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Chairperson's Introduction

I have the pleasure of presenting the Second Annual Report

Regenesis Squared was only formed in 2007, but in a short span of time we have moved from our original home in Wythenshawe to Fallowfield and achieved all the things we have. We moved into the old Loreto Convent in September 2007.

2008/9 was a staggering year of change. We effectively got the centre up and running, delivered a whole host of new courses, we launched the Fallowfield International Festival as part of Not Part of! But don't let me spoil the rest of the report for you!

I know that in months to come there will be more exciting achievements to tell you about and I look forward to it.

Naseer Nazar

Vision & Mission

Regenesi Squared strives to create a world without borders, where diverse societies, communities and individuals are further enriched, strengthened and empowered through the power of faith and social equity.

Regenesi Squared believes in a world where justice exists for all irrespective of their wealth, status or education and that everyone has a right to self-actualisation and self-determination.

Regenesi Squared will work towards becoming a key global component in brokering partnerships to develop communities and societies from within in a sustained, cohesive way which involves all and excludes no-one.

Regenesi Squared is a not-for-profit social enterprise based in Manchester. We build communities, develop human, social and financial capital in order to build a more cohesive and tolerant society. We aspire to build the capacity of other organisations, and individuals through a mixed and eclectic approach to development. We work locally and internationally.

Our services include:

- Training/education
- English: ESOL, IELTS, Business English
- Capacity Building Training:
 - Fund-raising, governance etc.
- Social enterprise training

- Room hire for meetings, training and events

- Networking & brokerage
- Advice & Consultancy
- Specialist community cohesion projects

Centre Users

Shakespeare House caters for all communities with a specialised interest in:

- BME Communities
- Faith Communities

And within those communities it caters for the needs of:

- Children
- Youth
- Women
- Elderly

Our Centre's policy is to be open to all irrespective of background. Most of our services are free to use. However, in order to remain as independent and sustainable as possible we rent out our facilities such as training rooms, meeting rooms to organisations and agencies at a competitive rate to ensure we can continue to meet the needs of our users.

Key Successes

2008/9 was our second year of existence. We managed to get the centre ship-shape and over three thousand people used the centre! There were so many projects that we were involved in that we have chosen to focus on a few select projects to give a feel for what we did this year.

M16 Women's Group Launched

The launch event for the M16 women's group took place in 2008 at Shakespeare House. The organisation aims to deal with the needs of local ethnic women and the event was a resounding success.



M16 is already a popular local women's organisation and we are doing what we can to ensure it continues to grow and prosper.

Fallowfield International Festival 2008

This was a first for Fallowfield – although we have a Whalley Range post code we fall into the political ward of Fallowfield due to boundary changes.

The Fallowfield International Festival aimed to celebrate the diversity of the local area and we celebrated in song, stalls and food.

Virtually all the local councillors attended as well as Gerald Kaufman MP and the Lord Mayor.

The icing on the cake was the display of Brazilian capoeira. Fallowfield not international? Don't believe it.



Drugs & Alcohol Awareness Sessions



In partnership with the Black Health Agency, we joined their “Reaching Out” Programme to deliver Drugs & Alcohol Awareness training and it was well received in the local community.

Drugs etc. are a big issue, and a taboo one, in the local communities. Due to our links with BME communities, particularly Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Arab we felt that a Drugs & Alcohol Awareness Training programme would make a tangible difference in the local area.



We carried out 6 sessions to almost 50 people. There is a lot of demand for the training to be repeated and hopefully we shall continue this next year.

Painting For Peace

This was an Art project funded by V Cash and delivered by young local artist Betoool Jabur – the idea was that a young person would help teach other young people to paint/draw.

Here are some of the paintings produced by the young people.



Once Upon an Eid

In commemoration of the life of the Prophet Abraham (a man who is considered a holy person in many faiths), we wanted to celebrate his life in story and song. We therefore held an event at Al-Waalis in late 2008.



We invited story tellers, comedians and a singer to join us at the event and a speech was delivered by Abu Sundus.



Other Achievements

- Longsight International Festival 2008
- Madrassah launched
- Learning Centre Tuition Club launched
- Many local school visits to teach creative writing

Summary & Future

2008/9 was a staggering year of change and development for us. As an organisation we are growing and the activities we are engaged in, we hope, making a tangible difference to the local area. We aim to grow even more next year and hope, in the long-term, to become a centre for excellence in terms of community cohesion, the environment and positive impact.

Manchester is an interesting city with fixed ways of doing things, but we believe that our communities' needs are unmet and we shall do what we can with the means at our disposal. We look forward to an even more exciting year of developments.