

Black and Minority Ethnic
Organisations
and
Resources
in the
Royal Borough of
Kingston upon Thames
and
Surrounding Areas

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African

African and Caribbean Relatives and Residents Association Elders Project

Information and support for African Caribbean elders on sheltered housing, residential and nursing care. Advice for families, carers and professionals. Support for realities groups in Lambeth, Manchester and Birmingham. Publish a directory of sheltered housing and residential care for African Caribbean elders and good practice guides on food, leisure resources and relatives involvement in homes.

5 Tavistock Place
London WC1H 9SN

Tel: 020 7692 4305
Fax: 020 7916 0515

African and Caribbean Voices Association

Reminiscence activities provided for and with elders from Africa (including Uganda, Nigeria, Sierra Leone) and the Caribbean (including Dominica, Jamaica, St Kitts, St Lucia). Training in public speaking and presentation, story telling and writing and internet training. Organise outings and reminiscence events at a range of venues and community centres.

Unit 3 Durning Hall
Earlham Grove
Newhamondon E7 9AB

Tel: 020 8536 3822

African Community Involvement Association

Provides information and support for people and families who are infected by HIV/AIDS, covering all areas affecting African people across the board within the borough of Kingston, at the Welcare Centre, every first Wednesday of each month and across other boroughs in South London.

Justin Plaza 3
Viceroy Suite 1
341 London Road
Mitcham
Surrey CR4 4BE

Tel: 020 8687 2400/0208 640 9479
Fax: 020 8646 4363
Email: info@acia-uk.org
mohammed@acia-uk.org
Website: www.acia-uk.org

African Families Support Services

Established to address issues relating to poverty, sickness, education, guidance, social exclusion, support and advice on social and health issues to African communities living in London, particularly refugees, asylum seekers, youth and those affected by HIV / Aids.

Flat Afss, Chichester House
145a London Road
Kingston
Surrey KT2 6NH

Tel: 020 8974 9993
Fax: 020 8547 3139
Email: info@afss.org
Website: www.afss.org

Association for Sierra Leonean Refugees (ASLER)

Advice, advocacy, counselling and practical help for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants from Sierra Leone. Advice on benefits, housing, immigration and health. Interpreting and translation. Befriending and home support for older people and their carers. Evening classes for disadvantaged African children and counselling sessions.

Unit B01
Macbean Centre
Macbean Street
London SE18 6LW

Tel: 020 8855 4681
Email: asler@btinternet.com

East African Women's Organisation

59 School Lane
Surbiton
Surrey KT6 7QH

Tel: 020 8288 9135

Ghana Union London

Umbrella organisation for 50 affiliated Ghanaian groups. Information and advice for the African communities on benefits, employment, housing, immigration, education, health and care services. Day services (at Amphyll Square TA Hall, Camden) for elderly and disabled people with games, music and social activities. Supplementary school for children.

431 Caledonian Road
London N7 9BG

Tel : 020 700 3225
Email : post@ghanaunion.demon.uk

Ilawe-Ekiti Association UK (Nigerian State)

Social and advisory group for the Ilawe-Ekiti community in the UK. Advice on benefits, housing rights, Health, mental health, emotional and family problems. Limited home visiting, support and transport to appointments for older or frail members of the community. Social events, outings and an annual holiday.

152 Brooke Road
London N16 7RR

Tel : 020 8806 4097
Fax : 020 8806 4087

Kingston, Richmond and Surrey African Positive Outlook

Provides information and community support services to people of African descent who are affected / infected by HIV / AIDS and living within Kingston, Richmond and Surrey.

Room 14
United Reform Church
Eden Street
Kingston upon Thames
Surrey KT1 1HZ

Tel: 020 8 546 1671 – Helen/Margaret
Email: African-positiveoutlook@yahoo.co.uk

Oromo Community in the UK (Ethiopian)

Advice for asylum seekers and refugees. Cultural and educational activities, Mother tongue classes. Escort people to appointments. Translation and interpreting for other agencies and members. Advice on benefits, health, housing rights, immigration and nationality. Bereavement support. Day trips and outreach services, home visits.

1st Floor
11 Goodwin street
Finsbury Park
London N4 3HQ

Tel: 020 7263 5030
Fax: 020 7281 8020
Email: ocuk@oromia/fsnet.co.uk

Sierra Leone Women's Forum UK

Support for women, families, refugees and asylum seekers from Sierra Leone. Advice, information and help contacting other agencies. Interpreting. Drop-in and social activities. Basic literacy and computer literacy skills with older women, home visits and outreach work. Research on the needs of elderly Sierra Leoneans. Seminars on health, mental health and youth issues.

The Crypt
St Mary Magdalene Church
Holloway Road
London N7 8LT

Tel: 020 7700 0540
Fax: 020 7286 5290
Email: gladyss@compuserve.com

Supporting African Youth Development

Supporting African Youth Development provide leisure and educational activities for young people from Black and minority ethnic communities within Kingston and surrounding areas.

