

Notes from the meeting with the Metropolitan Police Communities
Together Strategic Engagement Team, Barka foundation and
Hammersmith and Fulham council

7th August 2pm, Hammersmith Town Hall

Attendees:

Lee Sharp, Met Police
Sarah Gasuden, Met Police
Tomasz Sadowska, Barka foundation
Ewa Sadowska, Barka foundation
James Morris, LBHF

T.S- Introduced the Barka foundation's objectives, history and current projects, particularly relating to those who have suffered from social exclusion and how the Barka have supported individuals by working with a wide range of partnership organisations

T.S - Discussed some of the challenges in helping these individuals, particularly in the context of new migration but outlined some of the ways to address this

J.M – Confirmed that representatives of H&F and the Broadway day centre had visited Poland and witnessed a very impressive and complete system of social integration where those being supported by the system were frequently going on to set up their own projects to help others.

J.M – Outlined the pilot project within H&F and some of the broader objectives that Barka UK may need to recognise for the project to become successful on a regional or national level.

L.S – Outlined his and S.G's work and their remit within the communities engagement division. This included engaging A10 communities and that a network was being set up to share good practice and the Barka pilot was a good example of this. They are therefore very interested in staying updated on the project's progress and the possibility of being involved in further developments/meetings.

A further discussion was held between the group so that a further understanding was developed and some further issues relating to the subject were discussed. The group agreed to exchange contacts and keep in touch regarding further developments and Barka invited L.S&S.G to visit the project in Pozan if possible.