

Directions

By Road

Via M5 to Junction 1 then A41.

By Rail

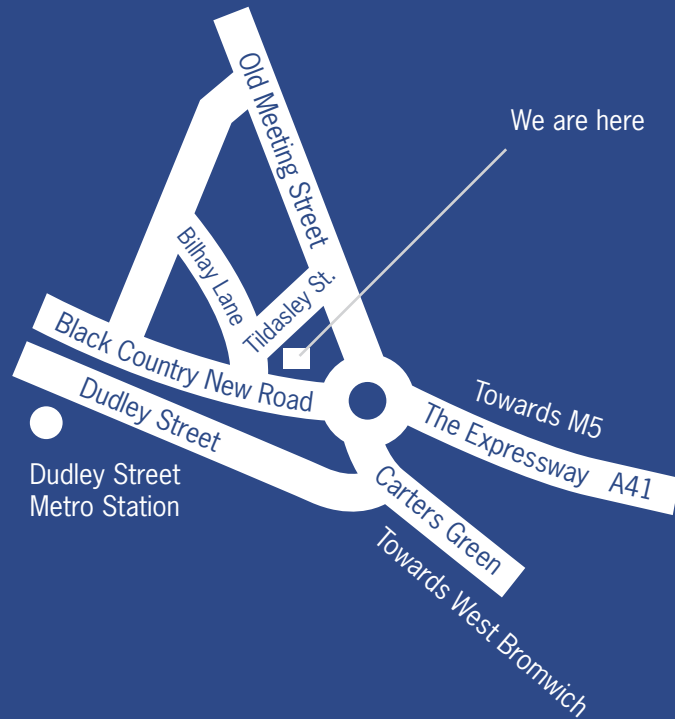
To Sandwell and Dudley from Wolverhampton or Birmingham, Langley Green or Smethwick West from Worcester or Birmingham.

By Metro

Dudley Street, cross the road to the "Blockbusters" side. Walk to end of the path follow Subway to Staples carpark at rear, office is 40yards from Staples Car Park.

By Bus

78, 79 Birmingham – West Bromwich
414, 80 West Bromwich Town Centre to Old Meeting Street, Black Lake.



Yemeni Community Association in Sandwell Ltd.

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Background

The Yemeni Community Association in Sandwell Ltd (YCA) is a small community based organisation that seeks to represent and meet the particular needs of the Yemeni Community in Sandwell. It does this by providing services over and above those available in the mainstream sector, and also by acting as an interface between the community and various service providers. It was registered as an official charity in 1997.

There are more than 250 Yemeni families within the Borough of Sandwell, most of who are members of the YCA. The profile of Yemeni families in the area tends to be one of low employment and a low skills base. These disadvantages are compounded by cultural and language issues, which often makes it difficult for the Yemeni community to access mainstream services and organisations.

Other issues of concern within the community include the generally poor health of many individuals; high poverty levels; and an increasingly disaffected youth.

In a direct response to this state of affairs, members of the Yemeni Community in Sandwell got together and decided to organise their efforts and activities towards the common objective of bringing the community closer together in mutual support of one another.

After a great deal of formal and informal consultation, it was decided to form the Yemeni Community Association (YCA) as a vehicle that would articulate and manage these newly expressed aspirations and ambitions. Since its inception, the YCA has tackled numerous community issues through partnerships and co-operation with other statutory and voluntary organisations; i.e., Sandwell Primary Care Trust, Community Health Network (CHN); Social Inclusion and Health, the Education and Community Services Dept (SMBC); Youth Forum; RES; SCVO; and New Deal for Communities.



Strategy Priority

The aims and objectives of YCA were reviewed and re-affirmed at a conference of staff and Management Committee members.

The outcome of this process was the agreement and identification of 5 Strategic Priorities:

Strategic Priority	Key Strategic Actions
Greets Green Access Centre	Employment of a Centre Manager to deliver services over and above those available in the mainstream sector, and also by acting as an interface between the community and various service providers.
Education	Improving and supporting lifelong learning through employment of an Education Officer or the development of local education forum in Greets Green.
Healthy Living	Redefining and sustaining Men's & Women's Access Points and tackling health inequalities in the community.
Youth Development	Developing a Cultural Identity for Youth and Children and providing activities that will enable change to the lives of young people by developing their skills and knowledge.
Community Development	Developing the Yemeni Community's Cultural identity and enabling community cohesion through projects and activities for all communities. To be delivered through a Development Manager. Linking into service providers strategic planning process.

Services

The YCA offers a range of services they include:

- Advice and Pension Services
- After School Club
- Conference Facilities
- Female Elderly Luncheon Club
- Health information point website
- Indoor Football
- IT Learning Centre
- Job club
- Male Elderly Luncheon Club
- Men's Circuit Training
- Men's Social Club
- Men's Swimming
- Office space
- Single Sex English Classes
- Women's Access Point
- Women's Keep fit
- Women's Swimming
- Youth Club

“To respond to the wishes and needs of the Yemeni Community and other families in the Sandwell area, by providing cultural orientation, educational development and skills-training for children and adults, through the provision of accessible community services and activities run by the YCA.”

YCA Mission Statement