116 Tolworth Rise South
Surbiton
Surrey KT5 9NJ

Merton African-Caribbean Organisation

A centre for the African-Caribbean community. Advice is provided on welfare, legal rights, health and housing. Offers fitness and craft activities as well as a community visiting scheme for the elderly, isolated and disabled members. Lunch and day club also provided for older people of Merton.

The Vestry Hall
London Road
Mitcham
Surrey CR4 3UD

Tel: 020 8648 9889.

Merton Somali Community

Provision of services for refugee and asylum seekers in Merton. Offers advice and information on benefits, health, housing, education, immigration and employment. Home visits, social and cultural events also provided for older Somali people. Mother of tongue classes for 5-13 yrs.

The Vestry Hall
336 London Road
Mitcham
Surrey CR4 3ND

Tel: 020 8648 3862 (for an appointment)

Somali Carers Project and Lunch Club

Services for Somali people in need of care, including the elderly. Domiciliary care includes personal, domestic and social care. Escorts for medical appointments and day centres. Games and social activities.

Suite B, 2nd Floor
Thames House
3 Wellington Street
London SE18 6NZ

Tel: 020 8854 8665
Fax: 020 8317 1700
Email: office@somalicarersproject.com
Website: www.somalicarersproject.com

Somali Caring and Education Association

Provides advice and information for Somali refugees and asylum seekers. Help with housing, benefits, education and training, employment, finding accommodation, health and racial harassment. Drop-in for 50+ elders. Hot lunch, advice on health and fitness classes. Translation and interpreting service.

Room B009
241 King Street
London W6 9LP

Tel: 020 8563 0320
Fax: 020 8563 0320
Email: hf sca@yahoo.co.uk

Somali refugee Action Group – Carers and Special Needs Project

Carers and Special Needs Project provides personal care for frail elderly and disabled people from the Somali, Arabic and Swahili speaking communities. Somali group provides advice on benefits, health immigration, employment and training etc. Weekly women's group. Interpreting project, accompanies people to appointments.

Units B05, Building B
McBean Centre
McBean Street
London SE18 6LW

Tel: 020 8317 3447
Fax: 020 8855 0683
Email: services@somalicareagency.org.uk
Website: www.somalicareagency.org.uk

Arabic

Al-Zaitoona Arabic School

Provides tuition for children who wish to learn Arabic as a second language.

Open to all ages from 3-17 years and adult classes from 18 years.

c/o Robin Hood Primary School, Bowness Crescent
Kingston Vale
Kingston
Surrey SW15 3QL

Tel: 07760 465 890 and 079099 72412

Email: alzaitoona@hotmail.com

Website: <http://al-zaitoona.tripod.com>

Armenian

Centre for Armenian Information and Advice

Advice and information for the Armenian community, including refugees and asylum seekers. Cover housing, homelessness, benefits, employment, immigration and nationality, training and education. Health advocacy and outreach. Cultural and social activities. Older people's club and translation service.

105a Mill Hill Road
Action
London W3 8JF

Tel: 020 8992 4621

Email: info@caia.org.uk

Website: www.caia.org.uk

Bangladeshi

Fatima Community Centre

A centre for the Bangladeshi community and other local groups. Advice and referrals are provided on benefits, health and leisure.

Commonwealth Avenue
London W12 7QR

Tel: 020 8740 0477

Bahai

Bahäiís of Kingston

Established to support many organisations by incorporating with the advocacy of most multi-cultural events. Work to promote equality in different races and religions. Bahäiís Faith is an independent religion that embraces all major religions revealed by God, e.g. Judism, Christianity, Zoroastrian, Hindu, Islam, Buddhist, Babi and Bahai.

6, The Mall
Surbiton
Surrey KT6 4FQ

Tel: 020 8390 4886
Email: dianne_mahboubi@btconnect.com
Website: www.kingston-bahai.co.uk

Buddist

The Buddhapadipa Thai Temple

The Buddhapadipa Thai Temple was the first Buddhist temple in the UK; established by the London Buddhist Temple Foundation with the objective of creating a centre for the dissemination of theoretical and practical Buddhist teachings in Europe. Has a Sunday School where families with children are most welcome, to come to learn Thai language, Buddhism and Thai culture. We teach meditation four times a week. We hold residential retreats. We teach Buddhism. We can visit schools or organisations to give talks. Public are wellcome to visit from 9.00am to 6.00pm.

The Buddhapadipa Temple
14 Calonne Road, Wimbledon Parkside
Wimbledon
London SW19 5HJ

Tel: 020 8946 1357
Fax: 020 8944 5788
Email: dhammacaro@gmail.com
Website: www.buddhapadipa.org

Dorjechang Buddhist Centre

Dorjechang Buddhist Centre offers a range of meditation classes and day courses. The sessions are open to everyone, beginners and experienced meditators alike, regardless of background or belief.

