

Community Hub

GLADCA Report 2017/18



GLADCA

Gladstone District Community Association

46TH AGM

Franchise with Stamford College

- ▶ Thriving Partnership for over 15 years to deliver Functional skills and ESOL Courses
- ▶ Support from Stamford College has enabled GLADCA to deliver and expand this vital service to the community we serve.



New College Stamford
All round excellence



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Results

- ▶ Academic year 2017/18
- ▶ Our students have achieved an exceptionally high standard of achievement
- ▶ A Pass rate of 100%
- ▶ ESOL learners – 300 students
- ▶ Functional skills students-200 students

Teaching and Learning at GLADCA is a **GOOD** according to our recent **OFSTED**

- ▶ We have a well-qualified tutors in ESOL Subject specialism possessing high level skills and expertise in delivering ESOL and Functional Skills
- ▶ Learners taking ESOL courses develop skills that help them to lead more independent lives and take a more active role in their community. Many become able, for example, to make their own appointments with their doctor, talk to their children's teachers, and use public transport for the first time.

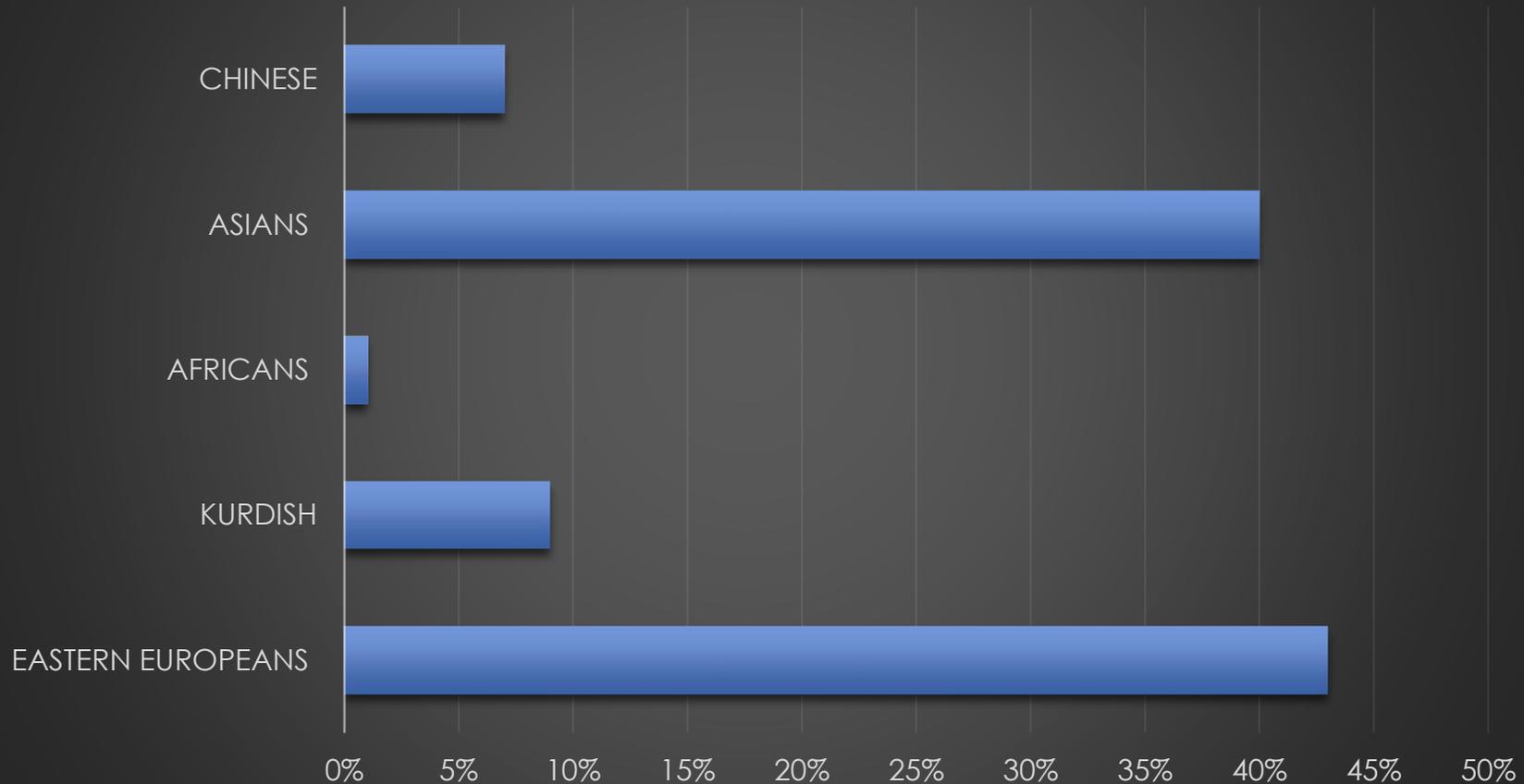
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- One of our fundamental functions at GLADCA is to instil our learners with the confidence to pursue their personal and career goals
 - Many of our service-users are first-time learners that have not participated in formal learning.
 - We provide such learners with unaccredited Pre-Entry classes, particularly in English, in order for them to take the first step on a pathway to further learning.
 - We help to build their confidence and give them the language tool to assist them in the basic skills of life

