

BUILDING
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BRITAIN
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Partnership Support Programme

Summer 2017 Update

Introduction to BSBT

Building a Stronger Britain Together

The Home Office's Building a Stronger Britain Together (BSBT) programme supports civil society and community organisations who work to create more resilient communities, stand up to extremism in all its forms and offer vulnerable individuals a positive alternative, regardless of race, faith, sexuality, age, and gender.

The programme allows organisations that share these aims to bid for in-kind support and grant funding for specific programmes that deliver goals set out in the Counter Extremism Strategy.

We are delighted that 57 groups have been successful so far and are receiving the support they bid for, worth a total of £3.2m.

Network Feedback

"The approach that the Network Team is taking with partners is different from traditional funders. There is a genuine interest displayed in how we are doing. We as an organisation are excited about the BSBT partnership."

Beth - Donnington Doorstep

"Thanks so much for coming to show us the fab work that has been done so far for our new website! I had no idea what to expect but was so pleased with what we saw."

Rayya - Iraqi Association

"Let me say thank you for the hard work you and your team have put in to help MCWG continue doing its work with a great website. Great colours on the banners and looks really fresh, so please thank all of your team."

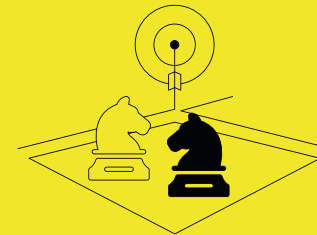
Abderrahman - MCWG

"The video is immensely impressive. It is clear and hits the mark (...) it is really superb. In fact immaculate. Thanks for all your assistance on this excellent piece."

Riaz - St Philip's Centre

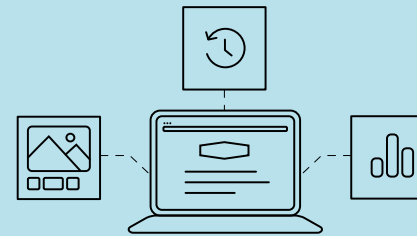
Call 1 In-Kind Support Awarded

20 Strategy Packages



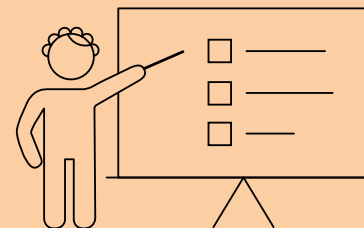
Strategy packages help upskill groups to better understand how they might communicate with stakeholders and engage their target audience using PR & social channels.

15 Website Builds



Website builds mean groups can update their websites in real time, allowing their audiences to access information at any time. This reduces the need for involvement from expensive 3rd party website providers.

33 Training Packages



Training packages are upskilling 462 people (based on a maximum of 14 people per session).

Call 1 Grant Support Project Highlights

We currently provide grant support to 39 groups. Here are some of the highlights:

IRAQI ASSOCIATION

The Women's Wellbeing Project offers a range of services that improve the life quality of isolated women in the Iraqi community.

49 recorded as having attended a session.
Individuals

THE GREENHOUSE PROJECT

The Positive Images Project is enabling young people and their communities to access opportunities that support their creative development, understanding and celebration of diversity.

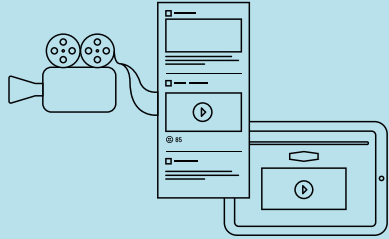
385 have participated to date.
Young people

PSHE ASSOCIATION

This project is training teachers on how to address extremism through their PSHE programme.

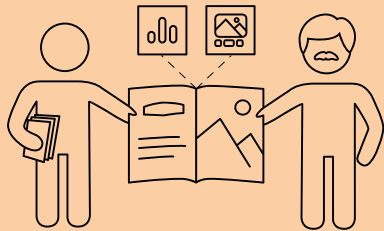
200 25 places are available on each course, so 50 in each location, giving a total of 200 overall. Almost 800 applications have been made for the 200 places to date.
Places

40 Case Study Films



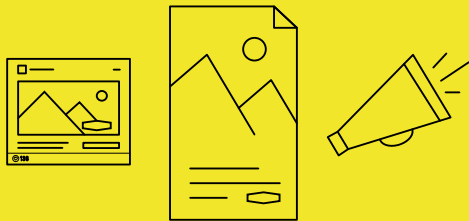
Case study films help to amplify groups' messages to their target audiences.

89 Printed Assets



Printed assets equip groups with the materials they need for any situation.

5 Social Media Campaigns



Social media campaigns help groups raise their profile and meet their objectives.

Case Studies

TEES VALLEY INCLUSION PROJECT

This project has already supported more than 160 vulnerable and isolated women from the BME community in the North East of England. The support has allowed these women to confidently report tensions within the community, create meaningful dialogue with community safety partners and feel a sense of belonging within their neighbourhoods.

161
Attendees

participated in the first two Circle of Friends meetings. One more Circle of Friends meeting plus a large-scale summit are planned for later this year.

SALTMINE TRUST

This play and workshop explores British values in an engaging way, incorporating the theme of extremism.

1214
Young people

have seen the show 'In Their Shoes' so far. 6 performances of the show and 11 workshops were delivered in 4 primary schools across Dudley.

ML COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE

This project is supporting young people who are involved in gangs and deemed to be most at risk of developing extremist views in Lambeth. Workshops are being delivered to increase a sense of belonging and civic participation, and include cultural learning, life coaching, employment advice, mentoring and peer support.

137
People

participated in 91 workshops.

Network engagement

BSBT Events

3 BSBT events have taken place so far in London, Birmingham and Blackburn.

Attended by community coordinators, BSBT partners and other stakeholders, the events provide a great opportunity for those involved with the programme to network, learn about the benefits of what BSBT can offer, and receive training in areas such as communications and PR.



27 participants attended the London event
11 participants attended the Birmingham event
20 participants attended the Blackburn event

We are planning a series of regional and thematic events to bring our partners together, allowing them to share good practice and meet each other. We will also provide professional training at these events on PR, social media – and anything else you think would help you build your audience, please let us know!

We are also planning an exciting National Partnership Event in October, please hold 19 October in your diary. The Network team will be sure to keep you updated with any events through our regular newsletter.

A snapshot of some of the groups we're working with



If you want to get involved, find out more about the programme or sign up to our regular e-newsletter, please get in touch with Darren or Jez.

Or visit gov.uk and search for 'Building a Stronger Britain Together'.

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