62, Graham Road
Wimbledon
London
SW19 3SS

Tel: 020 8540 0049
Email: dorjechang@blueyonder.co.uk
Website: www.meditateinwimbledon.org

Caribbean

West Indian Ex-Servicemen and Women's Association UK

Advice and support for West Indian ex-servicemen and women and their dependents. Information and advice on benefits, pensions, welfare rights, housing, counselling services. Lunch club for elderly and disabled members of the community, proving an opportunity to socialise. Transport is provided to and from the centre.

161 – 167 Clapham Manor Street
London SW4 6DB

Tel: 020 7627 0702
Fax: 020 7498 0452

Chinese

Chinese Community Association - South West London

Provides social, cultural, educational and sporting activities. Talks are given on a range of topics as well as Mandarin classes for all.

The Vestry Hall
336 London Road
Mitcham, Merton
Surrey CR4 3UD

Chinese Community Centre

Advice, advocacy, social and recreational and educational activities for the Chinese community. Project for elders providing advice on benefits, housing, council tax etc. Educational workshops, English classes, health talks and check-ups, social and recreational activities, outings. Information for the general public on issues relating to the Chinese community.

2nd Floor
28-29 Gerrard Street
London W1D 6JP

Tel: 020 7439 3822
Fax: 020 7734 3572

Chinese National Healthy Living

Monitors health needs of the Chinese community. Co-ordinates interpreting services for Chinese users of health services. Surgery for health information, advice and primary health care. Runs the Cantonese and Mandarin Healthline and a disability support scheme. Carers' support centre provides drop-in respite care with advice, activities, support groups and help with accessing services.

29-30 Soho Square
London W1V 5DH

Tel: 020 7287 0904
Fax: 020 7534 6545
Email: cnhlc@hotmail.com

Kingston Chinese Association

The Kingston Chinese Association (KCA) aims to meet the needs of its members and supporters through the provision of regular Educational and social activities. KCA's objectives are to promote Chinese Arts and Culture across the Royal Borough of Kingston and neighbouring boroughs, and encourage community cohesion. Regular activities organised by KCA include Tai Chi classes, Mandarin language classes, dance classes, Mah Jong lessons and weekly lunch clubs for the elderly.

Milaap Day Centre
Murray House
Acre Road
Kingston Upon Thames
KT2 6EE

Tel: 020 8541 0991 (Mr K C Choi) or 020 8399 1691 (Mrs Macille To)
Fax: 020 8541 0991
Email: kc@kcchoi.freemove.co.uk or macille.to@kcaonline.org.uk
Website: www.kcaonline.org.uk/

Ming Tak Chinese School

An independent voluntary school that aims to provide Chinese language classes, culture and education.

c/o Avenue Primary School
Avenue Road
Belmont
Surrey

Tel: 020 8224 9833 / 07714 818 747
Fax: 020 8224.9833
Email: webmaster@mingtak.org / uhpi@talkzl.com
Website: <http://www.mingtak.org/>

Eretrean

Eritrean Community in the UK

Advice and information for the Eritrean community, including refugees and asylum seekers. Covers benefits, immigration, housing, social services, training, family issues and education. Counselling and support for women affected by trauma. Support groups for women and older people. ESOL classes and a range of cultural and social activities.

266-268 Holloway Road
London N7 6NE

Tel: 020 7700 7995
Fax: 020 7609 1539
Email: ecuk@globalnet.co.uk

Greek Cypriot

Theatro Technis Advisory Service

Centre for the Cypriot community offering a range of cultural and social activities, including a multi-lingual and multi-cultural theatre. Advice covering housing, welfare rights, legal issues. Advocacy, interpreting and translation services. Lunch club for older Cypriots with entertainment.

26 Crowndale Road
London NW1 1TT

Tel: 020 7387 6617
Fax: 020 7388 7971
Email: info@theatrotechnis.com
Website: www.theatrotechnis.com

Gurjarati

Kingston Upon Thames Gujarati School

Provided to teach Gujarati language and culture to anyone interested; main focus is towards young children. Badminton and fitness classes also offered.

61 Surbiton Hill Park
Surbiton
Surrey KT5 8EH

Tel: 020 8399 2498 Mobile: 07956252294
Fax: 0208 390 8624
Email: info@gujaratischool.co.uk
Website: www.gujaratischool.co.uk

Hindu

Sarvoday Hindu Association

Aims to promote Hindu culture and traditions to members and their families.

24 Oxford Crescent
New Malden
Surrey KT3 5QL
Email: arun@tank24.worldonline.co.uk

Shee Ghanapathy Temple

Offers a place of worship for the Hindu community plus socio-religious and cultural activities. (There is also a Sai Baba Mandir adjoining the temple.)