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- We are instrumental in helping our ethnically diverse community of learners to integrate into their local communities and function in wider British society
 - We are very diverse and a Multicultural Centre.
 - Gladca Fosters Diversity and Community Cohesion
 - We serve as a pathway to cohesion
 - Pathway to further Learning
 - Pathway to employment
 - Pathway to healthy lifestyle

At Gladca Diversity matters

Our interviews and learners surveys reveal that English Language skills have improved Social Integration and Community Cohesion

Student Ethnicity 2017/18



Community Learning Trust Project Enrichment Activities

Sewing
Classes

Luncheon
Club

Healthy
Eating &
cookery
workshop

Yoga
Classes

Flower
arranging
courses

Feedback from Participants on the enrichment activities on the CLT Projects and ESOL Classes

Participants overall report that they feel connected to other participants and feel a sense of community and are therefore less socially and emotionally isolated.

Participants in English classes report that they have moved on to further learning or into employment.

Overall it has decreased social and emotional isolation for local women from hard-to-reach ethnic minorities, creating increased connection between people of different generations and different social groupings and different ethnicities, creating social cohesion and bonded communities, and promoting integration into wider UK society.

Prevent Training Project funded by the Council

- ▶ Trainings provided by Gladca to majority of Madrassa teachers.
- ▶ It was delivered with ESOL to facilitate the understanding of the training as some of the participants had low level of English and online abilities.
- ▶ All participants sat for an assessment at the end of the training and were certified.
- ▶ We have been able to target nearly 40 Madrassa teachers on the training.

Objectives were:

- ▶ To follow the government strategy of counter terrorism
- ▶ Understand radicalisation
- ▶ Feel confident challenging extremism

GLADCA Immigration Services

- ▶ Registered since 2003 with the Office of immigration Service Commissioner (OISC), GLADCA has an outstanding track record of successful applications and relevant advice, attracting a diverse client base in need of this service from across the region. Our dedicated caseworker **Nasreen Khan** has continued to meet the rigorous standards and expertise demanded by OISC, whilst ensuring that the service is tailored to the needs of the individual client.

Other Activities

- ▶ Muslim Hands Charity provided funding for the provision of a Women's Development Programme:
 - ESOL classes
 - Luncheon club
- ▶ Services of Councillor Shazia Bashir – 2 hour surgery every week

Funding

- ▶ GLADCA is a registered charity and all our resources are ploughed back into our service provision.
- ▶ We constantly explore ways in which we can access further funding to provide much-needed services to the community

Gladca may be small in size compared with local colleges but we are not small in status, we are extremely well regarded within all local communities that constitute the city of Peterborough.

A warm thankyou to all our students and other service-users for their continued support of the organisation. GLADCA is proud to have served the community for over forty five years and we look forward to continuing to do so in the future.