

Through the period leading up to this month our staff and volunteers continued to work hard to ensure each leg of the organisation is running seamlessly and that all of our beneficiaries have continued to be supported. This contributed to us being named one of the #SmallButVital charities by Lloyds Bank foundation in the month of June.

This month marked the end of our 2019/20 financial year and we are proud to say that The CAE has provided over **1390 one to one services** to the BAME communities across our food bank, core activities, Youth Entrepreneurs Network (YEN) and Inform Young Refugees (IYR) projects.

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OUR ACTIVITIES



FOODBANK IMPACT

In partnership with Fareshare UK, we have managed to have the following impact:

For the month of August, we were able to distribute grocery packages to **77 families and 17 individuals**.

However, March to date we have been able to serve the community with **3,864KG** of food, which breaks down to **9,200** meals in total!

Recipients of the service have been pleased with the support received so far with one quoting as follows,

"the foodbank helped us a lot! Every week they were at our door with food in surplus that I was even able to share with others who didn't have" - Sylvie.

CORE PROJECTS

Our passionate team strives to provide the very best of services to the marginalized communities in and around Swansea.

YEN has been a shining light of guidance and support for disadvantaged BAME entrepreneurs and provided a space for them to voice their concerns and we would in turn host events that are targeted to tackle their concerns. Over the past year YEN has had **100+ people** in attendance for the different events we have hosted. Additionally, we have provided over **566** one to one services to entrepreneurs at different stages of their journey.

IYR has been a place of comfort for refugees who are able to benefit from our formal and informal services, ranging from emotional/mental health support to job securing services that we provide. We have provided **832 one to one support** over the past financial year.

We are pleased to share that *3 of our IYR beneficiaries were accepted into university starting in September!* Two were accepted for nursing at the University of Wales Trinity St David's with the other being accepted to Swansea University for Applied Medical Sciences.

BUSINESS CONFERENCE: SUCCEEDING IN A NEW ERA

On August 25, we had a business conference themed, succeeding in a new era, which covered; business registration, handling business finances, branding & marketing. The event boasted of top tier speakers who were all BAME women, running their respective small businesses in personal & business accounting, branding & marketing and events planning.

Over **30 people** attended from different parts of Wales with 1 person tuning in from Paris!

"I am motivated to start my business now" - Anonymous

"Thank you for a very organised event" - Anonymous

This is amongst the feedback we received from the attendees.

As the YEN project draws to an end in September, this highly anticipated information packed event was a great way to equip our participants for succeeding in the current uncertain climate.

OUR TEAMS ARE GROWING

In the month of July, we welcomed Carolina Banza onto our senior management team. Carolina is in charge of our short and medium term fundraising and strategic planning as well as our financial recording, reporting and forecasting!

We also added new supermarkets to collect from for our food bank service and we have increased the capacity of our delivery team to be able to serve more people within our community. We also gained 2 volunteers to our team increasing our capacity to serve the community.

This month we welcome Ibrahim Mohammed to our team! Ibrahim will be now heading the Inform Young Refugees project.

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