Shee Ghanapathy Temple
123-133 Effra Road
Wimbledon
London SW19 8PU

Tel: 020 8547 0115

Iranian

Iranian Association

Offers advice and information for the Iranian community, including refugees and asylum seekers. (Advice is given on benefits, immigration, housing, education and employment). Day centre for the elderly and disabled people is also offered at: 6, The Vale, Acton, W3 7SB (020 8740 1123) Provision of training courses in IT and basic literacy. Provision of Farsi classes

Palingswick House (Annexe)
241 Kings Street
Hammersmith
London W6 9LP

Tel: 020 8748 6682
Fax: 020 8563 7549
Email: info@iranian-association.org.uk
Website: www.iranianassociation.org.uk

Iranian Community Centre

Advice and information for the Iranian community. Advice on immigration, welfare rights, housing, women's issues, education, employment. Project for older people providing advice, advocacy, interpreting and a support network. Health and outreach support.

266/268 Holloway Road
London N7 6NE

Tel: 020 7700 0341
Fax: 020 7700 3248

Iranian Community Group in Kingston

Members of the Iranian Community meet every Monday for social activities in Kingston.

Meeting place every Monday:
The Cricket Pavilion
Canbury Gardens
Off Richmond Road, off Chestnut Road
Kingston upon Thames

Send to:

107 Kingston Hill
Kingston upon Thames
KT2 7TZ

Tel: 020 8546 7724 or 07841 584 461
Email: katykian@yahoo.com

Iraqi

Iraqi Community Association

Offers advice and information for the Iraqi and Arab communities. Provision of cultural, social activities and mother tongue classes. Home visits and practical help services provided to elderly Iraqi people. (Topics of discussion include: benefits, immigration, housing, education and employment).

Palingswick House (Annexe)
241 Kings Street
Hammersmith
London W6 9LP

Tel: 020 8741 5491
Fax: 020 8748 9010
Email: info@iraqiassociation.org
Website: www.iraqiassociation.org

Kingston Iraqi Community Group

Activities for children and older people – conversation, tea and coffee, card games, chess and dominoes. Activities for children and families – games, activities and classes. Meeting on a Saturday afternoon.

Milaap Centre
Murray House
Acre Road
Kingston upon Thames
KT2 6EE

Tel: Khadija Elsekaifi 020 8241 6305

Irish

Kingston Ulster Society

The Society is affiliated to the Confederation of Ulster Societies but all are welcome to join even if they have no links with Ulster. There are social activities including a St.Patrick's Day dinner, a Christmas lunch and coach outings as well as regular meetings.

Fax: 020 8661 1719
Email: ulsterinkingston@aol.com

London Irish Centre

Community and welfare provision for newly arrived and homeless Irish. Advice on benefits, housing, employment, education, access to services, pensions and getting ID. Offers an elders day club, befriending scheme; resettlement scheme for young people (16-24); alcohol counselling and assessment as well as cultural and social activities. Elders Outreach worker, Kilburn, Camden, Islington.

50-52 Camden Square
Camden
London
NW1 9XB

Tel: 020 7916 2222
Fax: 020 7916 2638
Email: irishcentre@hostels.org.uk
Website: www.Irishcentre.org.uk

London Irish Elders Forum

Provides support to Irish pensioners. Campaigns are made to raise the profile and needs of older Irish within agencies in England and Ireland. Information and advice offered; promotes the development of culturally sensitive welfare services to Irish people.

c/o The Irish Centre
50-52 Camden Square
Camden
London
NW1 9XB

Tel: 020 7485 7030 or 020 8671 9504
Email: dervilla@lief.freeserve.co.uk

South London Irish Association

Offers social activities plus classes in Irish step dancing for beginners and improvers. Anyone is welcome to attend.

South London Irish Association
140 Hartfield Road
Wimbledon
London SW19 3TG

Tel: 020 8546 4251
Fax: 020 8543 0608
Email: tomflanagan@skybiz.com

Union of Catholic Mothers

This international Catholic pastoral relief agency is an official charity of the Church, directly dependant on the Holy See. It gives spiritual and material aid wherever the Church is persecuted, oppressed, or in need.

1 Times Square
Sutton
Surrey SMI ILF

Fax: 020 8661 6293
Email: acn@acnuk.org

Jewish

Association of Jewish Friendship Clubs

Umbrella organisation for about 60 affiliated friendship clubs. Clubs are volunteer run and provide social and cultural activities for the 50+ age group. The groups aim to reduce isolation and loneliness and support housebound frail elderly people by arranging transport to the clubs. Activities vary from club to club but generally include tea or lunches conforming to Jewish dietary rules.

26 Enford Street
London W1H 2DD

Tel: 020 7724 8203

Jewish Care – Head Office

Social Services for Jewish people with care needs. Advice, support and a range of specialist day care and residential services for the elderly, mentally ill, physically disabled and blind people. Also offer support for carers, families, unemployed people and survivors of the Holocaust.

Stuart Young House
221 Golders Green
London NW11 9DQ

Tel: 020 8922 2222 (Helpdesk)

Fax: 020 8922 1998

Email: info@jcare.org

Website: www.jewishcare.org

Jewish Care – Shalvata and Holocaust Survivors Centre

Two centres which run side by side for Jewish refugees from Nazi persecution. Holocaust Survivors Centre provides a social and lunch club, with a range of social, recreational and cultural activities. Shalvata provides counselling and therapy for survivors of Nazi persecution.

