



**Meeting with
Multi -Cultural Hub**

September 2025



Wrexham City Board

Multi-Cultural Super Group

Meeting Notes

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Overview

On Tuesday 16th September, the Wrexham City Board (represented by Rachel Clacher and Iolanda Banu Viegas, and supported by Mike Corcoran and Lisa Scully) joined a meeting (online) of the North East Wales Multi-Cultural Hub (MCH).

In attendance, in addition to Iolanda (the MCH represented on the Wrexham City Board) were 13 Hub members, each representatives of Wrexham's diverse and multi-cultural communities, including representation from organisations and agencies including:

- North Wales Community Cohesion Team
- Wrexham Islamic Cultural Centre
- Wrexham Africa Community
- Refugee Kindness
- St Mary's Catholic Church
- Race Equality First
- Clywd Alyn Housing Association
- Paallam Arts
- Communidade Da Lingua Portuguesa Wrexham (CLPW)
- And others (from both formal and informally constituted groups).

During the meeting, the MCH members were given an introduction to the work of the Wrexham City Board, and invited to offer feedback regarding:

- A.** The Wrexham City Board's intentions to develop a 'youth zone' for Wrexham.
- B.** The wider ways in which the Wrexham City Board may support the MCH.
- C.** How MCH members would like to remain involved in the work of the Wrexham City Board going forward.

This short summary report presents the key findings from each of these discussions.

These notes have been prepared by Mike Corcoran on behalf of the Wrexham City Board.

Discussion 1: A Youth Zone for Wrexham

When reflecting on the potential for a future 'Youth Zone' for Wrexham, key points raised by MCU members were as follows:

- **The importance of representation:** both in ensuring that staff, volunteers and programme leaders within the youth zone are representative of Wrexham's diversity, and in ensuring that a wide range of events and activities are provided which appeal to all across these communities.
- **The importance of safety:** with measures put in place to ensure that any visitor to the youth zone would be safe, welcome and free from abuse, prejudice and discrimination.
- **The importance of accessibility:** including being accessible via car and public transport, having spaces and programmes which are accommodating to neurodiverse young people, and being socially accessible – breaking down barriers to participation, including through low cost and free-to-access services.
- **Opportunities for partnership working:** with consideration for how existing youth provision would be developed and enhanced (alongside development of a central hub, as part of a 'hub and spoke' model), and with partnership working recommended in all areas of delivery
- **Opportunities for intergenerational use:** use opportunities for families, older people and others to make use of facilities during daytimes (when there may be less demand for core youth zone services).
- **Ideas for sports programmes:** with particular demand amongst multi-cultural communities for activities including cricket, and swimming, or opportunities for members of multi-cultural communities to train as sports coaches welcomed.
- **Ideas for skills developed programmes:** including programmes developing practical life skills, and facilitating cultural exchanges, including in growing food, cooking, making cloths and so on. Access for personal and professional coaching, careers guidance and work taster opportunities would also be welcomed.

Discussion 2: Wider priorities for MCH members

When considering wider priorities for their communities, key themes raised by MCH members were as follows:

- **The need for safe and inclusive community spaces:** with a lack of accessible community spaces, accessible to MCH members and equipped with cooking and storage facilities highlighted as a key priority.
- **The need for a strong stance of inclusion and anti-racism:** with the Wrexham City Board taking positive steps to ensure the safety of Wrexham's diverse communities, and supporting a shift towards a more welcoming, inclusive and anti-racist sociation.
- **The need for public education:** challenging misinformation with regards to sensitive and complex political issues, for example asylum and housing, and

supported by awareness raising relating to the many positive contributions made to Wrexham (and the UK) by our multi-cultural communities.

- **The need for greater representation:** with many across Wrexham's multi-cultural communities still feeling unheard and unrepresented. More opportunities for involvement in local decision making were welcomed, and the importance of clear communication and inclusive language was emphasised.

Discussion 3: Supporting the Wrexham City Board's work

Looking to the future, MCH members would welcome more opportunities to speak with Wrexham City Board members within their regular meetings, and for more members to become involved in the Board's work (through its engagement events, working groups or otherwise).

It was recommended that MCH members share any local or national examples of good practice, which they would like to see adopted by the Wrexham City Board to enhance its practice with regards to engagement, equality and inclusion.

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