

BAPSCCG PRIORITIES

2009/2010

What we said in the Community Strategy

Over the last few years, the borough has developed a reputation for positive work to address these issues and the risks that they generate.

Agencies, voluntary, community and faith groups are working together for a positive future in which the Borough is truly diverse; a place where people get on well together and feel part of making Burnley better, regardless of where they live in the Borough, their skin colour, religion, age, sexual orientation or disability.

Although many organisations are involved in building good relations between members of different communities in Burnley, the borough continues to manage a range of tensions and problems around community relations. The issue of "parallel lives" - people of different heritage living in isolation of one another- continues to create challenges.

Burnley is known for its people being ones who talk straight and do not shy away from the difficult conversations. This is an area that should be encouraged, voices being heard and in appropriate ways, which promote understanding and create the conditions for a shared sense of belonging and purpose between the different communities making Burnley what it is.

National Indicators

- **NI 1** – % of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area.
- **NI 4** – % of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality
- **NI 35** – Building Resilience to Violent extremism. *An assessment framework to evaluate the effectiveness of Prevent related programmes.*

How: Working with Partners to monitor tensions, strengthen structures for reporting and building community confidence. BCN to support individuals and organisations to get involved in local decision making through the LSP. CVS Take Part Pathfinder to encourage and support more and wider community engagement.

- **NI 6** – participation in regular volunteering
- **NI 7** - Creating the environment for a thriving 3rd Sector.

How: Using the Volunteer Centre to promote the opportunities available to individuals looking to volunteer and organisations that involve volunteers. Using CVS and BCN learning opportunities to develop skills in individuals and organisations. Public agencies to provide support for VCF groups, especially those engaged with supporting cohesive communities.

Group Priorities

- An assessment of Cohesion work undertaken, what has been done and what difference has this made.
- Education in Burnley – supporting the development of opportunities that build cohesive communities. Working closely with Pennine Lancashire Cohesion Group.
- Continued work to support activities that positively address issues around the 'Prevent' Agenda.
- Sustaining a rich programme of creative, cultural and leisure activity across the Borough.
- Continued work to build Good Relations: Using meditative process and community
- Working to understand and address the underlying issues that threaten cohesion eg inequality, lack of respect between cultures and fairness.

What might happen 2011 - to consider

- Change of policies – impact and implementation
- Future Funding /Grants