Corner Church Road and Parson Street
Hendon
London NW4 1QA

Tel: 020 8203 9033 (Shalvata)

020 8202 9844 (HSC)

Fax: 020 8201 5534

Kingston, Surbiton and District Synagogue

33-35 Uxbridge Road
Kingston upon Thames
Surrey KT1 2LL

Tel: 020 8546 9370
Email: info@Kingston-synagogue.org.uk
Website: www.Kingston-synagogue.org.uk

Kingston Liberal Synagogue

Rushett Road
Long Ditton
Surrey KT7 OUX

Office Open Mon- Friday 9.00am until 1.00pm

Tel: 020 8398 7400
Fax: 020 8873 2405
Email: kls@kingstonls.freeserve.co.uk
Website: www.kingstonls.org.uk

Korean

Anglo Korean Cultural Institute

Burlington Road
New Malden
Surrey

Tel: 020 8241 0990

Korean Church

Church for the Korean Community
37 Grove Crescent
Kingston Upon Thames
Surrey KT1 2DG

Tel: 020 8546 9945

Korean Residents Society

1st Floor
Thames House
63 Kingston Road
New Malden
Surrey KT3 3PB

Chairman: William Seok
Tel: 020 8605 0050
Fax: 020 8492 0920
Email: krsuk06@gmail.com

Korean School

45 Howard Road
New Malden
Surrey KT3 4EA

Tel: 01332 272171

Korean Elders Group in Kingston

Provides activities for older people from the Korean Community and is based in a resource centre for older people in Royal Borough of Kingston.

Hobkirk House
Blagdon Road
New Malden
KT3 4DB

Mrs Yoon Kyung JA
Tel: 020 8398 3106
Mobile: 07748 157774
Email: Yoonkang@btopenworld.com

Muslim

Islamic Resource Centre

An organisation that offers health advice, a bookshop, support and advice for Islamic and all communities. Counselling, legal advice, youth counselling and volunteering, educational for Children 6 – 15years. ESOL Classes. Befriending and a meeting room for hire.

- Onestop Shop
- Third Party Police Reporting
- Intergenerational work
- ESOL Classes

59 East Road
Kingston Upon Thames
Surrey KT2 6EJ

Tel: 020 8549 5499
Email: irc59@hotmail.com

Ahmadiyya Muslim Association

43 Nelson Road
New Malden
Surrey KT3 5EB

Tel: 020 8942 0372
Email: hahidghauri@hotmail.com

Kingston Muslim Association

Offers religious education classes for Muslim children as well as marriages/ welfare/ funeral services and other activities.

55/55a East Road
Kingston Upon Thames
Surrey KT2 6ET

Tel: 020 8336 2913
Email: rai.laher@blueyonder.co.uk

Kingston Muslim Women's Welfare and Cultural Association

Offers a place for Muslim, Asian women. Most members are older women from the Pakistani and Indian communities. Holds discussions, visits and befriending support. Provision of Urdu classes to GCSE and A-level standard for children.

27 Clarence Avenue
New Malden
Surrey KT3 3TZ

Tel: 020 8399 2498

Kingston Women's Centre

The centre is a collective, run by women for women. Aims to promote the health, interests and welfare of women and to provide a diverse range of services. Services include: advice and support and counselling. Services available to women from ethnic minorities.

169 Canbury Park Road
Kingston Upon Thames
Surrey KT2 6LG

Tel: 0208 541 1964/1941
Email: KWC@copperstream.co.uk

Muslim Cultural and Welfare Association of Sutton

A social, cultural and welfare group for the local Muslim community. Advice and information on care, health, housing and harassment is provided. Befriending and home visiting and lunch club services available for older people.

Wentworth Hall (Muslim Community Centre)
80 Ruskin Road
Carshalton
Surrey SM5 3DH

Tel: 020 8647 9041 (Secretary)
Fax: 020 8395 6113
Email: LalHussainMBE@yahoo.co.uk

Philippino

Philippine Centre

Community Group for Philippino. Arranges cultural events, tutorials and classes for children, a youth summer camp and an annual festival. Helps with benefits, finding accommodation, immigration and national, racial harassment and domestic violence. Acts as interpreters for those in need and refers people to specialist services. Home visits for frail, isolated or elderly members of the community.

Voluntary Action Centre
12 School Road
Hounslow
TW3 4DN

Tel: 020 8572 7105
Fax: 020 8572 7105
Email: ben.todmelden@lineone.net
Website: www.philcentre.org

Sikh

Sikh Association Kingston

The Group is concerned with Sikh Members of the community. It provides a meeting place and various activities, and meets at Piper Hall, Piper Road, Kingston, every Sunday evening.

16 A KINGSDOWNE ROAD
SURBITON
SURREY
KT6 6JZ

Tel: Mr Harcharan Singh – 020 8241 1816
Email: amie_kaur@yahoo.co.uk

Tamil

Tamil Refugee Action Group

Offers to provide advice on immigration, welfare rights. Health, housing, education and employment. Counselling, training and settlement services also provided for Tamil refugees. Drop in for older and deaf people and those with mental health problems.-Provision of lunch and craft activities are offered. (All of London area served.)

