



Sangini in Hindi means 'a friend'. It is a women led, multi-cultural women's organisation with a focus to

'improve the quality of women's lives by increasing their physical, mental and spiritual health and well-being, through artistic, educational, cultural and recreational activities that also celebrate cultural diversity'.

Background

Set up in 2002 by a group of women who were concerned about the health and well-being of disadvantaged women in Sunderland, today Sangini has evolved into an organisation with credibility, vision and capacity to deliver its work to highest professional standards.

Our values are centered on the following:

- The **well being** and **health** of all women
- **Empowering** and **uplifting** minority women and excluded women
- **Learning, enjoyment, creativity** and development through the arts
- Promoting **inclusion, integration** and **participation** through the arts
- **Challenging** the inequality and invisibility of women
- Making a **difference**

Our vision:

There will be increasing number of empowered BME (Black and minority ethnic) women and other currently excluded women involved in all aspects of civil and civic life, they will be influencing policies and recognised as decision makers in the mainstream.

Governance and delivery

Sangini's **governance** is led by a diverse group of leading women from different social, cultural, ethnic and professional backgrounds who provide crucial strategic direction for the overall work. The range of expertise varies from community development, mainstream healthcare provision, the cultural sector to sustainable development. The level of experience represented includes high level project management, strategic planning, financial management, business planning, fundraising and policy advocacy. It is this collective experience that we aim to draw upon when we develop and deliver our activity.

The **effectiveness of delivery** is maintained by monitoring and evaluating all the projects, and provides essential lessons learnt for the next phase of the development.

All the work is designed and delivered in **partnership** with its users, stakeholders and wider community groups, thus harnessing good working relationships across the sector.

Activity during 2010 – 2011 and Future plans

The following provides a brief overview of activity that Sangini undertook during 2010 – 2011:

- Shakti – an 18months project involving various artists. This project is about domestic abuse against women in Sunderland
- Sunderland Festival of Light: Diwali celebrations – Sangini's annual activity
- International Women's Day
- Multi – Cultural day at Sunderland Library
- Employment Access Project – a research as well as a project that Sangini did in partnership with the Sunderland BME Network.

Future activities include Melting Pot – a cookery and art project with women in Sunderland and Sisters of Sunderland – a heritage project that aims to capture the life stories of women from diverse backgrounds in Sunderland

Financial Statement

The finances for the year are detailed in the attached financial statements

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees shall manage the business of the Charity and may exercise all the powers of the Charity unless restricted by the Charities Act or the constitution of the Charity.

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming of resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparation of the financial statements the trustees should follow best practice and;

- 1) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them.
- 2) Make judgements and exercises that reasonable and prudent.
- 3) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue on that basis.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005).

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Trustees

Shruti Jain	Chair
Munmun KC	Vice-Chair
Padma Rao	Secretary
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Maggie Perry	Project Coordinator (February 2010)
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