Europaia is the only Registered Charity (No 1161453) to work for the benefit of European Expats in Greater Manchester. Europaia aims to empower, support, train and represent individuals and their communities.



Europaia provides:

- Welfare advice
- Hate crime reporting centre and support
- Support in applying for EU settlement and rights of EU citizens
- Over 50's drop in sessions
- Over 50's research
- Art collective
- Community and cultural events

For a couple of years Europaia have tried to build better relationships with the extended European Expat community groups. They are often very busy with full time jobs or just not trusting of other groups and organisations. In an effort to better serve the community Europaia decided to start a peer to peer support network for leaders of not for profit European Expat community groups and also included strong training elements for anyone from these community groups (not just leaders).

Using an Asset Based Community Development approach the leaders group was set up. But the expertise to conduct training is why Europaia contacted Macc. Europaia had no funding to do this event and were keen to get professional training to upskill the community leaders.

Europaia received support in crafting a training session on how to set up a not for profit group and its different structures, governance and how to access funding. Macc helped in the promotion of this training session. Stuart, an Organisational Development worker at Macc, was also available to chat with community groups in an informal atmosphere, this helped the community members feel comfortable and to ask questions.

Europaia had a fantastic training session with 70% of the participants saying they enjoyed it and 90% saying they will return.

Two groups have had follow up meetings with Macc to access further support and to apply for funding. This is a massive success!



Participants to the session said:

"I really enjoyed this session, thank you for organising."

"A newly emerging community group has received a massive confidence boost by this training session" (Lithuanian community)

"Another group striving hard to create an identity for themselves have gained some momentum through this training session" (Slovak community)

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