Suite 1 and 3, 2nd Floor
449 - 451 High Road
Willesden
London NW10 2JJ

Tel: 020 8642 8668
Fax: 020 8459 9071
Email: drmoorthy@traguk.fsnet.co.uk

Tamil Relief Centre

Assist in the settlement of Tamil refugees and other minority ethnic communities. Advice provided on immigration, welfare rights and women's issues. Health, housing, education and employment. Training is also provided for Tamil refugees. Drop in for elders every Wednesday. (All of London area served).

Community House
311 Fore Street
London N9 0PZ

Tel: 020 8373 6249
Fax: 020 8373 6250
Email: trclondon@hotmail.com
Website: www.teleregion.co.uk/trc

South London Tamil Welfare Group

Offers advice and advocacy for the Tamil community. Advice mainly on immigration and welfare benefits. Support is also given to new arrivals. Befriending, home and hospital visits, as well as day trips and outings.

36 High Street
Colliers Wood
London SW19 2AB

Tel: 020 8542 3285
Fax: 020 8542 3289
Email: sltwg@sltwg.fsnet.co.uk

Tamil Information Centre

Tamil Information Centre (TIC) is a non-profit community based organisation established in 1981 to empower Tamil speaking people to improve the quality of life through access to knowledge information programmes, training and projects. Our aim is to create a society where individuals are treated with respect, care and love and where human rights are respected, fostered and promoted.

c/o Mr Varadakumar
Tamil Information Centre
Centre for Community Development (CCD)
Thulasi
Bridge End Close (off Clifton Road)
Kingston
Surrey KT2 6PZ

Tel: 020 8546 1560
Fax: 0208 546 5701
Email: info.tic@sangu.org
info.ccd@sangu.org

Institute of Tamil Culture

Meetings are held on the weekend to promote and celebrate Tamil culture and language to Tamil children and their families.

c/o Mr W Thayalan
16 Greenfield Avenue
Surbiton
Surrey KT5 9HR

Tel: 020 8399 7848

Turkish

Imece Turkish Speaking Women's Group

Help and advice for Turkish, Kurdish and Turkish Cypriot women and other Turkish speaking women. Advice on various subjects including immigration, domestic violence, housing, benefits, health and education. Organise English classes, health seminars and some social events. Also, offer telephone interpreting service. Some home visiting for older women or women who are isolated or housebound.

2 Newington Green Road
London N1 4RX

Tel: 020 7354 1359
Fax: 020 7226 7599
Email: imece@dial.pipex.com

Kurdish Advice Centre

Advice and information for Kurdish and Turkish speaking refugees and asylum seekers. Advice on housing, employment, education, health, immigration and nationality. ESOL and mother tongue classes. Computer training. Library, lunch/ social club with TV, games and recreational activities. Support for elders, home and hospital visits and help with appointments. Visits for prisoners and detainees.

St Mary's Community Centre
Birkbeck Road
London N8 7PF

Tel: 020 8347 8657
Fax: 020 8347 8656
Email: kurdishadvicecentre@hotmail.com

Refugees/Asylum Seekers

Association of Jewish Refugees

Wide range of services for Jewish victims of Nazi persecution and their families, including financial support, weekly advice sessions on benefits and pensions, sheltered accommodation, meals on wheels service, social work team. Day centre in West Hampstead five days a week with social and recreational activities, visiting chiropodist and optician and a library.

1 Hampstead Gate
1a Frogna
London NW3 6AL

Tel: 020 7431 8454
Email: enquiries@ajr.org.uk

Community Centre for Refugees – Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia

(VLC Centre). Range of services and activities for refugees from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Advice and information, counselling. Lunch clubs for older people (transport provided). Mother tongue and supplementary school, literacy and English classes. Library service, sports facilities. Translation and interpreting service.

VLC Centre
Whiston Road
Haggerston
London E2 8BN

Tel : 020 7739 3650
Fax : 020 7739 7084

Help Women and Children

UK Charity Helping women who have suffered post natal PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), They organise therapeutic workshops and recruit volunteers to go to Peru to work with Children.

96 Cotterill Road
Surbition
Surrey KT6 7UL

Tel : 0208 241 3483
Mobile : 07706 594253
Email : Help@helpwomenandchildren.com or Marthajesty@yahoo.com
Website : www.helpwomenandchildren.com

Kurdish Cultural Centre

Centre providing advice and assistance for the Kurdish Community, particularly refugees and asylum seekers. Subjects covered include immigration, welfare rights, housing, education, health. Social club for older people. Promotion of Kurdish culture in London.

14 Stannary Street
London SE11 4AA

Tel : 020 7735 0918
Fax : 020 7582 8894
Email : kcc@kurd80.freeserve.co.uk

Asylum and Immigration Tribunal (A.I.T.)

Local centre which hears appeals against deportation and refusal decisions to remain in Britain.

17 Ewell Road
Sessions House
Surbiton
Surrey, KT6 6AQ

Tel: 0845 6000 877
Email: Customer.service@tribunals.gsi.gov.uk
Website: www.ait.gov.uk

Immigration and Nationality Directorate

Works with individuals and communities to build a safe, just and tolerant society enhancing opportunities for all in which rights and responsibilities go hand in hand; To support and mobilise communities so that, through active citizenship, they are able to shape policy and improvement for their loyalty, overcome nuisance, anti-social behaviour, maintain and enhance social cohesion ; To deliver the Department's policies and responsibilities fairly, effectively and efficiently

Tel: 0870 606 7766
Fax: 0114 207 4311
Email: nationalityenquiries@ind.homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

Refugee Action Kingston

Advice and practical assistance and educational activities for refugees and asylum seekers in Kingston and Richmond Area. Languages spoken: Arabic and French and access to interpreters.

Kathryn Bleatham
Siddeley House
50 Canbury Park Road
Kingston Upon Thames
Surrey KT2 6LX

Contact: Kathryn Bleatham
Tel: 020 8547 0115
Fax: 020 8547 1114
Email: admin@refugeeactionkingston.org.uk
Website: www.refugeeactionkingston.org.uk

South Asian

Asian East African Senior Citizens Association

Association of Asian East African senior citizens which meets weekly on Thursdays and the Dominion Centre, 112 The Green, Southall. Outings, day trips and holidays, welfare rights advice. Most members are Punjabi men.

c/o KS Rahi
229 Great West Road
Hounslow
London TW5 ODE

Tel: 020 8572 8059

Asian Elderly Group of Merton

Provision of welfare and cultural services for elderly people in Merton. Advice on housing, health, money, home and hospital visits. Additional help provided with gardening, shopping etc.

28 St George's Road
Wimbledon
London SW19 4DP

Tel: 020 8944 9545
Fax: 020 8947 5655

Asian Health Agency

Range of services for Asian elders, carers, disabled children, families and carers. Services include day and respite care, advice, advocacy and counselling. Development of services for Asian community organisations and care service providers. Capacity building for Asian and African Caribbean elders.

49 Queen Caroline Street
London W6 9QH

Tel : 020 8748 2023
Email : taha001@aol.com
Website : www.taha.org.uk

Merton Goan Senior Citizens Association

Offers social and lunch club for older people from the Goan Community. The organisation offers a range of social and recreational activities, as well as information on care and health issues.

John Innes Youth Centre
61 Kingston Road
Wimbledon
London SW19 1JN

Tel: 020 8542 3499

Milaap Day Centre – RBK’s Multicultural Centre for Older People

Provision of day services for older people. We offer a friendly welcoming atmosphere to multi-cultural communities. Activities include games, yoga, gentle exercise, walking for health and gardening club, art classes, discussion groups, in house events and parties and outings / day trips. Hot Asian lunches served Monday – Friday. The majority of service users are currently from South Asian communities. On weekends the centre is used by Kingston Iraqi Group and Kingston Chinese Association.

Milaap Day Centre
Murray House
Acre Road
Kingston Upon Thames
KT2 6EE

Tel: 020 8547 2887
Fax: 020 8547 3660
Email: milaap.kingston@tiscali.co.uk

Surrey Indian Association

Members meet monthly for social and cultural activities. Offers home visits and practical help including shopping and gardening for those who are physically less able.

c/o 64 Angel Hill
Sutton
Surrey SM1 3EW

Tel: 0208 948 5637
Fax: 020 8642 9199

Ethnic Minorities Advocacy Group

Advocacy for individuals and organisations with grievances related to racial issues. Support with dealing with police liaison and statutory services. Monitor equal opportunities implementation. Advice on complaints relating to racial issues, health education, asylum seekers and refugees. Health advocacy specialist.

1 Princes Street
Richmond upon Thames
TW9 1ED

Tel: 020 8332 2911
Email: emag@ukgateway.net

Mushkil Aasaan

Offers a range of services for Asian families in crisis or specific need. Services include: advocacy, counselling, family and child care, domiciliary services, support for terminally ill and disabled people. Provision for Islamic burials.

220 – 222 Uper Tooting
1st Floor, - Side Entrance
Tooting
London SW17 7EW

Tel: Phone to make an appointment. Referral by local and health authorities for domiciliary services.

Tel: 020 8672-6581 (Mobile) 07913 320 576
Fax: 020 8682 3054
Email: mushkilaasaan@btinternet.com

Sutton Ashiyana

A community group for old and young Asian women. Provision of caring services for older women and help to support their families. Additional advice and information on health, care, benefits and racial harassment is also offered. Help with interpretation and translation.

16 Tilehurst Road
Cheam
Surrey

Write or phone to make an appointment

Tel: 020 8542 3285

Saheli

Kingston Saheli is an umbrella body for all Asian women's groups in Kingston. It is conscious of the needs of women as a whole but aims to focus predominantly on women from ethnic minority backgrounds.

33 Dawson Road
Kingston Upon Thames
Surrey KT1 3AD

Contact: Malti Patel; Phone or write as there are no set office hours.

Tel: 020 8546 4251

Vanik Association of the UK

Community programme for older people from the Jain Community. Befriending and support for members of the community, particularly isolated and older members. Organises outings and visits, events and meetings which take place at a variety of hired halls and venues.

c/o Mr CA Shah
71 Pretoria Road
London SW16 6RL

Tel: 020 8677 0774

Alternative correspondence address:

5 Birch Tree Way
Croydon
Surrey CRO 7JZ

Travellers and Gypsies

Traveller Education Service

Co-ordinator (Royal Borough of Kingston Traveller Education Service)

Tel: 020 547 6282

Vietnamese

Vietnamese Community Association SW London

Advice and information in accessing mainstream services. Support for self-help groups; befriending and outreach services for older members and those who are socially isolated. Provision of cultural, social events and translation and interpreting services are available.

44 Church Road
Richmond Upon Thames
Surrey

Phone or drop in on Monday-Friday between 9:30am-4:30pm; Saturdays between 2pm-4pm.

Tel: 020 8943 4826

Miscellaneous

Community Advice Project

Legal advice and advocacy for older people from ethnic minorities, who have difficulty accessing mainstream legal service providers. Provides help with a range of services including benefits, care, consumer issues, housing rights, money and debt, racial harassment. Outreach advice sessions are held at a variety of venues where older people receive social, health and other care services.

Service to Seniors
9 Winchester House
11 Cramner Road
Kennington Park
London SW9 6EJ

Tel: 020 7735 6592
Fax: 020 7820 1389
Email: national-office@sbl-hq.freemove.co.uk

Kingston Racial Equality Council

KREC works for a better understanding and closer association between all the communities resident in and around the Borough, the elimination of racial discrimination and the creation of equality of opportunity for all, irrespective of race, sex or religion. It also acts as a local reference point for advice on matters of race equality.

John Azah, Director
Welcare House
53-55 Canbury Park Road
Kingston upon Thames
Surrey KT2 6LQ

Tel: 020 8547 2332
Email: enquiries@kingstonrec.org
Web: www.kingstonrec.org

Kingston University Chaplaincy

Acts as a forum for asking questions and issues which arise in the multifaith context of Kingston University

Room 7, Kenry House
Kingston Upon Thames
Surrey KT2 7LB

Tel: 020 547 7311
Email: stanbrown@kingston.a.c.uk
Website: www.kingston.ac.uk/chaplaincy

Latin American Spanish Language Services - LALS

UK specialist in Latin American Spanish in Tuition, translation for companies and individuals. Spanish Club for children after school.

96 Cotterill Road
Surbiton
Surrey

Tel: Martha Jesty
Fax: 020 8286 1817
Email: info@LALS.co.uk or Marthajesty@yahoo.com
Website: WWW.LALS.Co.uk

Latin American Women's Rights Service

Advice for Latin American women, including refugees and asylum seekers. Advice on health, housing, benefits, domestic violence, education, money and debt. Counselling. Volunteer visiting for older and housebound people, help with form filling, hospital visits, practical tasks. Interpreting for health appointments in Camden and Islington.

Tindlemanor
52-54 Featherstone Street
London EC1Y 8RT

Tel: 020 7336 0888
Fax: 020 7336 0555
Email: lawrs@lawrs.fsnet.co.uk

Royal Borough of Kingston Interfaith Forum

The Kingston Inter Faith Forum comprises representatives of all those faith groups/communities in the Borough who wish to participate together with other appropriate organisations.

It exists to serve as a channel of communication and understanding between the various faith groups represented in the Borough.

Marian Morrison
Democratic Support Services
Royal Borough of Kingston
Guildhall
Kingston upon Thames
KT1 1EU

Tel: 020 8547 5062

Email: marian.morrison@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

Chairperson:
Rabbi Danny Rich
Kingston Inter Faith Forum &
Chief Executive
Liberal Judaism
The Montagu Centre
21 Maple Street
London W1T 4BE

Tel: 020 75801663

Email: d.rich@liberaljudaism.org

Kingston Interpreting Service

Provides interpreting and translations for residents of the Royal Borough of Kingston who are accessing Royal Borough of Kingston services.

Barbara Morton
Co-ordinator
Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames
Guildhall 1
Kingston upon Thames
KT1 1EU

Tel: 020 8547 5822

Email: Barbara.morton@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

Kingston Advocacy Group

Mental Health advocacy for BME people
Tel: 020 8332 2911

Kingston Carers' Network

Carers Worker for BME Carers
Tel: 020 8 547 1614

Kingston Centre for Independent Living

Equalities Officer for BME Disabled People
Tel: 020 8255 3335

Service Access Officer (Royal Borough of Kingston)

Tel: 020 8547 4680

Community Development Worker for BME Communities (Kingston Primary Care Trust, Public Health Team)

Tel: 020 8547 6014